

CARDS AVAILABLE FOR REGISTERING OF AUTO TIRES

Every Owner In County To Be Supplied Free In War On Thieves

Thanks to the Murphy Lions Club, the registration cards soon will be made available to every automobile owner in Cherokee County. The cards are to be filled out and turned in to any policeman or deputy sheriff, or mailed to Civilian defense offices either in Andrews or Murphy. All to be kept on file by the Civilian Defense authorities.

There is no charge for the service the cost of printing the cards having been met by the Lions club. Filling out and returning of these cards will make recovery of tires far more likely in case of theft.

In Andrews cards may be obtained at the Mayor's office in the City Hall, from Chief of Police Frank Mehaffey, or at the American Legion hut.

In Murphy, cards may be obtained from the Sheriff, from the police, or at the Court House, or the Mayor's office.

Constables and Deputy Sheriffs throughout the County will be able to get cards for car owners, and so will members of the State Highway Patrol. The largest distribution, however, will be made through the public schools.

Every teacher in every school will give a card to every child whose parents own a car. In the next few days it is expected that cards will be placed in the hands of every auto owner in Cherokees.

The cards list the name and address of the car owner, the make, model and year of the size and kind of tires used. There also is space for listing of private identification marks on tires.

Several owners are branding their tires.

Sister of Dr. J. N. Hill Passes On, In Miami

Miss Hattie Hill, daughter of the late A. S. and Sarah J. Hill, of Murphy, died Monday, March 2, in Miami, Fla., where she had lived for the past three years.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. J. R. Postell, Adel, Ga.; Mrs. W. J. Jones, Postell; and Mrs. I. L. Shacter, Athens, Tenn. Also five brothers: W. F. Hill, Postell; Thos. J. Hill, Greensboro, N. C.; A. L. Hill, Williamson, W. Va.; E. A. Hill, Detroit, Mich.; and Dr. J. N. Hill, of Murphy.

Interment was at Miami.

One American steel company alone has more steel capacity than all of Germany.

Grim Figures Prove "Peaceful" Farming Most Hazardous in all U. S. Industry

Believe it or not, the supposedly peaceful pursuit of Agriculture is proved, by figures, to be the most hazardous in all American industry. The number of accidents on the farm—many of them fatal—is amazing; and the records show that the farm home contributes largely to the huge total.

Recent grim figures have caused Miss Ruth Current, State Home agent for the N. C. State College Extension Service to suggest the following safety rules:

Sharp-edged tools should be kept away from play places.

Stairways with more than three steps should be equipped with hand-rails.

Free use of both hands should be Stairways should be kept clear of toys, tools, and boxes.

The State home agent also pointed

Granddaddy Of All Bass Caught By W. A. Cook In River Near Murphy

Mr. W. A. Cook, who used to be a preacher, and therefore ought to be reliable, says he caught the granddaddy of all the bass in these parts on Tuesday. According to his son, Roy, who works for the Scout, the fishy beauty weighed seven pounds, eleven and one-half ounces.

The big fellow was caught in the Hiwassee river, not far from the Veterans' CCC camp. Mr. Cook, fishing from the bank, was able to land it only after a hard battle. He used a plug bait.

The fish was so big that it was used to feed three families. The preacher and one time Murphy Police Chief gave one-third each to his sons, Ray and Edwin.

Schools Are Placed On "War Basis" By Bueck and Wright

Superintendent H. Bueck and Principal K. C. Wright have put the Murphy schools on an all-out war basis. The pass-word is "preparedness."

There'll be plenty of first aid experts available soon, because all students in the tenth and eleventh grades and all students 17 years of age or more, regardless of grade, are being given the standard Red Cross course. Teaching is done by faculty members who won diplomas at the recent Red Cross School.

Meanwhile, students from the sixth to the tenth grade are being given the junior Red Cross course.

Every student in the school has been enrolled in a course in physical education. All have been given physical examinations, and those with minor defects are required to take special exercises designed to correct them.

Finally, all students (including boys) except tots in the "baby classes" are being given courses in war nutrition.

Miss Lucy Sneed Dies: Rites Held On Monday

Miss Louise Sneed died at her home at Peachtree Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. She was 69 years of age.

Since the death of her sister, Miss Mollie Sneed, about a year and a half ago, she had lived alone at old Sneed family home.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by the Rev. Thomas Truitt. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are two brothers, W. B. of Tomotia, and Fred Sneed, of Murphy, route 1.

Nylon bearings for machinery have recently been patented.

REYNOLDS URGES CURBING UNIONS AND CAPITAL TOO

Both Are Equally Guilty Senator Declares In Letter, To Editor

For a long long time Senator Bob Reynolds was just about as wrong in his views as a man could be. He ridiculed those who said war was on the way. He had been to Europe, he said and he knew better. Nobody was going to attack US.

He opposed the lease-lend bill. He opposed many other defense measures, one after the other. Some called him a pacifist. Some called him worse.

A letter to this newspaper, received Wednesday, however, voices a stand which will find general favor in this section. The letter in part follows:

"Outlaw strikes, Suspend the forty hour week. Ban overtime payments and prohibit double time payments.

Suspend the closed shop on war contract. Permit any America to work unmolested for the war program regardless of whether or not he is affiliated with any labor organization.

Place a six per cent maximum ceiling over all war profits, for the duration of war."

"We Americans should be thinking more in terms of 'giving' and not so much in terms 'getting,' insofar as our war production program is concerned," Reynolds explained.

"Phillip Murray, president of the CIO, told a Congressional Committee that those who are advocating labor legislation such as I have suggested are 'enemies of our government.' I disagree with Mr. Murray. I do not believe that thousands of signers of telegrams and letters I have received are enemies of America simply because they favor certain proposed labor legislation."

"The rank and file of labor organizations are as patriotic as any other group. They should not be subjected to the vicious criticism heaped upon their shoulders. The fault lies largely in the hands of many of their officials and representatives. I refer to labor agitators and those primarily interested in their own selfish attainments."

"Capital in many instances, is equally at fault. If we regulate labor, then we must regulate industry by eliminating war profits."

"I favor a limitation of six per cent upon all war profits, direct or indirect, wherever they may be found."

John Queen Visits County To Remind Voters of Primary

Solicitor John Queen paid a purely personal visit to this section this week. He just wanted to remind the folks, he said, that he is a candidate for re-election, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 30.

Most of the voters in this county, regardless of politics, take it for granted that John Queen will run every four years. He has held the post so long and so ably that the "word," "Solicitor" means John Queen—and vice versa. Invariably he draws a big vote from both parties.

Queen will be opposed in the primaries by Baxter Jones, Bryson City Attorney who also ran against him in 1938.

Queen is one of the most popular men in Western North Carolina, and has a reputation among both Democrats and Republicans for being a square shooter who is 100 per cent efficient. He prosecutes hard—but never with any personal animosity.

Use Classified Ads

Murphy Gets a Portia As Winifred Townson Is Admitted To Bar

Murphy now has its own Portia in the person of Miss Winifred Townson. The pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Townson, one of two girls studying law at the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville, was admitted to the Tennessee Bar on March 20.

She will not graduate until June. Her father is willing to bet that she marries before she gets a client.

The 22 year old feminine barrister is a leader on the University of Tennessee Campus, being a member of the Woman's student governing body, president of one of the girls' dormitories, and active in social activities.

Before going to Tennessee Miss Townson graduated from Murphy High and attended Young Harris College.

Johnnie Hass Dead, Widow In Hospital After S. C. Tragedy

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning in the White church, at Grandview, for Johnnie Hass, born and raised in the Grandview section but for the past two years working and living in Pickens, S. C. Hass was shot through the heart in his South Carolina home Saturday night.

While funeral services were being held, his wife "RT", daughter of Mrs. Ben Posey lay in the Murphy General hospital suffering from bruises and shock. Mrs. Hass was brought to Murphy in a taxicab sent to Pickens by her mother, Mrs. Hass and previously been exonerated by a Coroner's jury.

School Glee Club Plans Palm Sunday Program

The Glee Club of Murphy Graded Schools will present a program of Sacred Music at the Church of the Messiah on Palm Sunday at 11 A. M. In addition to the regular chants of Morning Prayer and the traditional hymns, there will be several anthems. The Glee Club will be under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Phillips and Mrs. Duke Whitley will be at the organ.

The Rev. Grant Folmsbee will conduct the service and preach on the topic: "Rejoice Evermore."

We part more sadly with what we possess than with our expectations of what we hope for: expectation always goes beyond enjoyment.—Home.

Sugar Rationing Brings Plea to Farmers To Raise Sorghum for "Sweetnin"

There are men and women still living in the County who can remember, back in their early childhood days, when sugar was a "company dish" served only when the pastor came to dinner, or on some other notable occasion. The rest of the time, mostly, the family got "sweetnin" with good old sorghum.

Well, they say that history repeats itself, and if the war lasts long enough, those days may come again. Rationing cards allowing an average of about two pounds a week per family will be ready soon; and next year the amount may be less. After that, if the war is still on—who knows?

Anticipating the day when sugar will be in the class with automobile tires—or worse—comes a statement from E. C. Blair, N. C. State College farm expert, urging every farmer to plant at least a small patch with sorghum. He says the best planting time in this section is from May 15 to June 15. He recommends the

MAN'S LEG TORN OFF AT THE KNEE BY DAM'S SHAFT

Victim Saves Own Life By Closing Up Wound With Bare Hands

One of the most outstanding cases of courage and presence of mind in the history of this section is revealed in the story of Wiley Crawford, a patient of Dr. Bryan Whitfield at Murphy General hospital. Crawford, aged 44, a resident of Cullowhee and an employee of the Nanthala Light and Power Company will go through the rest of his life with only one leg. Were it not for his courage he would be dead.

With his left leg torn completely off at the knee, and also broken between the knee and hip, and with his right leg slashed and torn, Crawford saved himself from bleeding to death by holding the jagged flesh of the stump of his leg together with his two hands. Had he lost consciousness or even faltered from the terrific pain he would have bled to death; for he was alone in a boat in the Hiwassee river.

It happened at the Mission Dam, on the old Hayesville road, above Peachtree. Crawford's leg was torn off when it was caught in the drive shaft, while he was attempting to make repairs. Trying to kick himself loose, the right leg was slashed and came near being torn off also.

Two other men in the boat, terrified when Crawford finally pulled himself and his bleeding leg stump to safety, are said to have left him, alone while they went to seek help.

With blood spurting as if from a hose, Crawford seized the torn flesh with both hands and squeezed it together until the bleeding became only a tiny trickle. Despite his agony, too, he was able to call for aid. Assistance soon came, and he was rushed to the hospital where, Thursday evening, he was reported as being entirely out of danger.

According to Dr. Whitfield, the shock alone would have been fatal in many cases. "Crawford owes his life," the physician said "largely to his own iron nerve."

Gar Hunsucker Wins Stripes of Sergeant

From Camp Stewart, Ga., comes word that Garland Hunsucker, of Marble, who enlisted in the army in July, 1940, has just been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Sergt. Hunsucker is in the Quartermaster Corps, and had been serving as a clerk in the commissary section. He is the son of Lonnie Hunsucker.