

"ESKIE" HATCHETT CRASHES WHILE ASLEEP AT WHEEL

Young Murphy Officer Driving to Ill Mother After 24 Hours Duty

Driving to see his invalid mother, in a Black Mountain Sanitarium Leonidas (Eskimo) Hatchett, crashed head on into a Smith Transfer truck early Friday evening. He is in Petrie hospital with a fractured knee cap and other injuries which may keep him confined for many days, but which will not prove fatal.

Reports that the young Murphy policeman had suffered a fractured skull proved incorrect.

"Eskimos" case got mixed up in street gossip with that of Newland Wilson, driver of the Smith's truck. Wilson had sustained a fractured skull in a previous motor crash. He was taken to Murphy General Hospital, released after one night, but later returned for re-examination.

The accident was the result of young Hatchett going to sleep at the wheel. He had worked all Thursday night and all day Friday without rest when, at 5:30 he got off duty to visit his mother, Mrs. W. M. Hatchett, who has been in the Black Mountain Sanitarium nearly three months. Young Hatchett was planning to enlist in the Navy and wanted to spend the week end with his Mother before his departure. He told the Scout he was driving slowly at the time of the accident. He believes he went to sleep at the wheel, because he has no recollection of the crash. "One minute I was driving along the highway near Regal," he said, and "the next thing I knew, I was here in Petrie hospital".

In addition to his leg and knee injuries, young Hatchett also suffered a deep cut above the left eye and cuts on his face and arms, but fortunately escaped internal injuries. The car a 1941 Studebaker, belonging to his brother, Harold, was totally wrecked.

Henry Hickman Writes Telling of Success in New Home in Indiana

Henry Hickman, for a long time Murphy Constable, and also manager of the Murphy baseball team, has written the Scout from Waveland, Indiana, renewing his subscription, and telling about himself. He is getting along very well indeed. His letter follows:

"Dear Sir:—Just a few lines to let you and the community know that we — the Hickman family—are very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Charlie Mayfield.

"I read in the Scout where the Democrats and Republicans both are having a hard time getting candidates to run for their public offices. I am sorry that I am not there to help put life in the Democratic party.

"I am up for reelection for Constable here in Waveland, on the Democratic ticket for another four years, and I will be elected by 700 to nothing. That's because that the Republican party has no one running against me. I am also Town Marshall for Waveland for two more years, and also take care of the city water.

"Enclosed find money order for the Scout for another year. We think it the best paper printed anywhere.

"Respectfully,
HENRY H. HICKMAN."

**MAKE EVERY
PAY DAY
WAR
BOND DAY**
STOP SPENDING—SAVE DOLLARS

Ralph Moody Jails Two In Brand New Swindle Over Jobless Benefits

Ralph Moody, widely known throughout all this section and now chief Counsel for the Unemployment Compensation Commission with offices in Raleigh has had a lot of strange experiences with people trying to "beat the law", but he has just sent news of a brand new one that outstrips all the others.

Ralph was called to Charlotte to prosecute two negroes who had been collecting unemployment insurance checks while they were serving terms in jail. One of them, John Youngblood had been drawing \$3 a week for twelve weeks. The other, Clarence Adams had been drawing \$6.50 a week for fourteen weeks.

Evidence showed that the negroes were given a day off from jail every week, for good behavior. They would go to the Unemployment office work and available, but unable to work an available, but unable to find jobs.

The lesser offender was given 30 days and the other was given six months.

"Missing" Draftee Writes From Camp; In Army 2 Months

At the request of the County Draft Board, the Scout recently printed a list of draftees who had not been heard from. That list included the name of John Lunsford.

Later the Board announced that young Lunsford was working in Maryville, Tenn., and would come whenever wanted.

Now comes a letter from the young man written from Camp Grant, Ill., where he is already in the army. The Scout is glad to print his letter, which follows:

"Dear Mr. Olmsted:—In regard to the misunderstanding as to where I am located, I am no longer working at Maryville, Tenn. I was inducted in the armed forces of the United States, a private in the Medical Corps, on the 10th of March 1942. "If anyone thinks I am dodging my duties as a citizen, will be glad to answer any question he or she has to ask.

"Thanking you for your promptness in sending me the Cherokee Scout I am,

Yours very truly,
JOHN LUNSFORD,
"Pvt. "C" Company, 4th
platoon, 32nd Bn. U. S. M. C."

Andrews Sends Five More to Join Colors

Five more from Andrews have left within the past few days for various posts in the U. S. training schools.

Elmer Stahlman, a member of the Andrews faculty, left Monday for Charlotte, to enter the Air Corps Training school.

Richard Queen and Ruel Parker, both members of the 1942 Senior Class left Sunday for Norfolk, Va., to enter a Naval Training School.

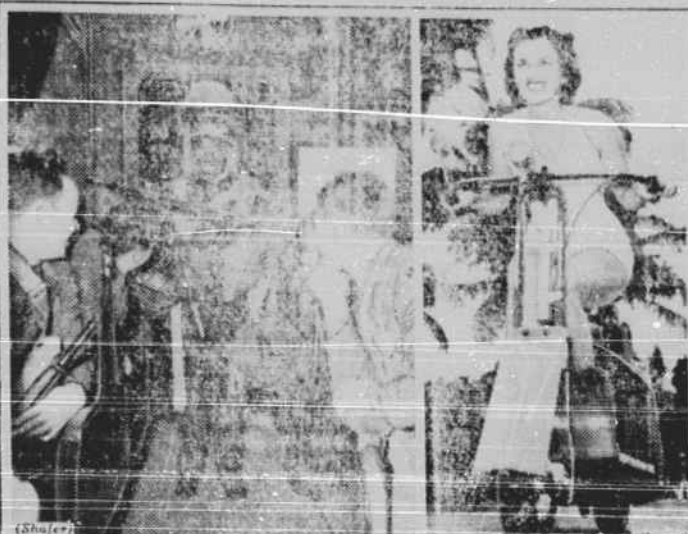
Gordon Cathey, and Herbert Horne, also members of the class of '42 will leave Thursday for the Merchant Marines, stationed somewhere in Louisiana.

Retail Beer Licenses Go to 26 in Cherokee

State and local licenses to sell beer at retail are due and payable May 1. There are 26 retail beer dealers in Cherokee county for the tax year ended April 30.

These dealers pay three or four different licenses—\$22 to the federal government, \$5 to the state and \$25 to the county; in municipalities there is an additional tax of 10 or \$15 for off-premises and on-premises licenses.

People, Spots In The News



ARMS FOR WAR—Both avast Pullman porters get a workout from U. S. soldiers bound for camps or overseas. But in war or peace it's service with a smile. Last year more than two million troops travelled Pullman and currently 1,500 Pullman sleeping cars are assigned exclusively for troop transport.

SCOOTING ALONG—Motor scooters are a fad with misses in Miami, Fla. Virginia Crawford, who would like to be a speed cop, would have little trouble in making an arrest.



HOME AGAIN—On hand for exhibition game between Yankees and Dodgers in New York, Tim Sullivan (left), former Yankees' bat boy, now in Coast Guard, gives pointers to new bat boy, Pat O'Doherty, while Joe DiMaggio takes one.

HUGE BOND DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY ALL OVER COUNTY

Voluntary Investment Sought with Forced Levy as Alternative

With \$26,000 sought for the month of May, an "all out" drive to sell war bonds and war savings stamps started throughout the County on Monday and will continue until sales go "over the top". Every wage earner in the County will be seen personally, if humanly possible, and urged to invest as much as he can.

Bill Whitaker of Andrews, is in charge of the drive in the upper end of the County. Frank Forsyth, of Murphy, is in charge in the lower end. Both will be aided by a score or more of lieutenants, both men and women.

It is expected that the sales quota will be passed with but little difficulty since purchases throughout the county, without any special urging already total close to \$20,000 per month.

In addition to the drive to "buy now", however, there also will be a pledge card campaign, in which every wage earner will be asked to promise to set aside a certain portion of his earnings every week, for the purchase of bonds or stamps.

Signing of these cards will be purely voluntary, and the amount pledged will be kept confidential. The cards will not constitute iron clad contracts. If a person finds

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Buddy Dickey Returns Promoted by Marines

Promoted to Private first class and made drill instructor, with more promotions just ahead, Buddy Dickey, Murphy's youngest Marine, came home to spend the week end with his mother, Mrs. Lela Dickey. Buddy enlisted January 10th, after running away from school to join the service. He is only 16 years old. His mother protested vigorously, but an exchange of letters from Buddy's commanding officer, finally gave her consent.

The young Marine is stationed, temporarily, at Paris Island, South Carolina.

Harmon Orr Cooper Andrews Navy Boy Missing in Action

The first casualty to be listed in Cherokee county of our soldiers is that of Harmon Orr Cooper, Chief Petty Officer of the Langley, sunk on February 6. Mr. Cooper is listed by the Navy Department as missing.

The oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cooper, of Andrews, the young officer was well known to all in this section. He was 35 years old and had been in the navy for more than 18 years. Cooper enlisted in the navy November 1, 1923 and has seen continual service.

Mr. R. A. Cooper said this morning that he had received notice from the Navy Department that his son was missing. He said in the boy's last letter he told his Mother that he

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MURPHY ELECTS E. L. SHIELDS AND MIXED BOARD

New Mayor has Margin of But 7 Votes Over Mr. Noah Lovingood

A brand new administration took charge of the town of Murphy today (Thursday), following an election which set a record in several particulars.

For one thing it was one of the smallest turn-out of voters the town has seen in many years. Only 597, out of a normal 750 to 800, cast their ballots and most of these got to the polls, in the Court House at the proverbial eleventh hour after workers for the several candidates had gone out in cars and literally dragged them in. The war, rising prices, difficulties in obtaining competent labor and other troubles kept interest in the election seemingly to a minimum.

Another record was set by the closeness of the vote: E. L. Shields, the new Mayor, (Democrat) defeated Noah Lovingood (Republican) by only seven votes; Colonel E. B. Norvell, running independently, polled 46 votes.

The ticket that will serve with Mayor Shields is mixed. Three are Republicans and three Democrats. The Democrats: B. G. Brumby; Dr. B. W. Whitfield; Robert Weaver will serve with Republicans, Walter Coleman; J. W. (Jim) Franklin and Edwin Hyde. Hyde is a former State Representative for the County. The other ran for office for the first time—as, indeed, did Mayor Shields, also.

Robert Weaver, an employee of The Citizens Bank and Trust Co., and probably the youngest of the candidates led the ticket with 524 votes. Dr. B. W. Whitfield was second, with 503, and J. W. Franklin 487. The vote of the other successful candidates for the board was: B. G. Brumby, 357; Edwin Hyde, 288; Walter Coleman 284.

Defeated candidates for the board were Z. C. Ramsey, former sheriff, with 272 votes; Loren Davis, with 250 votes and E. C. Moore, with 248 votes.

The board will find the town finances in the best shape in many years. Thanks largely to the efforts of former Mayor J. B. Gray, the bonds were refunded last year at considerably better terms. Also there is about \$15,000.00 surplus in the town treasury.

Howard S. Whitehart Once Murphy Resident Dies in Winston Salem

Many old friends of Howard Stacy Whitehart, once familiarly known in this section as "Bub", will learn with regret of his recent death in Winston Salem. Aged 61, he was buried on Sunday, April 26.

Mr. Whitehart came to Murphy with the furniture factory once located in Factorytown, but long since burned to the ground. He married Miss Elsie McDonald, daughter of the late T. C. McDonald, Sr., and Mrs. McDonald, of Murphy.

The deceased retired from business because of failing health, two years ago. Before that, for 20 years, he had been foreman of the shipping department of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

He is survived by his widow, two sons: Donald and Thomas, and one daughter, Mrs. Melvin Atkins, all of Winston Salem.

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