



The Cherokee Scout



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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Request Paving Of Joe Brown Highway

A group of Cherokee county citizens interested in getting the Joe Brown highway, from Murphy to Unaka Gap, via Unaka, paved, appeared before District Highway Commissioner John A. Goode in Asheville Wednesday presenting the reasons why this highway should be improved.

Those presenting this petition to the commissioner were: Ben Morrow, George Crawford and U. S. G. Phillips of Unaka; Mrs. G. W. Cover of Andrews; and Mayor W. M. Fain, C. L. Alverson, R. W. Easley, Jr., C. E. Woody, and W. D. King of Murphy. P. B. Perrebe of Andrews also attended the meeting.

Mr. Goode and Engineer Walker promised to come to the county and see the highway.

It is understood that the State of Tennessee is ready to meet the proposed highway, with a paved road from Tellico Plains to the North Carolina line.

Council Will Accept Gifts For Men At Army Hospitals

Plans for furnishing Christmas gifts for patients at Moore General Hospital were discussed at a meeting of the camp and hospital council of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross at the home of the chairman, Mrs. W. M. Axley, Thursday evening. The council is asked for 270 gifts valued at \$1.50 to \$3 each.

Gifts suggested are: Address books, medium size, Manicure sets, snapshot albums, leather-framed mirrors, wall sets, shaving sets, money belts, cigarette cases, military brush sets, white handkerchiefs, white scarves, tobacco pouches, pipes and pipe tobacco, mechanical pencils, shoe polish sets, sewing kits, small dictionaries, small books, (late editions), shaving cream, tooth paste, decks of cards, cigarettes, socks, puzzles, dice, small magazines, stationery and writing port-folios, leather traveling playing card sets, whisk brooms in leather cases, small leather or plastic boxes for insignia.

Members of the council are: Mrs. Axley, chairman, Mrs. T. J. Mauney, Mrs. H. Bueck, Mrs. Dale Lee, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, Mrs. T. A. Case, Mrs. H. G. Elkins, Mrs. Robert Bault, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Mrs. R. W. Easley, Jr., Mrs. Bessie Dewese, Miss Mary Cornwell, Mrs. Sarah Lloyd, Mrs. C. W. Savage, Frank Forsyth and Peyton G. Irie.

New Chevrolet Is On Display At Dickey Garage

The gleaming new 1946 Chevrolet, sounding an appealing note in sleek, modern styling, and embodying the latest results of new engineering progress, is on display at Dickey Chevrolet Company of Murphy.

"The new models mark an outstanding step in Chevrolet's progress as top producer in the automotive industry," said Hadley Dickey, dealer. "More Chevrolets than any other motor car were sold in 19 of the last 11 years of pre-war automotive production. We are confident that the new post-war car will once again be a sales winner."

"One of the most striking new features, which gives evidence of the inherent over-all artistry of these cars, is the completely new front-end treatment, designed to emphasize the low, modish lines. The bumper, bumper guards, radiator grille, parking lamps, hood ornament and name emblem all present an appearance of new, graceful ruggedness."

Duel Burgess Killed In 1944 In Germany

Mrs. Duel Burgess of Oak Park has received a message from the war department stating that her husband, Pvt. Duel Burgess was killed in action in Germany November 22, 1944. He was previously reported missing on that date. His wife and two children lives at Oak Park and his mother, Mrs. Eiden Allen, lives at Patrick.

Book Week To Be Observed November 11-17

The week of November 11-17 has been proclaimed as National Book Week. The theme for this year is "United Through Books". You are invited to visit your local library and enjoy the display of new books that are of interest to both children and to adults. The librarian, Miss Josephine Heighway, has suggestions for your Christmas gift books.

On Saturday, November 17, at 10 o'clock in the library Miss Clara McCombs will tell stories for children. All children are invited.

Book Review Is To Be On Nov. 29

The book review sponsored by the Carnegie library and Murphy Woman's club which was scheduled to be given on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 15, has been postponed until Nov. 29.

At that time, "Our Western North Carolina Literature" will be the subject of the review by W. E. Bird, dean of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee.

New Jewelry Store To Open

Merle Davis of Murphy, Howard B. Adair and J. P. Costner of Lexington will open a jewelry store known as "Davis' Jewelers", about December 1, in the corner room in the Regal hotel building now occupied by the Cherokee Scout office, in Murphy.

The store will be remodeled and an up-to-date jewelry store carrying nationally advertised watches, jewelry, silver and china will be operated.

Mr. Costner, who owns and operates a jewelry store in Lexington, has had much experience in the business.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Adair have recently been discharged from the service. The former is a native of Cherokee County.

Alvin Beaver Is Discharged

Alvin Beaver, Fireman 2/c of Murphy, Route 3, was discharged from the Navy on Monday, November 5 at Charleston, S. C.

He has participated in the Pacific and Atlantic Theatres of war.

He wears American Pacific and Atlantic Victory ribbons.

Officers Capture Liquor Still

On November 2, John Stratton and Henry Rose raided a still on Junaluska above Andrews at Ed McClure's house, finding a complete outfit, pouring out three gallons of beer and five gallons of whiskey. They arrested Ed McClure and put him under bond.

They also found a sack of malt corn buried in the garden and some whiskey in the house. Mrs. McClure said the sprouted corn was for her old mule, who could not eat corn unless it was sprouted.

District Legion Meeting To Be Held Sunday

An address by Henley Ledford of Fayetteville, with the rehabilitation department of the Veterans commission a former Clay county boy, will feature the district meeting of the American Legion to be held at Hayesville on Sunday, November 11, Armistice day, according to announcement by C. A. Bales, district commander.

All legionnaires and veterans of World Wars I and II and their wives and friends are invited.

The program will open with a memorial service at 11 a. m., followed by lunch at 12:30, and the address by Mr. Ledford at 1:30 o'clock.

Jarrett Elected State Grand Master

RALEIGH — Clyde Jarrett of Andrews, who served as deputy grand master of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons during the past year, was elevated to be grand master Wednesday night as the annual communication of the grand lodge was brought to a close.

Jarrett succeeds Julius C. Hobbs of Wilmington.

Other officers include: William J. Bundy of Greenville, deputy grand master; Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., of Concord, senior grand warden; Dr. Maxwell E. Hoffman of Asheville, junior grand warden; Herbert C. Alexander of Charlotte, grand treasurer; and Charles B. Newcomb of Wilmington, grand secretary.

If tradition is followed, Bundy will be elevated to the post of grand master at next year's communication.

Grand Jury Finds Schools Needing New Buildings

Following is a report of the grand jury to the November term of Cherokee county court, as made by W. F. Forsyth, foreman:

The county officers; county accountant, clerk of court, and tax collector are audited by certified public accountant at least once each year and according to reports from last audit show books to be well kept and in good order.

Records of county home reveal that it houses only four inmates, all of which are paid for by old age assistance except one, and maintenance for that one is paid by Cherokee county.

An investigation was made into Cherokee county schools and found that in most school buildings, rooms were overcrowded with children, toilet facilities were inadequate and in the Andrews and Murphy schools class rooms were very overcrowded. L. W. Hendrix, sput. county schools, was called before the grand jury and testified that four new buildings were being planned, and we recommended to the Board of County Commissioners that these buildings be built as soon as possible.

The Peachtree prison camp was found to be in perfect order: clean, and well kept, with the existence of no kangaroo courts.

The county court house is badly in need of paint and repair to plastering. We respectfully recommend to the county board of commissioners that this work be done.

An inspection was made of the Cherokee county jail and it was found that the jail was in need of some immediate plumbing repairs. Also, some blankets were needed for the beds. The prisoners reported that they were well treated and that the food was adequate.

The county recommended to the sheriff's department that in event any property damage be made to jail property it be reported to the trial officer and that the prisoner

Schools To Have Victory Program

"Victory in the Schools Week" will be observed in the local school Friday morning with special assembly program in the auditorium at 9 o'clock.

Dr. Helen Ward Caldwell, USN Nurses Corps, who has been active duty at Okinawa, Japan, and Peleliu, will be special guest. All service men discharged or home on leave are urged to be present.

Parents and friends are also invited to this special program, staged to promote the sale of bonds and stamps for the Victory Loan.

The program will open with a Junior Red Cross enrollment week is November 12-16. Mrs. Martha Adams is chairman for the elementary school and Miss Jean Dickey, for the high school.

Appointments Made

Grand Master Jarrett announced these personal appointments:

J. W. Fitzgerald of Asheville, grand chaplain; Z. V. Snipes of Dunn, grand lecturer; Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro, senior grand deacon; Wallace E. Caldwell of Chapel Hill, junior grand deacon; Herbert M. Foy of Mount Airy, grand marshal; Fred F. Hardking of Raleigh, grand tiler; Guy L. Houck of Franklin, grand orator; J. Edward Allen of Warrenton, grand historian; Robert B. Spencer of Raleigh, grand auditor; T. L. Klutz of Marion, assistant grand chaplain; P. C. Scott of Wendell, and Joe F. Marquette of Statesville, assistant grand lecturers; and William H. White of Sanford and Ed T. Howard of High Point, grand stewards.

The new officers, both elective and appointive, were installed at the night session.

Mr. Woody Is Honored Sunday

Chattahoochee National forest gave Ranger Arthur Woody a picnic dinner Sunday at Woody's Gap high school, in honor of his retirement. Mr. Woody was presented with a Forest Service badge inlaid in gold in memory of his 30 years' active duty. The entire Chattahoochee forest was represented, with one supervisor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Schilling of Franklin.

Mr. Woody, father of Cline Woody of Murphy, forest ranger, had a large number of friends, including General and Mrs. King of Bataan, to call on him and send greetings during the week-end and on Monday.

To Organize Wildlife Fed.

A Cherokee county unit of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Inc., will be organized at a meeting of interested persons at the Business Men's office in the Mauney Building on Friday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the federation, will be present to explain the purpose of the organization. Seventy-two counties in the state are organized.

Walt Mauney is temporary chairman.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Church School — 9:45 A. M., David King, Supt. Morning Worship — 11 o'clock, Sermon: "Why Do Men Go To Hell?" Youth Fellowship — 6:30 P. M., Elizabeth Ann Elkins, Pres. Evening Worship — 7:30 o'clock, Sermon: "The Gospel of the Kingdom".

IS DISCHARGED
Pfc. Vernon Jenkins, RA. 2, Murphy, was given a discharge from the Army at the Fort Knox Separation Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky, on Nov. 4.

BANK TO CLOSE
Sunday, November 11, Armistice Day, being a legal holiday, the Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed Monday, November 12.

Whichard Case Given Jury After Two Days' Testifying



REV. T. EARL OGG

New Pastor To Assume Duties November 11

ANDREWS — Rev. T. Earl Ogg, pastor of the Mountain View Baptist church in Knoxville, Tenn., for the past two years, will become the pastor of the Andrews Baptist church here Nov. 8. The Rev. Mr. Ogg will preach the initial sermon of his pastorate here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Ogg is a college and seminary graduate, having graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, in 1944. The Andrews church will constitute his third pastorate. In Fort Worth he served as pastor of the Haslet Baptist church.

Mr. Ogg was married in July 1944 to Miss Margaret Isola Walker of Mobile, Alabama. Mrs. Ogg is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Walker of Mobile. Her father is pastor of the Oakdale Baptist church of that city. Mrs. Ogg is a graduate of Coker College, Hartselle, S. C., and has had two years of seminary training at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mr. Ogg was born in Greenville, Tenn., in 1918. Most of his early life was spent in Knoxville where he was ordained to the ministry in December 1936.

The local pastorate has been vacant for the past two months since Rev. L. P. Smith, the former pastor, left here to accept work as pastor of the Hayesville and Peachtree Baptist churches.

Harry Dickey Is Discharged

Harry Dickey, Apprentice Seaman, received his discharge Sunday, November 4, at the U. S. Navy Personnel Separation Center, Naval Air Station, Charleston, S. C.

He will continue training in Dental School at Atlanta, Ga.

SERMON SUBJECT

"The God of Peace" commemorating Armistice Day, is the subject announced by the Rev. T. G. Tate for his sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. The topic for the evening service at 7:30 o'clock is "Whose I Am and Whom I Serve."

Dr. M. P. Whichard, 58, for six years district health officer for Cherokee-Clay-Graham health department, was tried in Cherokee county superior court this week on a charge of second degree murder or manslaughter of Wayne Townson, 32, local business man, in Murphy on Monday, August 13, of this year. Judge J. A. Rousseau of North Wilkesboro presided, and Solicitor John Queen of Waynesville presided at this term. The case against Dr. Whichard was called at noon Tuesday and was given to the jury at noon Thursday. The verdict had not been rendered when the paper went to press.

Clyde Townson, 30 brother of Wayne Townson, testified that on August 13, about 7 o'clock p. m., he and John Carringer returned to the funeral home after having been to a cafe to eat supper. Dr. Whichard and his wife were standing on the walk between the funeral home and the William Townson, Jr., home. He said that Dr. Whichard called to him and said that he could tell his mother he had got all of his belongings out of the house and she could throw Pearl's out when she got ready. He said that as he started to go to his car to leave, Dr. Whichard said: "Don't come another step, and that he stepped back. About that time Dr. Whichard said to John Carringer, who was standing by, "I don't want you around this house any more" and John said: "What do you mean by that, Dr. Whichard?"

He stated that Dr. Whichard had a gun in his hand in his pocket, and that he forced him back to the curbing and caught his arms, calling to Wayne, who had been standing beside a car parked on the street, telling him to help him get the gun away from Dr. Whichard before he hurt somebody. Wayne, he said, got Dr. Whichard by the right arm, and Dr. Whichard fired the gun and hit Wayne, who did not speak and toppled over, dead. He said that he told John Carringer to hit Dr. Whichard in the head with something before he shot them. John did hit Dr. Whichard, he said and he wrenched the gun from the doctor's hand and hit him over the head with it.

The pistol was introduced as evidence and was identified as the one which killed the deceased.

John Carringer had a room rented in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Townson, Jr.

He testified that John Carringer went into the funeral home, after the gun had been fired, and got the knife with which he hit Dr. Whichard.

Asked if he were married, Clyde said: "Yes, I don't have a divorce". Asked if he did not have supper in a cafe with a Coffey woman on Tuesday night following the shooting, he replied that he did not remember. He said his wife is in Seattle, Wash., and the defense attorneys asked him if she did not go to Seattle because he was running around with other women, he said he was not running around with any women.

Asked if he had a fight at the Stiles' house sometime ago, with his wife's brother, Buddy Dickey, he said that he had a lick in the face that did not amount to anything. He denied that the fight was over his treatment of his wife, Dickey's sister. He denied that a few weeks ago he went drunk to a dinner party his sister was giving, and flourished a pistol, running Dr. Branch of the State Board of Health away.

John Carringer cousin of Wayne Townson, testified that on August 13, about 4 o'clock, Dr. Whichard went to his room in the Townson home and asked him where he had carried a radio, gun and clothing which he had got from the house at the request of William Townson.

He stated that Dr. Whichard was mad and said that he was not afraid of him nor any of the Townsons. He said that he refused to tell Dr. Whichard where the things were, because he did not think it was any of his business. He said Mrs. William Townson came into the room and told her father: "Daddy, leave him alone. This is my affair," and Dr. Whichard left. He gave the same account of the affray and shooting that Clyde Townson had related.

On cross examination he was asked why Dr. Whichard went to his room that afternoon, and answered that it was to see what he had done with the radio and gun. He told the jury that these articles had been given to Mrs. W. D. Townson, Sr., at the request of William Townson. Asked where he was, Carringer stated that he was in Cleveland, Tenn. He stated that William left town Saturday, August 11, and he left with him. The lawyer asked him if he did not know that William had been indicted for assault on his wife and that town officers were looking for him.

Neil Neese, uncle of the deceased, corroborated the testimony of Clyde Townson, stating that Clyde told him the same story soon after the tragedy occurred.

Dr. W. A. Hoover, testified that he treated Dr. Whichard, following the shooting, and that he had a laceration to the skull of about an inch and a half on top of his head, a contusion on his left forehead, also a contusion and small laceration below and to the right of his nose, and an abrasion on the lower third of the left upper arm. He stated that he was bleeding when brought to the office. He stated that on August 3, 1942, Dr. Whichard had a severe heart attack and had had some symptoms all along since then. He said the doctor could not be very strong, his blood pressure has been high for a number of years and that Dr. Whichard was in the Army Reserve and was discharged because of his blood pressure. He stated that he would judge Wayne Townson to have been about five feet ten inches in height and weighed approximately 175 pounds. Asked if he examined Wayne Townson's body after the shooting he said he did and that it appeared the wound was below the apex of the heart and ranged upward. On cross examination he testified that Dr. Whichard is about six feet high and weighs approximately 190 pounds. He stated that he was not as strong as a young man, and that he knew Dr. Whichard drank some but had not heard of his drinking to any extent for the past year.

Dr. Whichard testified that he was 58 years old and had practiced medicine for 35 years. He had been district health officer here for the past six years, coming here from Edenton. He stated that his daughter married W. D. Townson, Jr., brother of the deceased. Asked what he had been doing the day of the shooting, he replied that he worked most of the day. He stated that he saw his daughter about four o'clock and went home with her, to see John Carringer and find out where he took the gun which had been taken from the house. He said that he went to Carringer's room and asked him why he took the shot gun and radio out of his daughter's house. Asked why he was interested in the shot gun, he said his daughter had several abrasions on her forehead. He said he was in the house about three minutes. He denied making the statement that he was not afraid of Carringer and the

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