



FISHING SEASON IN SWING—Hiwassee and other lakes in this vicinity are yielding up some fine fish these spring days. Sam Harding, left, Murphy fisherman, aided his brother-in-law, Harry Holbert of Asheville, in bringing in the above 5 1/2-pound largemouth bass on Fontana Lake March 8.

## FIRE DESTROYS JUNALUSKA TERRACE HOTEL AT ANDREWS

### None Of Guests Receive Injuries

The Junaluska Terrace Hotel in Andrews was completely destroyed by fire which broke out at 5:45 o'clock this morning (Thursday).

The \$60,000 building burned rapidly, and firemen were unable to put out the flames.

All guests escaped from the flaming building without injury, and according to Bill Teas, who lives next door to the hotel, all were able to save personal belongings with the exception of one man. Mr. Teas speaking for J. M. Baity, owner of the hotel for the past four years, said there were approximately six guests in the building. None of the names were released.

Cause of the fire was reported as yet undetermined, but Mr. Teas stated that the origin of the fire was in a room occupied by one of the guests.

The hotel was insured.

The 30-room structure had a large lobby and mezzanine, and a dining room that could accommodate 150 people.

The native stone hotel, for many years considered the outstanding hotel west of Asheville, was built in 1926 by W. T. Moore on a six-acre tract. The dining room was often used by civic groups and other large gatherings.

Percy B. Farebee was owner from 1928 until 1946, when it was bought by W. T. Moore and Arthur Watkins. It was sold by the latter two men to Mr. Baity.

### Power To Be Off Sunday, 1-5 P. M.

Nantahala Power and Light Company, serving Andrews and vicinity, announces that the power will be disconnected Sunday, March 23, from 1 p. m. until 5 p. m. This is necessary in order to make possible better service to the public.

### Brown To Preach

Frank Brown of Decatur, Ga., student minister, will fill his regular appointment at the Presbyterian Church Sunday, at 11 a. m. Sunday School will meet at 10 a. m.

### LODGE TO MEET

Sam L. Davidson has announced a meeting of Cherokee Lodge No. 146, A. F. & A. M. in the lodge hall Saturday at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of conferring the second degree. Sam Capps, Worshipful Master, will preside.

### Mrs. W. Christopher Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. W. Christopher, affectionately known as "Ma" Christopher, celebrated her 81st birthday Wednesday, March 12. Her daughters, Mrs. E. A. Browning and Mrs. Ed Barnett, entertained at tea for her from 3 to 6 p. m. Wednesday, and she received many gifts, telegrams and other messages.

Many friends called to wish her a happy birthday. They included: Mrs. Art Lashaw, Miss Medley Fox of Ranger, Mrs. L. D. Schuyler, Mrs. Clyde Sneed, Mrs. W. A. Hoover, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, Mrs. P. C. Hyatt, Mrs. E. J. Darrell, Mrs. Dale Lee, Miss Maggie Bell Kisselburg, Miss Ruby Lee Davis, Mrs. Cecil Henry, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Alton Morris, Mrs. Ann Phillips, Mrs. Neil Sneed, Mrs. E. L. Shields, Mrs. Harry Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnett and Jack Barnett.

Mrs. Christopher's children are: S. S. Christopher of Atlanta, F. O. and E. O. Christopher of Murphy, and Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Browning of Murphy. She has several grandchildren.



"MA" CHRISTOPHER

### Dr. Eugene Slater To Be First On Methodist Hour

Dr. Eugene Slater, pastor of Poik Street Methodist Church, Amarillo, Texas, will be the guest speaker on the 179 station radio network of the Methodist Series of The Protestant Hour Sunday morning, March 23rd. Dr. Slater's subject will be "Where There's Faith, There's Hope."

Featured on this thirty minute public service worship program will be the Protestant Fellowship Choir under the direction of Stuart Vance Taylor with Raymond Martin at the organ. The choir will sing a special medley of the gospel songs "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" and "Amazing Grace."

The theme for this 7th annual Methodist Hour presentation is being used as a part of the nation wide promotion of "Tidings" and the General Board of Evangelism under the title "Give God a Chance."

A unique "singing commercial" by the gifted soprano, Francis Campbell Hughes, and the male quartette of the choir introduces each program with the theme.

Dr. Slater and the Protestant Fellowship Choir, may be heard over radio station WSB at 8:30 a. m. Sunday, March 23rd.

### Baptists To Hold Quarterly Meet

The Western North Carolina Baptist Association will hold its quarterly meeting at Valleytown Baptist Church near Andrews March 30 at 2:30 p. m.

Associational officers will present reports and plans. Mrs. Elmer Childers, Nantahala, is the W. M. U. superintendent. Other officers are: Mrs. Carl A. West, Andrews, Training Union Director; Cyrus C. White, Murphy, Sunday School Superintendent.

"Mr. White has studied the associational Sunday School organization and will be prepared to make some very important recommendations for the consideration of the association," says the Rev. A. G. Brooks, associational missionary.

The Rev. Ralph Matheson, pastor of Valleytown Church will lead the devotional. The Rev. Ralph T. Melton, pastor of Calvary Church, Sandy Run Association, will be the inspirational speaker.

### Episcopalians Hear Whitmire

Roland Whitmire, an Episcopal student at Theological Seminary at Sewanee, Tenn., spoke to the congregation and church school of the Church of the Messiah last Sunday.

He emphasized the human side of life at the Seminary and contrasted Seminary training with that on any other college campus. He pointed out that the chief difference rested in the fact that all the students went to the Seminary for the same purpose, to fit themselves for proclaiming the gospel to others.

"For this purpose," said Mr. Whitmire, brought men from all walks of life together: lawyers, engineers and mechanics. He said they discovered at the Seminary that all previous training could be used in the ministry.

### Complete 0.7 Mile Paving In County

The State Highway Commission completed 0.7 mile of paving in Cherokee County during February. Commissioner L. Dale Thrash reports.

The newly-paved roads, all financed by the secondary road bond program, are: Cumberland Gap Road, 0.2 mile; Graves Road, 0.2 mile; Beaverdam, 0.1 mile; Midway, 0.1 mile; and Slow Creek Road, 0.1 mile.

The Tenth Highway Division brought a total of 12.55 miles of road work to completion in February. Commissioner Thrash announced.

The Commission completed 1.0 mile of paving in Clay County during February.

### P. T. A. To Meet

Peachtree P. T. A. will meet at the school March 21 at 7:30 p. m. with Miss Maggie Belle Kisselburg in charge of the program. Special music will be given. Officers for the ensuing year will be voted upon.

### Morris Announces Baptist Program

The Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor of Murphy First Baptist Church, will use "Men of Tomorrow" for his sermon topic Sunday at 11 a. m.

Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a. m., Beatown Mission service at 2:30 p. m., and prison camp Sunday School at 3 p. m., and training union at 6:30 p. m.

At the 7:30 evening service the pastor's topic will be "A Girl's Influence."

The Junior G. A.'s will meet with Mrs. Henry Hyatt Monday at 3:15 p. m. At 6:30 p. m. Elizabeth Hale, Ruth Swan and Ruth Bagwell Circles will meet at the church for a pot luck supper. A special Home Mission offering will be taken. Mrs. J. A. Morris will have charge of the program.

Three circles meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. are: Fannie Heck Circle with Mrs. B. B. Cornwell; Mae Perry Circle with Mrs. V. C. Kinney, Sr., and Lottie Moon Circle with Mrs. T. P. Calhoun.

The Sunbeams will meet at the church at 3:15 p. m. Wednesday. The regular Wednesday hour of power service will be at 7:30 p. m. to be followed by Adult Choir practice at 8:30.

The R. A.'s will meet with Lonnie Hoover Thursday at 3:15 p. m., and the Youth Choir will practice at 3:15 p. m.

### Baptist Youth Sponsor Banquet

The Training Union of Murphy First Baptist Church is sponsoring a banquet Saturday evening in the church basement. The banquet theme is "Rhapsody in Blue."

The guest speaker is Julian Snyder, State Training Union worker, from Atlanta, Ga. Musical numbers and readings will be featured.

The banquet is for those of intermediate age and up.

### Puett Elected N. C. E. A. President

C. D. Puett was elected president of the Murphy Unit of the N. C. E. A. at a called meeting to elect officers Thursday. Mr. Puett succeeds Mrs. John Thuss.

Miss Wilma Tate was elected vice-president; C. K. Olson, secretary; Jack Barnett, treasurer.

The new officers, with Mrs. Thuss and Miss Roberta Spiers at alternate, were named as delegates to the state meeting in Asheville, March 27, 28, and 29.

### RETURN TO STATES Mrs. Dale Lee, Mrs. Mabel Massey and Mrs. H. A. Mattox

Mrs. Dale Lee, Mrs. Mabel Massey and Mrs. H. A. Mattox went to Asheville Monday to meet Mrs. Jimmy Ward, who arrived in New York by plane Sunday, from Lisbon and Porto, Portugal, where she and Mr. Ward have been living for several months. Mr. Ward left New York Monday for Port Au Prince Haiti. Mrs. Ward will leave here Friday to join him there for a month.

Paul Hill, and his room mate, Al Holland of Idaho Falls, Idaho, who are medical students and class mates at Duke University, spent the week here with Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill and family and Miss Jane Hill.

## Utilities Commission Hears Plea For Rural Telephones

Three members of the State Utilities Commission came to Murphy Tuesday to conduct at the courthouse hearings on three petitions: Fred C. Hunter of Charlotte, who presided; Ed McMahan of Brevard, and Harry T. Westcott of Manteo.

The petition of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to sell its franchise and properties in Murphy and this area of Western Carolina Telephone Company was heard. Hobart McKeever, representing the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, requested that the petition not be allowed, stating that it is the general opinion that the community will receive better service from Southern Bell than from Western Carolina. H. A. Mattox represented the Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club, and urged the commission not to grant the petition. More than 40 people in the courtroom, practically all of the local people present at the time, said by a rising vote that they concurred with his opinion.

J. L. Mason stated that several rural sections of the county had made application to Southern Bell for the past few years for telephones and had not been given any service, and that if the transfer to Western Carolina would mean the rural people would get telephones, he was for the transfer. Others expressing a similar opinion were: Mrs. Nora C. Spencer, E. S. Burnett, Bill McCoy, and Gay Hawkins. All of these stated that it does not matter which company is here; all they want is service.

Linn D. Garibaldi of Charlotte, president of Western Carolina Telephone Company, gave as reasons for wanting to purchase the property here: The company serves much of Western North Carolina, especially areas adjoining Murphy, and that he believes his company is good for Western North Carolina. He stated that his company has offered Southern Bell \$213,800 plus recent capital expenditures, for its Murphy property. He said the rates in effect at date of transfer would continue.

With regard to treatment of employees, Mr. Garibaldi said: "Seller's employees affected by this transaction will be offered a transfer to any exchange of seller that they may select. Employees hired by the purchaser will be given a 12 months' leave of absence from the service of seller with service credit for that period of absence under the terms of seller's plan for employees' pensions, disability benefits and death benefits, and will retain during this period their eligibility to pensions and death benefits. In event of absence on account of accident or sickness disability during the period such employees will be compensated by seller for any loss of wages which would have been paid under seller's plan. Employees who are hired by purchaser will also have privilege of reemployment by seller in any other exchange of seller during the 12 months provided such employees has experienced no impairment which would render him unqualified to do the work and has not been guilty of misconduct which would have been proper cause for discharge.

"Following the twelve months' leave and contingent upon their remaining in purchaser's employ, employees will retain eligibility to pensions and death benefits for five years."

Western Carolina offers to employ any employees of Southern Bell who desires to continue here. This company does not have any pension or retirement plan, according to Mr. Garibaldi.

A petition to close the L and N railway station at Culberson, and also the railway express agency, was heard. F. O. Christopher and G. C. Wendling of Knoxville, Tenn., represented the L and N Railway.

Attorneys Kester Walton of Asheville and R. S. Jones of Franklin represented Western Carolina. Representatives of Southern Bell here were: J. Lovell Smith, district manager, Asheville; Ralph Pate, engineer, Charlotte; Herbert Middleton, toll engineer, Charlotte; Atty. Harvey Cosper, Atlanta; and E. L. Cawthon, engineer, Charlotte.

Extinguish Two Brush Fires  
Murphy Fire Department was called to extinguish two brush fires Monday afternoon, one at the residence of Dr. A. J. Headrick and the other at the residence of W. D. Townson.

In both instances the brush fires were started by burning trash. The flames were quickly extinguished, according to John Bayless, Town Clerk.

T. C. Day Appointed Cancer Chairman  
Tom C. Day has been appointed Cherokee County campaign chairman for 1952 of the American Cancer Society.

Sixth Graders Visit The Scout  
Twenty-three sixth graders of Murphy Schools and their teachers, John Jordan, visited THE SCOUT office last Friday to get a bird's eye view of the newspaper business.

Students were Verlin Swanson, Harry Charles Forrester, John Ledford, Jack McDonald, Howard Killian, Jr., Harry Bishop, Hubert Killian, Harold Clayton, Hubbie Baugh, Johnny Mulkey, Donald Hoges, Don Pescok, Ida Arrant, Bobbie Taylor, Judy Davis, Annette White, Mildred Killian, Barbara Hoges, Ramona Haggard, George Dochery, George Langley, Ronnie Brittain, H. A. Strange.

Mr. Day said that his first step would be to obtain chairmen for the various sections of the county. The slogan of the Crusade he said, will be, "Cancer Strikes One in Five, Strike Back, Give to Conquer Cancer."

Mr. Day lives in Andrews. He is employed by the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.