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TEN PAGES THIS WEEK

People You Know

MURPHY

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mulkey and daughter Debbie, have returned to their home in Baltimore, Md., after a visit here with Mr. Mulkey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mulkey and his sister, Mrs. Winston Craig and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Palmer and children, Phyllis, Linda and Judy of Akron, Ohio, are visiting Mrs. Palmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton G. Ivie left Wednesday for High Point to attend the Furniture Market.

Mrs. W. M. Fain left by plane from Knoxville Tuesday for Garland, Texas to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Owens and meet her new granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wallace and sons, Donald and Carey of Oak Ridge, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. Wallace's mother, Mrs. R. A. Akin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alexander and family had as recent visitors, Mrs. Alexander's mother and brother, Mrs. A. E. Welborn of Statesville, and A. W. Welborn of Waynesboro, Ga., and Mr. Alexander's sisters, Miss Sadie Alexander and Mrs. C. E. Fraley and son, Sonny of Statesville.

Miss Carolyn Alexander visited her friend, Miss Leslie Bouck, a schoolmate at the University of Georgia in Atlanta last week.

Mrs. William F. Wholt left Saturday for her home in Houston, Texas after a week's visit here with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Gray. She was accompanied home by her mother and sister, Mrs. Cloe Moore.

Mrs. W. L. McClanahan of Dallas, Texas, is visiting her brother, the Rev. R. A. Potter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Lashaw and children, John, Eugene, Phillip and David are visiting Mrs. Lashaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fox at Ranger.

ANDREWS

Mrs. W. A. Cathey and son, Dan, left Sunday for Sanston, Va. where she will be assistant superintendent of the Terrace Nursing Home. She was accompanied by her son, James Cathey and his wife of Richmond, Va. who spent the week end here.

Mrs. James Glenn and Mrs. Minnie Tatham have returned after a six weeks stay in California where they visited Mrs. Glenn's son, James, and his family and Mrs. Tatham's son, Lt. Roy Tatham and his family.

Mrs. Lyman Dills had as guests last week her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McCanness and their children of Asheville; her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mack Miles and her daughter, Charlotte, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and her son, Pvt. Don Dills of Albany, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Dunagan and sons, Stephen, Joe, Phillip and Gary of Oak Ridge, Tenn. are spending two weeks here with Mrs. Dunagan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson enroute to Los Alamos, New Mexico where Mr. Dunagan has been transferred.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weeks and children of Chicago, Ill. have arrived for a visit with Mrs. Week's mother, Mrs. R. W. Rector. Mr. Weeks will return and his family will remain for a longer visit.

M/Sgt. Robert Caldwell and family of Olean, N. Y. are spending a two weeks stay in Andrews with Sgt. Caldwell's mother, Mrs. L. O. Caldwell and with Mrs. Caldwell's parents in Brevard.

Mrs. Fred Mosteller of Detroit, Mich. has arrived for a two weeks stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Trantham.

Miss Betty Heaton has returned to her home after a months stay with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clayton, in Greensboro and with friends in Raleigh and Burlington. While away Miss Heaton sang in two weddings of her former classmates.

Rev. John C. Corbitt attended the Christian Life Commission conference held in Ridgecrest Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pickett of Drayton Plains, Mich. are spending two weeks here with Mrs. Pickett's mother, Mrs. Alice Barnard.

Miss Ruth Barnard returned with them after a visit of several weeks.

Council Asks OK Of \$190,000 Water Bonds

Child Killed, 4 Injured When Car Hits Tomotla Bridge

Two year old Judy Whitener of Rt. 3 Murphy yesterday became Cherokee County's second 1955 traffic fatality.

And her father, Jewell Whitener was listed in critical condition Wednesday morning at Petrie Hospital.

Whitener and his wife, Birdean, both 25 of Rt. 3, Murphy, and their three children, Mildred, Edward and Judy were traveling toward Murphy yesterday (Wednesday) when their 1947 Chevrolet sedan ran head-on into the side of the bridge on the Marble side of Tomotla. The accident occurred around 6 a. m.

Judy was killed instantly and Whitener is a patient at Petrie Hospital where he was still unconscious when the Scout went to press yesterday. He is suffering head injuries and breaks in both arms.

Mildred and Edward were admitted to Murphy General Hospital and were said to be resting well yesterday. Mildred, it was reported was not seriously injured while Edward received injuries about the head.

Whitener is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitener of Rt. 3, Murphy and Mrs. Whitener is the former Miss Birdean Higdon, daughter of Mrs. Della Higdon, also of Murphy, Rt. 3.

Sheriff Claude Anderson said the car was completely demolished and the gears and other parts of the auto were wrenched out when the motor was knocked straight back.

Patrolman R. H. Ensley of Hayesville was investigating the accident. He said there were no marks on the highway to indicate the speed of the vehicle.

A brother of Whitener said the family were returning from Thomasville, N. C., where Jewell had been on a business trip.

Officers said first investigations indicated Whetener went to sleep at the wheel.

Judy Whitener, after being pronounced dead on arrival at a Murphy hospital, was taken to Ivie Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2:30 p. m. in the New Hope Holiness Church with the Rev. L. B. Cornett officiating. Burial will be in the Ogresta Cemetery.

Cherokee County's first 1955 traffic fatality was Samuel Willard Cornwell of Rt. 3, Murphy who was killed around the middle of March.

New City Street Set For Murphy

A new city street, designed to open desirable building lots in East Murphy, will be built in about two months if the Tennessee Valley Authority gives a go-ahead.

Walter Arrants of the TVA property supervision department told town council in a special meeting that the property will probably be put on sale for a street easement after council asked for the land.

He explained that TVA must put the land up for public auction. But since it will be sold for a street easement only, no one but the town would be interested in bidding for the property.

The new street will start across Valley River Avenue from the ball park, follow the river and come out on the Murphy side of Kaye's Auto Parts building.

The town will not have to draw on its general fund to build the street since Murphy Power Board money can be used on construction of streets.

Mr. Arrants said it will take about six weeks to make the land available to the town.

Davidson Promoted To Air Force General

SPECIAL TO CHEROKEE SCOUT

Hensley Field, Tex.—Jerry W. Davidson, 39, a native of Murphy, has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general of the United States Air Force, 14th Air Force headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., disclosed this week.

General Davidson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson of 109 Campbell St.

Davidson, one of the youngest generals in the USAF, is commander of the 448th Fighter Bomber Wing at Hensley Air Reserve Flying Center in Grand Prairie. His promotion was made at the direction of President Eisenhower and confirmed by the U. S. Senate effective June 29.

A resident of Fort Worth, General Davidson has been commander of the reserve wing at Hensley Field since the inception of the 904th Reserve Training Wing in June, 1951. A year later, the wing was redesignated the 8708th Pilot Training Wing.

Under the general's command, the mission of the 8708th was to train itself to train cadets in the event of an emergency. But last May 18, the mission and designation of the wing was again changed.

The 448th has been assigned a mission of aerial defense of the area within a 300-mile radius of Dallas and Fort Worth.

General Davidson, in civilian life an engineering flight test pilot for the Civil Aeronautics in Fort Worth



GENERAL DAVIDSON

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Cherokee, Clay 4-H Youths To Present State Health Pageant

Some 35 Cherokee and Clay County 4-H members will this month present the annual N. C. State 4-H Health pageant during the 4-H Club week in Raleigh.

The pageant is a highlight in the state 4-H calendar and this is the first time 4-H'ers from the Western District have had the opportunity to present the pageant.

The pageant will be staged in the Reynolds' Coliseum on a giant three-stage area to an audience of some 1,200 from all parts of the state.

DANCERS

Cherokee and Clay County farm and home agents have been working on the drama for several months, with the John C. Campbell Folk School coaching the dancers. The pageant will be presented

in song, dance, action and narration and the script was written by Mrs. Frances Puett, assistant Cherokee County Home agent.

The pageant is "an attempt to interpret the World Health Organization's definition of health as it relates to the life of a 4-H club member; 'Health is a state of complete well-being—physical, mental, and social—not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.' The spiritual development of people is also recognized and each of the six scenes opens with a Scripture passage.

The pageant will be presented in honor of the county kings and queens of health and will be climaxed with the crowning of the state king and queen of health.

TWO WALKED AWAY



TWO LUCKY CHEROKEE County youths were thrown from this convertible receiving only slight injuries Saturday night about a mile from Nottely Dam. The hood of the car, foreground, was torn off in the car's plunge straight down into a pasture. (Scout Photo.)

CONSTRUCTION STARTS SOON ON SCHOOL BRIDGE

Highway Commissioner H. E. Buchanan of Hendersonville last week put the proposed bridge to the new Murphy City School site on the top of the construction list.

In a letter to H. Bueck, superintendent of City Schools, Mr. Buchanan said he asked G. G. Page, division engineer, to start work on the bridge as soon as possible.

Youths Escape Serious Injury

Two Cherokee County youths escaped serious injury Saturday night when their Buick convertible left the highway and plunged down a 29 foot embankment. The car went off the road, flew down a straight drop of some 29 feet, jumped a fence and crashed upside down in a pasture about a mile this side of Nottely Dam.

The two boys, Bob and Hilliard Hedden, first cousins, of Rt. 2, Murphy, were thrown from the car, a 1948 red Buick convertible with the top down when the accident occurred around 7:30 p. m. Saturday.

The TVA watchman of Nottely Dam said the car sped across the dam at about 70 miles per hour, headed toward Blairsville highway, shortly before the wreck happened.

Hilliard was treated for lacerations at a Murphy hospital, but was not admitted to the hospital. Bob was treated for bruises about the chest at a Young Harris, clinic and was released without being admitted to the hospital.

An eye witness said that Bob Hedden was pinned under the car with the top of the seat of the automobile resting on his chest. The Young Harris doctor who treated Bob for injuries said he was shaken up and bruised but he found nothing of a serious nature.

SIX SCENES

The six scenes are: 1. "There went up a mist from the earth"—the creation; 2. "And man became a tiller of the soil"—dependence on the soil as source of life, growth, etc. 3. "And darkness fell upon the earth"—mental and emotional growth; 4. "And light shone in the darkness"—using truth and knowledge; 5. "That we might have life"—service to others, social health; 6. "A place in the sun"—vision of the future, recognizing health goes beyond the individual and is a community affair.

Water Bonds Not To Mean Tax Increase

Murphy Town Council this week asked the Local Government Commission in Raleigh to approve the issuance of \$190,000 in bonds to finance the town's proposed water system improvements.

There was no doubt that the Commission would approve the request.

Officials from Murphy were in Raleigh several weeks ago and met with the Commission to study the town's tax structure and financial standing. The local officials were told then that a request to issue the bonds would probably be granted.

The town's move for a better water system came after an official of the State Health Commission termed Murphy's water "unfit to drink."

NO TAX INCREASE

Town officials were quick to point out this week that the new bonds would not mean an increase in taxes. Auditors for the town and state and the Local Government Commission said the new bonds could be paid off without an increase in town taxes.

Some much-needed improvements planned for the water system include a new storage plant, new filter beds, reworking of supply pipes for stronger pressure and other furnishings and equipment.

A bond election to decide on the issuance will be called later this summer.

Old FF Warehouse Being Torn Down

Construction of the new brick and cement block Farmers Federation warehouse will start about July 5, Don Ramsey, local warehouse manager, said.

Meanwhile the old warehouse is being torn down and moved off the property. The new building will be erected where the old building stood.

The new structure will be 45 feet wide and 145 feet long with a 28 foot by 50 foot wing.

The Farmers Federation warehouse will carry on business in the Old Brendle Feed location while the new building is being constructed.

J. M. Hughes and Son of Murphy was awarded the general contract.

Farmers Federation Picnic Set Sat.

More group singing, better entertainment, practical talks on farming and the best free lemonade and watermelon available are promised for the annual County Farmers Federation picnic to be held Saturday, July 16 at Peachtree School beginning at 10 a. m., the Federation said today.

James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation which is observing its 35th Anniversary this summer, has announced that a special \$10 prize for the best local act will be awarded at the picnic. James McClure Clarke, executive vice president, will be master of ceremonies.

All musicians, dancers, singers, choirs and quartets are especially invited to attend.

Panhandle Pete and his one man band act will be on hand again as well as the Mimosa Boys from Morganton featuring Joe Franklin and his guitar and Darryl Petty and his dynamic piano playing. Alex Houston, popular ventriloquist, is expected to perform at most of the picnics.

STORY HOUR TODAY

Mrs. Marie Davis will tell the stories at the children's story hour at the library today (Thursday) at 10 a. m.

All children who like stories are invited to attend.

MISS SOUTHWESTERN N. C. CONTEST WINNERS



MISS MULKEY Miss Southwestern N. C. MISS MCGUIRE Miss Andrews Runner-Up MISS DAVIS Miss Murphy MISS ENGLISH Miss Murphy Runner-Up

The four young ladies pictured here are the Andrews and Murphy girls holding the new titles from Miss Southwestern North Carolina beauty contest July 4 at Andrews. Miss Betty Mulkey was crowned "Miss Southwestern N. C." with Miss Joyce Stratton of Robbinston, Va. as runner-up in the contest. Miss Mulkey was also named "Miss Andrews", with Miss Dorcas Ann McGuire as Miss Andrews Runner-up. Miss Judy Davis was winner as "Miss Murphy" with Miss Linda English as "Miss Murphy Runner-up". Miss Mulkey, a recent graduate of Western Carolina College, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mulkey of Andrews. Miss McGuire graduated this spring from Andrews High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGuire of Andrews. Both Miss Davis and Miss English are sophomores at Murphy High School and are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Everett English of Murphy.