

Van Raalte Hosiery Plant To Close March 30th

Four Killed, Four Injured In Two-Car Collision Here

Four persons were killed and four others injured, one critically, in a two-car collision late Sunday afternoon on Highway 60 at Culberson.

Dead are Hansel Lee Hawkins, 40; his wife, Maggie, 38; their infant son, Lewis, 2; and Ed Brown 50, all of Culberson.

Still in critical condition at Providence Hospital is Robert Earl Kincaid of Blue Ridge, 19-year-old Air Force private, and sole occupant of one of the cars involved in the collision.

Also injured and reported in fair condition at Providence Hospital were Junior Hawkins, 13, and Jean Hawkins, 10, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, and Mrs. Ed Brown.

Mrs. Hawkins and her two-year-old son were killed outright in the crash. Mr. Brown died Sunday night about 9 and Mr. Hawkins died late Monday afternoon.

The Kincaid youth suffered a fractured skull, a punctured lung and compound fracture of the left leg. The other survivors received cuts and bruises.

The accident occurred when the car carrying the Hawkins family and Mr. and Mrs. Brown, with Mr. Hawkins driving, attempted to turn left into Owenby's Store and turned into the path of the vehicle driven by Kincaid.

Funeral services for Mr. and

Mrs. Hawkins and their son were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

The Rev. George Whison officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Ray and Junior; one daughter, Imogene; Mr. Hawkins parents, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Hawkins of Culberson; and two sisters of Mr.

Hawkins, Mrs. Lando Cearley and Miss Blanche Hawkins of Culberson, Route 2.

Mrs. Hawkins is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Ed Brown and Mrs. Raff Buchanan of Culberson, Route 2 and Mrs. Joe Southers of Atlanta.

Funeral services for Mr. Brown are incomplete pending the arrival here of all of his family.

County Commission Orders Exchange Of Real Estate Recorded At Tax Office

At a special meeting February 18, the Cherokee County Commissioners instructed the Register of Deeds not to record any exchanges of real estate until they had first been submitted to the Tax office.

The move is designed to eliminate confusion caused by failure to record conveyance of real property in the Tax office.

In another decision, the Commissioners passed a resolution raising the commission of the delinquent taxes collector and received a report on a stronger rabies vaccine to be used by the County Health Department this year.

The Register of Deeds was instructed not to accept for recording any conveyance of property which had not been submitted to the person in charge of tax records.

The motion was made by Walter Dockery and seconded by E. L. Townson.

Elmer Collins told the Board that the commissions he was receiving were not sufficient to give reasonable compensation for the services he performed.

The Board ordered that he be paid 30 percent commission on all

Cherokee County Historical Club Holds Meeting

The Cherokee County Historical Club met Thursday night at 7:30 at the Murphy Library.

Mrs. C. R. Freel of Andrews announced that the book, "Cherokee County History" would be off the press around March 1.

Plans were discussed to have an autograph party for Mrs. Freel. The date and place is to be announced later.

Mr. Joe Ray, president, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Bunch Nugent.

Mr. Freed gave an interesting report on his visit to the North Carolina Historical Archives in Raleigh. He also talked about the rebuilding of Fort Butler in Mur-

The next meeting of the club will be in May.

taxes collected by him, except license taxes for which he is paid 20 percent.

The motion was made by E. L. Townson and seconded by Walter Dockery.

Dr. Robert King, County Health Officer, told the Commissioners that under a new ruling of the State Board of Health a stronger vaccine for rabies will be used on dogs this year which will last for three years instead of one.

Dr. King said that the new ruling would result in less expense to the County.

P. J. Henn Heads Murphy's Red Cross Drive

Mr. P. J. Henn of Murphy has been named city chairman of the 1957 Red Cross fund drive. He will be assisted by Mr. Sam Lee Davidson as rural chairman for the drive.

President Eisenhower, will make a television appeal for the drive Thursday night over most television networks.

Others working with Mr. Henn for the drive are: Mrs. W. E. Howell, Mrs. R. C. Mattox, Mrs. A. J. Headrick, Mrs. John Carringer, Mrs. Hobert McKeever, Mrs. Charle Johnson, Mrs. R. C. Fuller, Mrs. Olen McDonald, Mrs. W. A. Singleton, Mrs. Albert A. Wallace.

Mrs. Charles Hyatt, Mrs. John Jordan, Mrs. Ruth Walker, Mrs. Francis Bourne Jr. Mrs. Francis Bourne Sr. Mrs. Cloe Moore, Mrs. H. E. Dickey, Mrs. Ruth English, Mrs. H. Bueck, Mrs. J. A. Morris, Mrs. Helen Moody and Mrs. Arnold seeking.

The Revs. Potter and Maxwell Francis Bourne, Jr., H. E. Bishop, Kiffin Craven, Bob Easley, W. A. Singleton, Boyd Davis, Don Ramsey, C. E. Hyde, C. W. Arnold, John Gill, H. L. McKeever, Joe Ray and Joe Moody.



TRUDY'S GRAND OPENING: More than 2,000 persons attended the grand opening of Trudy's new Store Friday and Saturday, Mrs.

Loren Davis, owner of the store said that the opening sale was very successful.

Murphy Teams Lose Tourney; Win Conference Awards

The Murphy boys placed second in the Smokey Mountain Conference Tournament, losing to Swain High 47-59 in the final at Robbinsville Friday, February 22. The girls defeated the Swain High sextette for the consolation trophy at Bryson City February 23 after being defeated by Hayesville in the semi-finals February 21.

Guy Sutton, superintendent of Graham County Schools opened the Friday night presentation ceremony with the statement "Some lose, some win, that's the game of life." The Murphy teams lost the championship trophies but they won more awards than any other school in either division of the Smokey Mountain conference.

To Coach Ike Olson came the coveted best coach award for the boys team. The boys basketball team won the first place trophy of the western division of the conference and the runner-up trophy for the tournament. Austen Coffey and Hoyt Zimmerman accepted the awards. Laura Bailey and Shirley Allen accepted the consolation

prize for the Murphy sextettes.

Other awards presented at Robbinsville were first place, Swain; consolation; Eastern division championship outstanding tournament player, Blaine Presley of Cullowhee; sportsmanship, Cullowhee. The awards for the girls tournament at Bryson City went to Andrews, championship; Hayesville, runner-up; Joe Hicks of Cullowhee, coach of the year; Swain High, sportsmanship; Mary Jo Deils of Hayesville, best player; Franklin, Eastern division championship; and Andrews, Western Division championship.

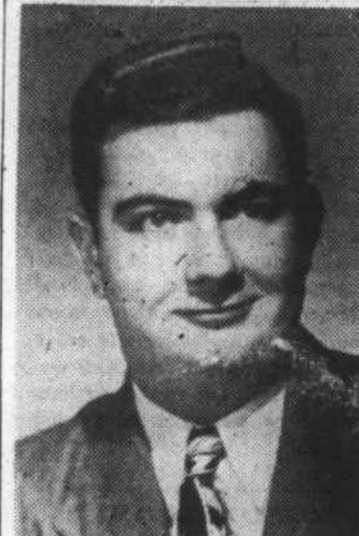
ALL CONFERENCE

Hoyt Zimmerman and Don Amos brought to Murphy the added honor of being the only school to have two boys placed on the All-Conference team. The team consisted of Kent Laughter, Andrews; Kenneth Cook, Robbinsville; Junior Rose, Hayesville; Don Amos, Murphy; and Hoyt Zimmerman, Murphy; from the western division. Of the Eastern division the boys were Budcy Brentall, Swain

High; Lawrence Johnson, Cherokee; Blaine Presley, Cullowhee; Willard Smith, Franklin; and Larry Queen, Sylva.

Members of the Western division of the girls; All-Conference team were Patricia Moore, Murphy; Roma Sawyer, Stecoah; Elizabeth

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THE REV. JOHN C. CORBITT

Rev. John Corbitt Accepts Illinois Pastorate

The Rev. John C. Corbitt has accepted a call to the Second Baptist Church in Marion, Ill., where he will serve as pastor.

A native of Anna, Illinois, the Rev. Corbitt is a graduate of the University of Southern Illinois with a B.B.S. degree and holds a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.

While in Andrews, Mr. Corbitt served as Scoutmaster for the Andrews Boy Scout Troop. During the four years he served the Andrews church a large number of additions to the church family has been noted and marked growth in the remodeling of the church building.

The Rev. Corbitt tendered his resignation effective March 1, and he and his family plan to leave for Illinois on Thursday.

Mrs. Corbitt is the former Miss Gretchen Johnson of Clinton, also a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill and Meredith College, Raleigh. Prior to her marriage she also served as associational missionary in neighboring associations.

The Corbitts have four children, Nathan, 6; Alzada, 5; Gretchen, 3; and Rebecca, 8 months.

The Rev. and Mrs. Corbitt were honored with a going-away party in the parlors of the church on Wednesday evening. They were presented a large number of gifts from the various organizations of the church.

ANDREWS HIGH QUINTET SMOKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE CHAMPS

The Andrews girls basketball team retained their Smoky Mountain Conference title as they won the SMC tournament for the third consecutive year.

In the finals at Bryson City Saturday night the Andrews team met Hayesville in the big game. It was Hayesville that had given Andrews the only loss of an otherwise perfect season, beating them by two points on the Hayesville floor in the final game of the regular season.

However, the Andrews team proved their merit as they won the finals with a convincing 10 point margin, 82-72.

In the first quarter, it was basket for basket with the Andrews score by all three forwards while Liz Zimmerman, 6 foot scoring star of the Hayesville team, hit 7 of Hayesville's 9 field goals.

In the second period Zimmerman sank two to put Hayesville in front 4 points. Andrews, Gail Anderson hit for two and Katherine Sursavage added two to tie it up. Zimmerman scored all of Hayesville's points in the quarter, while Anderson, Sursavage and Carolyn West all three were scoring to pull in front 38-42 at the half.

In the first minute of the third period, Zimmerman scored two field goals and Andrews missed, tying the game once more 42-42. That was the turning point of the game, for in the next two minutes Andrews pulled ahead by 5 points. They had increased the lead to 11 points, 48-59 with 2 minutes remaining in the quarter. At the end

of the period it was Andrews 52-65. During this period, the Andrews guards, Vickie Derreberry, Wanda Kay Moose and Mattie Angel so effectively bottled up Zimmerman that her scoring became ineffectual.

In the final period, it was Andrews all the way. Hayesville's Lulu Belle Dills and Ruth Stanley were hitting and the scoring for both teams rolled up but it was mostly basket for basket and Hayesville was unable to overcome the third quarter difference.

Individual scoring was as follows. Gail Anderson 29, Carolyn West 20, and Katherine Sursavage 33 for an Andrews total of 82. Liz Zimmerman accounted for 49, Lulu Belle Dills for 14 and Ruth Stanley 9 for a total of 72.

Five Cases Tried In Cherokee Recorder's Court

Garland Frankum was tried in Cherokee County Recorder's Court Monday for aiding and abetting to arson and larceny. Frankum was accused of being with the 16-year-old youth charged with breaking into and accidentally setting fire to Peachtree School on February 11.

Both Frankum and the youth are still in Cherokee County jail and the case will go to the Superior Term of Court in April.

Other cases tried Monday included one drunk driving; one aiding and abetting to drunk driving; one for speeding and one no operators license.

Cherokee County Folks

By Annetta Bunch

Mrs. Ben L. Fox, a former school-teacher, has been in the florist business for approximately 14 years. Until three years ago she operated her business in her home.

Now she has a modern building near her home where she can more adequately carry on her interesting work.

Being a natural lover of flowers, she enjoys creating an arrangement or effect that is pleasing to herself and others.

She makes beautiful corsages, basket arrangements, funeral wreaths, wedding bouquets and arrangements for any occasion.

She generally knows first hand of many of the weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, deaths or illnesses in the community.

She attended schools for florists in Orangeburg and Bamberg, S. C. She is a member of the South-eastern Florist association and also the Tennessee Florist Association.

Mrs. Fox was reared in Cherokee County and has taught in schools in many sections of the county including Martins Creek, Peachtree,



MRS. BEN L. FOX

Grape Creek, Boiling Springs, Hot House and other. Because of failing health she gave up her teaching career.

Mrs. Fox and her husband, Ben, live on Peachtree Street in Murphy.

Each has children by a former marriage.

Reading is her hobby.

Mrs. Mary E. Sneed Dies Tuesday Of Gunshot Wound

Mrs. Mary Emma Sneed, 36 of Route 2 near Murphy was fatally wounded Tuesday morning around 10:45 at her home, apparently from a self inflicted bullet from a 410 gauge pistol, according to Sheriff Claude Anderson.

A daughter, Mrs. Quince Quinn and Mrs. Sneed's husband Alvah were in the house at the time. Mr. Sneed is employed by the Townson Lumber Company on the night shift and was asleep when sound of the shot awakened him. They both ran out and found Mrs. Sneed lying about 50 to 75 yards away from the house, Sheriff Anderson said.

According to Cherokee County Coroner J. C. Townson, a note was found on Mrs. Sneed, but the contents were not revealed.

Mrs. Sneed is survived by her husband and four children, two sons, James Edward who is in the service, Harold of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Quinn and Genevieve.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, pending the arrival of her son from Mississippi.

Exterminating Co. Opens Office Here

The Pestroy Exterminating Company has opened offices over Crawford Tire Company in the Evans building.

Mr. M. J. Young, company president, said that G. H. Wyatt will be manager of the Murphy office.

Mr. Wyatt, he said, has over 15 years' experience in termite control and is well qualified to fill the position.

Lawrence House will also be associated with the company as crew foreman.

Marble Church Holds Dedication Service

A dedication service of the new Pastor's home of the Marble Baptist Church will be held Sunday at the 11 o'clock service.

The Rev. Charles Ginn, pastor, invites the public to attend this service, dedicating this beautiful home valued at approximately \$10,000.

REDUCED OUTPUT FORCES CLOSING SAYS PLANT HEAD

The Van Raalte Hosiery plant in Murphy, which employs 50 persons, will close March 30.

E. W. Maebert of Blue Ridge, Van Raalte Southern plants manager, said that it would be necessary in the "interests of economy" to close the plant and do all of the company's finishing work at the Athens, Tennessee, plant.

Conditions during the past two years have made a reduction of production necessary, he said; resulting in the company having to lay off many employees.

With the reduced production, the Athens plant could easily handle all finishing work. He added that the hosiery company owns the Athens building outright, while the building which house the Murphy plant is rented.

Mr. Maebert said that the Murphy plant was being closed with "extreme regret because the Murphy Van Raalters have made excellent employees and have done a wonderful job."

The Murphy hosiery mill was opened in 1949 when the finishing plants at Athens could not accommodate the work turned out by the company's four knitting plants at Athens, Blue Ridge, Bryson City and Franklin.

Mr. Maebert said that letters had been written to the individual employees explaining the decision to close the plant.

School Reading Clubs Hold Meeting

The Reading Clubs of Murphy school held their meetings in the school library last week.

Jane Whitley, president of the fourth grade club, heard book reports, the one given by Thomas Rowland was voted the best.

Book reports by Jimmy Jordan Judy Hall, Betty McDonald and Margie Foster were heard by Adinah Brown, president of the Fifth grade club.

Patricia Crawford, president of the sixth grade club, heard book reviews by Lamar Haggard, Wanda Thompson, Caroline Bates, Leroy Smith and Jerry Dickey.

Book reviews were made by Brenda Quinn, Ray Elliott, Joanne Sneed, Sue Johnson and Jimmy Kimsey, president of the seventh grade club.

The Junior Tarheel Historians met with Joe Craig, president. An important business session was held after which a program on famous Tarheel Women was given.

Murphy Couple Appear On TV Show "The Big Payoff"

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart McKeever of Murphy, vacationing in New York, were guests on the television program, "The Big Payoff," Monday afternoon.

They first appeared on the show Friday and when time ran out were asked to come back. They went all the way and were stumped only by the last question.

Mrs. McKeever received a complete spring wardrobe including, suits, hats, dresses, shoes, bags, gloves and other accessories.

Observance Of World Day Of Prayer Be Friday March 8

A committee of women from the churches in Murphy met this week and made plans for a joint observance of the World Day of Prayer, March 8.

The observance will be held Friday, March 8 at 3:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church.

The Episcopal and Presbyterian Church bells will ring at 3 o'clock and the chimes at the First Methodist Church will play immediately afterwards. Special music will be given at the observance.

Rev. Smith, To Speak At Andrews First Baptist Church

The Rev. M. D. Smith of Cedar will be guest speaker at Andrews First Baptist Church Sunday morning.