

## Thomas Evans Dies As Fire Hazes Home

### Dramatic Rescue Attempt Is Futile

Thomas Aster Evans Jr., burned to death in flames that destroyed his frame home on Hiwassee Street about midnight Monday.

Sylvester Geddis of Murphy made a desperate attempt to save the 41-year-old man but was forced back by the roaring flames.

At an inquest conducted Tuesday morning, Mr. Geddis testified that he was at a service station across the street from the Evans home when he spotted flames in an upstairs room.

He raced into the house and managed to make his way to Mr. Evans' bedroom.

He heard the man moving around inside. Then the flames forced Mr. Geddis back. He was in the burning house for 20 minutes but was hindered in his movements because there were no lights.

Firemen worked for about five hours but were unable to bring the blaze under control. They did manage to keep the fire from spreading to a nearby building.

The inquest jury ruled that Mr. Evans died by "accidental burning."

John W. Walker apparently was the last person to see Mr. Evans alive. He testified that he and Mr. Evans had supper together and he left about 9:45 p.m.

Cause of the blaze was not definitely determined, but the inquest jury was told that a book of matches were clutched in Mr. Evans' hand when his body was discovered. It was established that he did smoke.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church. Officiating were the Revs. R. T. Houts and C. A. Smith. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Edward Townson, Charles Johnson, Walter King, J. W. Walker, J. C. Townson, Wade Decker, Fred Johnson, and Bill Murray.

Mr. Evans was a son of the late Thomas and Myrtle Dickey Evans. He was a graduate of Murphy High School and attended Brevard College and the University of Tennessee.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Harry Ferguson of Sylva.

### Miss Hendrix To Graduate At Young Harris

YOUNG HARRIS, Ga. — Margaret Nell Hendrix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hendrix, Route 1, Murphy, is a candidate for graduation from Young Harris College on Saturday, June 4.

She will receive the Associate of Arts degree at exercises held in the college gymnasium at 11:00 a. m.

Former Governor of Georgia E. D. Rivers will be the graduation speaker, and the Rev. W. Thomas Smith, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Atlanta, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 29, at 11:00 a. m.

Ninety-five students are candidates for graduation during this, the seventy-fourth commencement season at Young Harris College.

## Murphy Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 19

7:30 P.M.—The Woman's Club will have their dinner meeting at the New Regal Hotel.

7:30 P.M.—The Cherokee County Historical Society will meet in the Murphy Power Board Building.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

8:00 P.M.—There will be a Tri-County speaking at the Court House. Speaker will be John D. Larkins.

8:00 P.M.—Miss Mildred Heaton of Andrews will present her pupils in a dance recital at the Murphy School Auditorium.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

2:00 P.M.—There will be a Democratic County Convention held in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse.

MONDAY, MAY 23

6:30 P.M.—The Rotary Club will meet at the Family Restaurant on Andrews Road.

7:30 P.M.—Mrs. Tom Axley will present her music pupils in a recital at the Little Auditorium at the Grammar School Building.

8:00 P.M.—The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. R. T. Houts Jr. with Miss Adella Meroney as co-hostess.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

2:30 P.M.—The Lottie Moon Circle of the First Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. P. C. Hyatt.

2:30 P.M.—The Mae Perry Circle of the First Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. John C. O'Dell.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

6:45 P.M.—The R. A.'s will meet at the First Baptist Church.

7:30 P.M.—Mid-week service at Presbyterian Church.

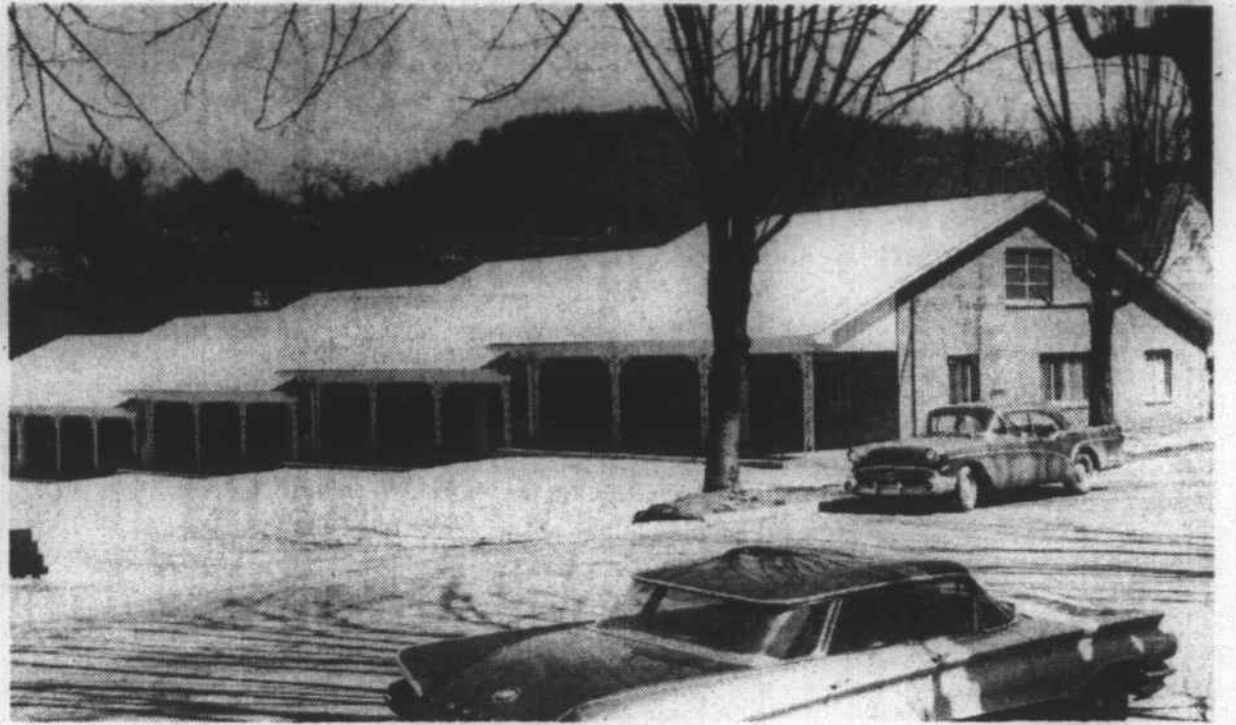
7:30 P.M.—Mid-week service at First Methodist Church.

8:00 P.M.—Hour of Power First Baptist Church.

8:30 P.M.—Choir practice at Presbyterian Church.

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(Photo by Smiley's Studio)

### MURPHY'S NEW PROFESSIONAL BUILDING PLANS OPEN HOUSE

The Professional Building, Murphy's newest and most modern office building, plans to hold an open house Sunday afternoon, May 22, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. The Professional Building is the new home for the offices of Dr. Geo. W. Dyer, Chiropractor, McKeever and Edwards, Attorneys, Dr. Wm. T. Gossett, Optometrist and Herman H. West & Co.

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RICHARD BAGLEY

### Richard Bagley Member Of WCC Class

Richard (Ricky) Bagley, tenth grade student at Hiwassee Dam School, was among the highest thirty applicants for the Western Carolina College Biology Class for superior tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students and has been selected as a member of the class.

There were approximately one hundred nominations for this class from all over the state. Nominees were screened as to group intelligence tests, grades, standardized achievement test scores, and social and emotional development. Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Bagley of Route 4, Murphy, is an amateur photographer. He also has a keen interest in sports.

### Young Harris To Present 'Picnic'

YOUNG HARRIS, Ga. — Young Harris College's Delta Gamma Drama Society will present "Picnic," William Inge's Pulitzer Prize winning play, on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 20-21, at eight o'clock in the Susan B. Harris chapel.

This play will be done in arena style, an entirely new conception in stage productions for the Delta Gammas.

In the lead roles will be Vic Aderhold, Atlanta, as Hal Carter, Angela Avant, Sandersville, who plays Madge Owens, and Sandra Carey, Deland, Fla., as Rosemary Sydney.

Others in the cast are Dewey Dempsey, Warner Robins, Julia Berens, Marietta, Paula Mitchell, Douglasville, Julia Pennington, Gordon, Doug Mitchell, Fayetteville, Ollie Sue Gainous, Pelham, Joan Beachler, Atlanta, and Ed Nichols, Clarksville.

Sam Baker, director of dramatic activities at Young Harris, will direct the play. Chuck Stanley, of Marietta, is assistant director and Dale Spencer, of Rossville, is stage manager.

### School Girl Injured In School Bus Accident

Carol Gladson, 17, of Rt. 2, bound for Hiwassee Dam School, Culbertson was slightly injured Tuesday morning when the school bus in which she was riding ran off the road and into an embankment. Part of the steering mechanism of the bus separated or fell off thus causing the accident.

The school bus was driven by the injured girl's brother, Donald Jerry Gladson, 18. The bus was

Carol received a bruised back when she was thrown from the seat into the door handle of the bus. She was taken to the Copper Basin Hospital. After x-rays, she was released and her parents took her home.

Patrolman R. H. Ensey investigated the accident.



ATTEND JORDAN GET-TOGETHER

Cherokee County was well represented at a "Jordan For Senator" get-together held in Waynesville Monday night. Shown above with Senator B. Everett Jordan are Percy B. Ferebee, Charles O. Van Gorder, Senator Jordan, Hobart L. McKeever, W. D. Whitaker, and A. B. Chandler Jr. The twenty counties of W.N.C. represented at the meeting gave the Senator a report of overwhelming strength in the coming Democratic primary.

### Area Citizens Give 49 Pints Of Blood

At the recent Blood Mobile, held at the Power Board Building, 49 pints of blood were donated by area citizens.

"We had a pretty good turnout this time but the number of pints donated certainly did not set a record. Actually, 49 pints is the best we have done here in the last year," said Robert Weaver, chairman of the local chapter of the Red Cross.

Local doctors and nurses assisted at the blood drive. Red Cross workers from Asheville were also present.

Those who donated blood on May 5, were: Miss Dorothy Hensley, Miss Lotela Tarbin, Charles Ware, Claude Stiles, Fred Ware, Jerue Babb, Miss Roma Taylor, William Thomas, Jack Lemons, Mrs. Gladys Lemons and Jack Ford.

Also: Howard Ledford, Wilma Pope, George Bidstrop, Hobert McKeever, Lynn Gault, John Lockmann, Doyle C. Burch, Frank Forsyth, Mrs. Carole Queen, Mary R. Hensley, John S. Smith, Mrs. Lois Mull, Harold Hatchett, Noah Hembree, Enoch Hogsed, Miss Bonnie Ledford, Mont H. Reece, Mrs. Beulah Ledford and Mrs. Edythe Howard, and Francis Bourne, Jr.

Also: Frank Ingram, Jr., Randolph Cright, Hubert Thomas, David Johnson, Jerry Anderson, George Allen, Mack Hawkins, James Edward Allen, Mrs. John Donley, Mrs. Catherine Hawkins, Arvel Quinn, Chester Lawson, Lucius Lochaby, Ray Joseph, Miss Dale Sudderth, Wallace Williams, Donald Ramsey and Don Arms.

Purpose is to select a county winner to represent Cherokee County at District Demonstration Day in Asheville.

### Talent Show To Be Held Tonight

Cherokee County 4-H Talent Show will be held May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Murphy Elementary School Auditorium.

Any 4-H'ers who want to participate please contact Mr. Hugh Ables, assistant agricultural agent or Home Economics Agents office.

Jack Dickey, county chairman will preside.

### Democratic Convention To Nominate Saturday

Delegates to the Cherokee County Democratic Convention will meet May 21, at 2 p.m. in the courthouse to nominate candidates for the November election.

Nominations will be made for State Representative, county surveyor, township officers and County Board of Education.



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(Scout Photo)

Only Shell Remains, End Near

### Grange Master Tells Of Problems In Rural Areas

Harry B. Caldwell, North Carolina State Grange Master, spoke at a Grange meeting at Ranger school, May 11.

Grange members were present from Granges at Peachtree, Martins Creek, Shoal Creek and Ranger. Robbinsville Grange members were also present.

A covered dish dinner was served before the program.

Mr. Caldwell spoke of the many problems facing rural America today. Cherokee County suffered a farm income loss of nearly a

million dollars in 1959, according to Mr. Caldwell. He said that about half of that loss was in poultry alone. Mr. Caldwell pointed out that such a drop in income was felt throughout the economy of Cherokee County.

Mr. Caldwell is active in presenting the Grange legislative program to the General Assembly and to Congress.

The State Grange is a member organization of the United Forces for Education.

### Fred Bates Jr. Announces As Candidate For House

Fred O. Bates, Jr. of Murphy has announced, subject to the Democratic convention, as a candidate for the post of representative to the General Assembly from Cherokee County. The Democratic convention is scheduled to meet Saturday, May 21, at 2 p.m. in the Court House.

Mr. Bates will oppose incumbent Mrs. Lillian Cover of Andrews for the nomination.

Mr. Bates is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and

is married to the former Arwilda Ann Grant. The Bates have three children.

Mr. Bates served as an officer with the Army during the Korean conflict.

Fred Bates, 32, has been a life-long resident of Murphy except for the periods while attending college and serving with the Army. He is the son of Mrs. Bertha Lovingood Bates and the late F. O. Bates of Murphy.



### DECLAMATION CONTEST WINNER

Winston Craig is shown receiving the first place ribbon in Declamation Contest held last Thursday at Murphy High School. Mrs. Davidson, president of the Cherokee County Historical Society, is shown pinning the ribbon. Winston is a senior at Murphy High. The title of Winston's speech was "Black Horse and His Rider." He will receive a medal at graduation exercises to be held May 31. Second place went to Phil Mattox, and Bobby Weaver won honorable mention. The contest is sponsored annually by the American Legion and the Historical Society.

### For Governor

### Larkins To Make Campaign Speech In Murphy Friday

John D. Larkins, Jr., candidate for governor, will make a campaign speech for the Tri-county area of Clay, Cherokee, and Graham Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Cherokee County Court House in Murphy.

Mr. Larkins is expected to arrive at the Andrews-Murphy airport around 9:30 a.m. Friday. Mrs. D. L. Wells, Jr. of Wallace, N. C. and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Townson of Murphy will accompany him.

Mr. Larkins is expected to visit in Andrews and to continue on to Graham and Swain counties. Mr. Larkins and his party are expected to arrive in Murphy late Friday afternoon.



JOHN D. LARKINS, JR.