

State Grange Plans Asheville Meet

The Sixth Degree session of the N. C. State Grange will be held on July 1 at the George Vanderbilt Hotel, Asheville, according to Robert W. Scott, Assistant to the State Grange Master. The session will begin at 8:00 p.m.

A contingent of Cherokee County Grange members will attend, according to F. B. Johnson, Cherokee County Grange Master and Deputy.

Earlier an announcement was made that the Degree would be conferred at the Central Methodist Church. The change was made by Buncombe County Grange leaders.

"We always enjoy meetings at the George Vanderbilt. We have held two State Grange sessions there and we know the facilities will be attractive and comfortable," said Scott.

State Grange officers and members of the Degree team will arrive in Asheville at noon on Friday, July 1. They will be greeted by several Buncombe County leaders who will participate on the Degree team. Included among the group are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Randall and Mrs. Hal Wells of Leicester and L. H. McKay of Flat Rock.

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Area Deaths, Funerals

MRS. BLANCHE CLONTS
Mrs. Blanche Gladson Clonts, 58, of Murphy Rt. 4, died at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, in a Murphy hospital after a long illness. She had been a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church since the age of 15.

Surviving are the husband, W. D. Clonts; three daughters, Mrs. Albert Taylor of Gastonia, Mrs. Ralph Reyfield of Murphy Rt. 4, and Mrs. Glenn Radford of Dorena, Ore.; a son, Lloyd of Murphy Rt. 4; six grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Bell of Copperhill, Tenn.

Services were held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in Oak Grove Baptist Church.

The Rev. Fred Stiles officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

VERN KISSELBURG
Vern L. Kisselburg, 54, of Cul-

bertson Rt. 2, died in a hospital here at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, following a heart attack.

He was a native of Cherokee County, a son of Mrs. Laura Kisselburg and the late Henry Lee Kisselburg. He had operated a welding business in Culbertson for the past 12 years.

Surviving in addition to the mother are the widow, Mrs. Nona Lingerfelt Kisselburg; a son, Ervan of Atlanta; two grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. L. W. Shields of Murphy, and Mrs. Everett Rice of Culbertson; and three brothers, Homer and Luther of Culbertson Rt. 2, and Pearlie of McCaysville, Ga.

Services were held Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Shady Grove Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

The Rev. Thomas Truett officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SIMMONS INFANT

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simmons of Cleveland, Tenn., died in a Cleveland hospital Thursday night, June 9.

Surviving in addition to the parents are a sister, Cecelia Kay of the home; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Simmons of Hacula, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Davidson of Murphy.

Services were held Friday in Sunset Cemetery.

Ivive Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JOHNNY ANDERSON

Johnny Anderson, 51, died at his home in Akron, Ohio, Sunday, June 12th.

He was a native of Cherokee County, a son of Mrs. Grovie Anderson of Culbertson and the late William Anderson, and had lived in Akron for the past several years.

Surviving in addition to the mother are the widow, Mrs. Opal

Lane Anderson; a daughter, Patsy of the home, three sons, Fred, Donald and Jimmy of Akron; two brothers, Sheriff Claude Anderson of Murphy and Hubert of Akron; and five sisters, Mrs. Beulah Beavers, Mrs. Maud Jones, Mrs. Ruby Vignes and Mrs. Hazel of Akron, and Mrs. Eulalia Voyles of Culbertson.

Arrangements, under the direction of Townson Funeral Home, were incomplete Tuesday night.

RALPH HUGHES

Ralph Hughes, 47, of Murphy Rt. 1, died at 6:15 a.m. Saturday, June 11, in a Murphy hospital after an illness of 14 years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mae West Hughes; a son, Jack, of the home; three brothers, Don and Robert Hughes of Murphy Rt. 1, and Joe of Franklin; and a sister, Mrs. Robert Barker, of Murphy Rt. 1.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church of which he was a member. The Rev. Lester Stowe officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Ivive Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Social Security Scores First In Cherokee County

By
Grady Grubbs,
Field Representative

George M. Shields of Route 1, Culbertson, N. C., is one Cherokee resident who can claim a real distinction: he is the first farmer in the county to qualify for social security disability payments based entirely on his farm coverage. April was the first month that these disability benefits were payable to farmers who had never before had any previous credits under the social security program.

When farm self-employment first became covered in 1955, George began to file his tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service. He paid regularly on his farm earnings up through 1959 when he finally became too disabled from heart trouble to operate his small farm. He and his wife, Flossie, worried about their

situation until one day they decided to find out about George's social security standing. Grady Grubbs, field representative who assisted them, explained to George that he must have worked at least 5 years out of the last 10 just before his disability began, and that he must have a severe condition which prevented any substantial work. Even though George was only 64, he filed a claim and presented his tax returns and proof of age for his wife, who was already 63. Mr. Grubbs gave him medical forms to be filled out by his doctor and also assisted him in getting proof of his own age from World War I draft records.

When all the various papers were completed, George's claim (and his wife's) were sent to a central reviewing office for final

approval of his disability and his farm earnings.

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