



Engagement Announced

Mrs. Minnie Stiles, wife of the late M. C. Stiles, announces the engagement of her daughter, Barbara, to Edgar Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Anderson. Wedding plans are incomplete.



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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer of Chapman, Kansas, former residents of Murphy and Andrews, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Anne, to Mr. James R. Tyndall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weston Tyndall, of Joplin, Missouri. An autumn wedding is planned.

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WASHINGTON -- This week Americans have celebrated the 185th anniversary of the birth of this nation. Amid the pleasures which the holiday always brings, there is an increasing awareness of the gravity of the Berlin problem. Since World War II we have fought one war and endured many crises in the Cold War with Russia. In typical American fashion we do not like to dwell long on grave problems. We like the quick solution so that we can focus our attention on the enjoyment of the benefits of the greatest society yet developed. We are learning yearly that there is no ready or easy solution to make it easy to live with Russia. Two facts stand out in the Berlin crisis. First, Communism is bent on enslavement of the world either by war or preferably by gaining its end through apathy, indecision, and lack of will. Second, Russia fears the reunification of Germany. East Germany has 18 million people living in it whose first allegiance is to a reunited Germany rather than their Communist puppet government. Russia has never forgotten that Germany could have defeated it except for Lend-Lease. At the same time Russia has never been grateful to the United States for this aid. Moreover, Russia sees a strong West Germany that has come back in the last five years to a position of greater productivity than before World War II.

SURVIVAL OF THE WEST—In the face of the Communist challenge two things are essential to the preservation of the Western World. First, we must keep strong militarily. I have sought to accomplish this objective during my service on the Senate Armed Services Committee. I should point out that military strength alone cannot save us. Second, our people must have a determined will and the right kind of spirit. We should not delude ourselves that foreign aid is going to save us, or that we can hope to get other nations to fight our battles for us, or that they are willing to fight for it. During the darkest hours of 1940 after years of apathy the British people under the inspired leadership of Winston Churchill showed this determined will. Several years ago I stood at Jamestown, Virginia and looked at the replicas of the frail little boats which brought the first courageous English settlers to America. I was impressed by the lesson taught by men and women who were willing to risk their lives in tiny crafts upon a boisterous ocean to found the nation we cherish. The Western World must try to negotiate reasonable settlements and solutions, but it should never negotiate through fear, apathy, or indecision in its course of action. We should never forget the advice Cromwell gave his men: "Trust in the Lord, but keep your powder dry."



Observe 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moore observed their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 2. They were entertained at a family dinner at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Walter Puett. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are descendants of pioneer families of Western North Carolina. Mrs. Moore is the daughter of the late Maggie Reece and Abraham Lincoln Johnson of Murphy. Mr. Moore is the son of the late Callie Caldwell and Thomas Covington Moore of Hayesville. Mr. Moore has been in business in Murphy since 1910 and has maintained an automobile business since 1919.



Deaths, Funerals

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HIWASSEE, GA. -- D. E. Denton, 80, of Hiwassee, Ga., died in his home at 6 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, after a long illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in Lower High-tower Baptist Church. The Rev. Boyd Hogsdon, the Rev. Emerson Davenport and the Rev. Sim Martin officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Mable Corn of Hiwassee, Mrs. Faye Watkins of Fletcher, Mrs. Claudine Ashe of Hendersonville, Mrs. Georgia Berrond of Canton, Ohio, Mrs. Willine Ownbey of Toccoa, Ga.; a son John Denton of Hiwassee, Ga.; a brother, Doll Denton; 21 grand children; and 17 great-grandchildren. Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. QUINICY CHAPEL Mrs. Quinicy Chapel, 59, of Rt. 2, Murphy, a member of Peachtree Baptist Church, died in her home Wednesday, June 28, after a short illness. Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday in LittleGlade Baptist Church. The Rev. Ham Coffey officiated and burial was in Old Martin's Creek Cemetery. Surviving are the husband, Robert Chapel; two sisters, Mrs. Lula Brown of Marble and Mrs. Flora Ogle of Knoxville, Tenn.; and two brothers, Mark and Arthur Garrett of Murphy. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ALDRIDGE INFANT TOMOTLA -- Graveside rites for Joseph Lynn Aldridge six day old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Aldridge, of Tomotla, who died at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in a Murphy hospital, was held at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Tomotla Cemetery.

The Rev. Raymond Carroll officiated. Surviving in addition to the parents are two sisters, Mrs. Mary Lou Queen of Murphy and Miss Martha Wells of Tomotla; and three brothers, Lewis, Larry and Johnny, also of Tomotla. Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BEN HILL BYERS HAYESVILLE -- Ben Hill Byers, 77, of Hayesville, died in a Hiwassee, Ga. hospital at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 4, after a short illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Union Hill Baptist Church.

The Rev. Sim Martin and the Rev. Boyd Hogsdon officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. Byers was a native of Clay County and was the son of the late Thad and Docia Hogsdon Higgins Byers. He was a farmer in the Tusquitee community and a member of Ledford's Chapel Methodist Church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Minnie Davis Byers; four daughters, Mrs. Kate Mather-son, of Belmont, Mrs. Sue McClure and Mrs. Ethel Hogsdon, both of Warne, and Mrs. Ruth Matherson of Piedmont, S. C.; three sons, Stoy of Hiwassee, Ga., Woodrow of Appamattox, Va., and Bee Byers of Tiger, Ga.; two step-sons, J. B. and Hillias Davis of Hayesville; two step-daughters, Mrs. Nell Matherson and Mrs. Blond Welch of Clayton, Ga.; 35 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bridge Parties Given

Mrs. Eva Nell Lauria, Mrs. Dot Cooper and Mrs. W. A. Wishon entertained with a dessert bridge party on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lauria. The home was decorated with Glads, greenery and Mums.

Mrs. B. W. Whitfield was winner of the high score. On Saturday evening they entertained with a bridge dinner at the New Regal Hotel. Around fifty guests were invited.

High score for the ladies was won by Mrs. Martha Lee, and low by Mrs. Maxine Gossett. Dr. Paul Hill was winner of high for the men and John Smith was winner of low.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Miller of Fayetteville and daughter, Miss Susie Miller of New Jersey, spent the Fourth of July week-end here. The Millers are former residents of Murphy.

Worms In Our Forest

Many land owners and visitors in Western North Carolina have been frustrated because there are untold millions of "worms" stripping the leaves from the hickory, oak, walnut, etc. In addition, these worms drop on a "thread" from the trees and are most unpleasant to anyone who walks into a wooded area. Many visitors to Western North Carolina have found conditions caused by these worms so unpleasant that they have moved on. The "worms" have several names (some unfit to publish) but such monikers as "inchworm," "spanworm," etc., are in common use. Regardless of the name one uses, this worm is the feeding stage of an insect that will, during the next week, change to a white moth. The insect is native to the eastern half of the U. S. and has on occasions developed into epidemics such as exist now. Normally this insect is kept under control by the weather and a host of other natural agents such as parasites and predators. Among the parasites is the big black fly that occurs in large numbers and at times is a nuisance. This insect has always been here and cannot harm people or animals other than to annoy them.

When nature fails to hold pests in balance, it often becomes necessary for man to enter the picture. It has been found that as little as one pound of DDT in one gallon of #2 fuel oil applied by airplane to one acre of wooded land will control the spanworm on that acre. Of the one pound of DDT applied only about 1/2 of this reaches the ground. If a helicopter is used, an even smaller amount of DDT in a gallon of fuel oil per acre is effective. In 1961 the U. S. Forest Service, Pest Control Branch, in cooperation with the N. C. National Forests Supervisor's Office used a TBM (bomber plane) to spray about 4,300 acres in the U. S. Forest Service's famous Hydrologic Laboratory near Farnkin, N. C. This plane carried 500 gallons of insecticide per load and put down a swath that was 300 feet wide on each pass over the area. In the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest near Robbinsville, N. C., a helicopter was used to spray about 1,700 acres. The helicopter has the advantage that it can land and take off from a very small area, and it is possible to spot in, and in general, place insecticides in a somewhat more specific manner than is possible with a fixed wing plane. However, the cost per acre to spray by helicopter is from two to four times as much as it is by fixed wing airplane.

What are some of the possible consequences if the infestation continues? It should be pointed out that in general the oaks, hickories, and other trees are damaged by the spanworm in 1961 will in most cases develop new leaves within a few weeks after the worm stops feeding. Defoliation is likely to cause substantial growth loss but it is uncommon for trees to die as a result of one or two years of defoliation. If defoliation occurs three or more years, then parts or entire trees will likely die. Defoliation will also result in the reduction or complete loss of acorns and other seed that are valuable for squirrels and other game animals. It has been reported that game fish feed extensively upon worms that fall into the streams and lakes. This challenges the fisherman to get bait that will attract a fish that has already filled its stomach with worms.

The worms will change into a snow white moth during the next week. The females fly but not as well as the males. The eggs are laid in a mass on twig of about finger size, within a few days after the moth emerges. These eggs remain unhatched for the remainder of the summer, fall and winter and will begin to hatch about the time leaves open in the spring. The young caterpillar is green in color and about 1/8 inch long. It eats small holes in the leaves of the trees. It remains on the under side of the leaf throughout its life. The caterpillar changes to a dark or black color as it matures. When the caterpillar or "worm" is full grown, it is about 1-1/2 to 2 inches long. During the last week of feeding, it eats more than it did the previous three weeks. The full worm stops feeding and begins to shorten and become thicker. At this time it tends to make a very loose web around itself. In this it changes to the pupa where it remains for about 10 days to two weeks. The full grown moth emerges from the pupal case. This starts a new cycle. In North Carolina many of the worms have already finished feeding and it appears that in a week to 10 days most, if not all, of them will stop feeding and change over to Pupae. In about a week the moths will start to come out, and later they will be present by the millions. Fortunately, those who go into the woods after the worms are gone will have only the thread-like webs to bother them. These webs will persist for some time. The moth does not feed on foliage, but their abundance may be a nuisance in some areas. However, they will be gone, too, around mid-July.

What lies ahead? What may be expected in 1962 is uncertain, but it seems likely that the number of insects and the acreage infested will be as great if not greater than it is in 1961. Inquires regarding the control of the spanworm as well as other insects and diseases that plague forest trees may be directed to the U. S. Forest Service, Pest Control Branch, Post Office Box 1211 Asheville, N. C.; or if you wish to make maysonal contact, the office is in Room 208, Flat Iron Building, Asheville, N. C. The phone is ALpine 4-5456.

Joint Worship Service

Murphy Methodist and Presbyterians held their opening joint service of the summer season Sunday night at the Methodist Church, with Robert A. Potter, Presbyterian minister, bringing the message upon the theme, "A Holy Nation."

The second service will be held at the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock this Sunday night, with the Rev. G. F. Womble, Methodist pastor, as the preacher. Members and friends of both congregations are cordially invited to these services, which are to extend through August.

Cherokee Rose Garden Club June Meeting

A program on flower arranging was given last week at the June meeting of the Cherokee Rose Garden Club, with Mrs. Walter Puett, program chairman, showing slides. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Robert A. Potter, hostess, Mrs. George Sizemore, president, presided over the business session.

N. C., Tennessee Committee To Study Tellico-Murphy Road

The governors of North Carolina and Tennessee were asked Monday, July 3, to appoint a joint committee to study the feasibility of a new highway from Tellico Plains, Tenn., into Western North Carolina.

The action was taken at a highlevel conference of officials from both states, including U. S. Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Rep. Roy A. Taylor of the 12th N. C. Congressional District.

The two routes in question are: 1. Tellico Plains to Murphy, by way of the Cherokee National Forest, 2. Tellico Plains to Robbinsville, by way of the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest and Lake Santealah.

Some 60 representatives from the two states met for five hours at Snowbird Mountain Lodge near Robbinsville to discuss the possibility of joint action on a road that would open up a new section of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. Sen. Kefauver suggested that the two governors appoint the study committee to look into all phases of the project and work closely with federal representatives since either route would go through national forest land. Kefauver said that he felt certain that if this area could be opened up with a highway it would become one of the greatest vacationlands in the United States, "surpassing even what we're doing in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park."

"I envision the time when highways on both sides of the mountain will be improved to give us a better system of roads across these mountains," Kefauver said. "The greatest thing we can do for the two sections of our two states would be to build such a road."

Rep. Taylor said that the project had appeal to him "since our forest facilities are inadequate and something needs to be done so that more people can visit them." "We've just begun to tap the great potential in our mountains," Taylor said, "and roads are the answer."

Herbert Bates, representing Gov. Buford Ellington of Tennessee, said that Tennessee had already paved a road from Tellico Plains to the North Carolina line and that if North Carolina would agree to build the section from the state line to Murphy, "our highway commission will make further improvements of our section as traffic demands."

W. E. Michaels of Tellico Plains, who has been promoting the Tellico Plains to Murphy road for five years, said that Bates' statement was "a clear message from the state of Tennessee as to its intention," and called upon North Carolina to answer.

Merrill Evans, chairman of the North Carolina State Highway Commission, declined to commit the SHC and said North Carolina has money troubles. "We have got a half-billion-dollar highway problem," Evans said. "That amount wouldn't pave our secondary roads and bring our primary roads up to reasonable safety. "We in North Carolina have got to have a tremendous lot of money before we can get into projects like this."

Evans said that the pressure on the SHC is to improve secondary and primary roads, "such as U. S. 64--a Model T road."

Much later, Evans, while saying he was in sympathy with the project, said that the state would do anything it could within the range of its possibilities and obligations but pointed out that these obligations were statewide.

Kefauver's suggestion of a joint N. C.-Tenn. commission was put into the form of a resolution to the two governors by Leonard W. Lloyd, state representative from Graham County. The resolution suggested that each of the governors appoint five members to the committee and that the committee be instructed to pursue all phases of the proposed project, including the possibility of securing federal funds to do the work.

Others attending the conference here included Cliff Benson, vice chairman of the N. C. State Highway Commission; Dr. Wallace Hyde, executive

secretary of the N. C. Democratic Party; Kelly Heffner, regional engineer of the U. S. Forest Service of Atlanta; P. J. Hanlon, supervisor of N. C. National Forests; State Sen. Frank Forsyth and H. A. Mattox of Cherokee; and various other area leaders from both states.

Andrews - A Reunion of the family of P. B. (Uncle Bent) Tatham was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Ellis, Sunday, June 25. Approximately 100 attended. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gladden of Bakersville, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barmore and children, Melinda, Mike and Bruce, of Whittier, Calif., Mr. W. B. Piercy Jr. and children, Patricia and Billy, of Torrance, Calif., Mr. W. B. Piercy Jr. and children, Patricia, Calif., Mrs. R. L. Whadey, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. John Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen of Panama City, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tatham and children, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Collins and children of Cleveland, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon King and children of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. W. H. Taylor of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart and children of Candler, Mr. Burgin Tatham of Gastonia, Mr. Tilman Lovin and Mrs. Ralph Wiggins of Bryson City, N. C., Mrs. Verlie Maxwell, Mrs. LaVerne Maxwell and son, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sheffey, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Elgry, Mr. Paul Loving, Mr. and Mrs. George Sheffey, all of Robbinsville. More than fifty local relatives and friends also attended.

Ray Sims, student at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and his roommates, Sam Bennett, of Ernowah, Tenn. spent the Fourth of July week-end with Mr. Sims' mother, Mrs. Lella Sims.

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