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Baptists Moving

Murphy's First Baptist Church, which dates back to the beginnings of the town and Cherokee County, will move to a new location next week.

This coming Sunday will be the last time for regular worship services and Sunday School at the old building on Peachtree Street, according to the First Baptist minister, the Rev. Woodrow Flynn.

There will be no Wednesday night service next week at the old church on Peachtree Street, the Rev. Mr. Flynn said, and the last church function there is set for Saturday evening of next week.

The congregation will gather at the old church for the last time at 7 p.m. on Saturday of next week, he said, and there will be a brief devotional service, which in effect will deconsecrate the old building.

Candles will then be distributed to the members of the congregation and lighted and the Baptists will then march in a sidewalk procession down the hill and across the Hiwassee River to the new church, under construction in the Bealtown section of Murphy.

The Rev. Mr. Flynn said a brief thanksgiving service will then be held at the new church. The first regular services at the new church will be held the following day, Sunday Oct. 11.

Worship services will be held in the fellowship hall of the new church, the minister said, which will seat 400 people. The new church sanctuary is not expected to be completed until January of next year.

Furniture from the old church will be moved to the new, he added, and a full Sunday School program will begin at the Bealtown site on Oct. 10. "We invite anyone in the area who wants to join us to make the walk," the Rev. Mr. Flynn added.

The Peachtree Street building and lot has been purchased by Wachovia Bank as the site for a new building.

Mayes Behrman, chairman of the church's History Committee, says the Baptist congregation was formed in Murphy "sometime between 1840 and 1845". The Cherokee County had been removed via the "Trail of Tears" in 1838 and Cherokee County was formed in 1839, carved out of what was then Macon County.

According to official records, the county government in 1845 deeded about four acres "for the use of the Baptist denomination for a place of worship and burying ground" in Murphy. The original church was built near the present site of the Imperial Laundry and it was a one-room wooden structure, capable of seating about 200 people.

Behrman said his research indicates that the Baptist church organized in Murphy with about 28 members and during the turmoil of the War Between the States, the membership is said to have dropped to one person. It swelled again after the war and now is about 600.

The original one-room church, with several additions, served until the 1920's. The impressive brick structure on Peachtree Street was then erected and the congregation moved into it in 1926.

The new First Baptist Church in Bealtown when completed, will represent an investment of more than \$500,000.

In addition to the furnishings moved from the Peachtree Street church, members will also be familiar with the windows - the stained glass has been removed from the old church and will be used in the new buildings.

Governor Appoints Tri-County Trustees

Gov. Bob Scott this week announced the appointments of four new members to the Board of Trustees of Tri-County Technical Institute.

Appointed to serve a two-year term expiring June 30, 1973, was Kyle Beal of Hayesville. Beal is owner of the Beal Furniture and Carpet Mart in Hayesville.

Appointed to a four-year term expiring June 30, 1975, was Don Gregory of Robbinsville. Gregory is Deputy Executive Director of the Four Square Community Action, Inc. in Andrews. He directs and coordinates all projects and program accounts sponsored by this organization.

Appointed to six-year term expiring June 30, 1977, was Ty W. Burnette, the Mayor of Andrews. Burnette is owner and manager of the Valleytown Insurance Agency in Andrews.

Appointed to serve an eight-year term expiring June 30,

1979, was Mrs. John B. Carringer of Murphy. Mrs. Carringer is a housewife and substitute high school teacher.

Holland McSwain, who heads the Peachtree school, said Tri-Tech was made an independent unit along with about 14 other technical schools by a special act of the North Carolina Legislature this year. Before that, it had operated under the Cherokee County Board of Education.

"We'll now handle our own affairs," McSwain said. "And this will make us eligible for federal funds we were not eligible for before."

He said under the act passed by the legislature, there will be 12 trustees, where there had been eight before. They will be named by the governor, who will appoint four, and the county commissioners and the board of education, who will name four apiece. H.A. Mattox is presently chairman of the Tri-Tech trustees.

Presbyterian Anniversary

The Murphy Presbyterian Church celebrated its 75th Anniversary with 140 people attending the celebration. The Rev. Robert A. Potter, a former pastor of the church preached the sermon "God's Own People" at the 11 o'clock service.

Dr. Hoyt Evans, executive secretary of the Asheville Presbytery, returned thanks for the noon meal held in the Westminster Building.

The afternoon program

which began at 1:30 was conducted by Mrs. Marcella Smith. "Uncle Peck" Hyatt reminisced of the days when his grandfather, J.D. Abbott, was building the church sanctuary. Hyatt, then a young lad of 13 had a rope hitched around his middle and with the help of a block and tackle on the roof, "played like a horse" as he pulled all the shingles up on the roof.

Among the many friends and guests attending were the Rev. Robert A. Radamaucher, pastor of the St. Williams Catholic Church and several nuns from the Providence Hospital. Many members, former members and friends renewed old friendships and shared together in one of the most exciting and meaningful days in the life of the church.



Cattle Riders

Two young chickens, lost in a sea of cattle, took refuge on the back of a Black Angus steer on Monday at the livestock barn in Bealtown. More

than 800 head of cattle were sold by area farmers at the fourth annual Upper Hiwassee Feeder Calf Sale. (Staff Photo)

Courthouse Repairs

Scaffolding at the front of the Clay County Courthouse is evidence of the repair work now underway on the historic structure. Workmen at various places on the scaffolding when this picture was made last week

were Danny Grant, Earl Davenport Jr., Robert L. Jones, Samuel Morris, Emerson Davenport, Otis Cothren, Cliff Dills and Robert Sams. (McInturff Photo)

800 Cattle Are Sold; Prices 'Tickle' Farmers

The fourth annual Upper Hiwassee Feeder Calf Sale was held in Murphy on Monday, with more than 800 bawling beef cattle brought in for sale by farmers of Clay, Cherokee and Graham in North Carolina and Union, Towns and Fannin counties in Georgia.

The Murphy Livestock Auction Co. yard in Bealtown was bumper-to-bumper with cattle trucks all day Monday as the animals were unloaded and graded.

And more than \$100,000

changed hands that night as buyers for large out-of-state cattle companies purchase the cattle. A few area feedlot operators bought calves but the bulk of cattle was purchased by firms from Ohio, Mississippi and Georgia.

The steers and heifers had to weigh a minimum of 300 pounds apiece and animals up to a year old were accepted for sale. They were grouped together according to grade and weight and sold in lots.

County farm agents said farmers were "ticked to death with the prices" paid by the buyers, noting that they were generally higher than prices prevailing on the regular livestock auction markets.

Steers graded good and choice weighing from 300 to 350 pounds brought prices ranging from \$38.50 to \$40 per hundredweight; those weighing from 350 to 400 brought \$37.25 to \$38.00; from 400 to 450, \$36.75 to \$38.10; from 450 to 500, \$36.80 to \$37.25; from 500 to 550, \$36 to \$36.50; from 550 up, \$32.25 to \$34.60.

Steers in the medium grade brought slightly lower prices, ranging from \$31 per hundredweight for animals weighing over 550 to \$41 per hundred for those in the 300 to 350 pound class.

The above prices were paid for the Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford, and various crosses. The Charolais steers, 32 in all, ranged from 300 to 600 pounds in weight and were sold for prices ranging from \$33.50 to \$39.75 per hundred.

The heifers in good and choice grades ranged from 300 to 600 pounds and prices ranged from \$29 per hundred for the older, heavier animals to \$33 per hundred for the 300-pounders. In the medium grade, the prices were somewhat lower.

There were 17 Charolais heifers, weighing from 350 to 550 pounds. They brought from \$28 to \$32 per hundredweight.

UF Officers Named, Drive Starts Soon

The Cherokee County United Fund, Inc. elected officers for another year in its annual meeting last week.

H.L. McKeever was re-elected as president and announced that he will appoint the 1971-72 Campaign Fund-raising Chairman in the next few days, as well as chairmen of regular campaign divisions.

McKeever, a Murphy attorney, has guided the Cherokee County United Fund successfully for the past several years, including a campaign two years ago which exceeded the goal and won the local drive a trophy for the best United Fund that year in North Carolina.

This year's fund-raising campaign will begin about Oct. 18, McKeever said, with a goal of about \$35,000.

The annual meeting was held on Thursday afternoon of last week at the American Thread Company offices in Marble. Officers of the nonprofit United Fund attended, as did its directors and invited guests.

Ray Pullium, who was elected as a vice president, was the only new face on the slate officers. Horace Cannon was re-elected as the other vice president and Tom Gentry was returned to his post as secretary and John Jordan was re-elected as treasurer.

New directors elected were Earl Johnston, Tom Gentry, Arthur Hays Jr., Alline Burch, Ty Burnette, Robert Heaton and William Coe.

The United Fund budget for 1972 was approved at the meeting, the agencies as follows:

- Boy Scouts, \$3,500; Girl Scouts, \$3,000; National Cystic Fibrosis, \$300; Murphy Combined Recreation, \$2,500; Lions Club White Cane, \$600; Murphy Christmas Cheer, \$600; State of Franklin Health Council, \$1,000; Mental Health Center, \$500; Murphy Kiddie Park, \$840.
- Andrews Rescue Squad \$2,500; Andrews Youth Recreation \$800; Andrews White Cane \$350; Andrews Christmas Cheer \$350; Andrews Midget & Mite Football \$400; Murphy Day Care Center \$500; Cherokee County Rescue Squad \$2,000; Cherokee County 4-H Clubs \$1,000; Carolina Sweethearts \$700; Cherokee County Community Development Council \$600; Andrews Little League \$600; American Red Cross \$4,000; Murphy High School Band \$750; Carolinas United (12 state charities) \$2,117.76.

Northwestern Branch Announced For Andrews

William T. Henson, Vice President of The Northwestern Bank in Bryson City, announced last week that Northwestern will open branches in Andrews and Robbinsville, N.C.

Henson stated that approval had been received from the State Banking Commission in Raleigh for these branches. The only remaining action necessary to initiate the operation is the review by the Federal Deposit Insurance Commission. Henson went on to say that these branches will be in operation within a few days following favorable FDIC review.

Henson explained that this is part of the continuing expansion program of Northwestern in this area. Northwestern feels that they can contribute to the needs of the people in the Southwestern North Carolina area by providing them with a choice in the true spirit of competitive operation.

No details concerning location and personnel have yet been officially disclosed.

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—Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Hampton
ANDREA DAWN PIPES
—Mrs. Robert T. Hunsucker
PATRICIA DENISE BETTIS
—Mr. & Mrs. Joe E. Bettis
TAMARA LYNN BARTON
—Mrs. Mary Frances Hughes
STEVE DOUGLAS LANEY
—Mr. & Mrs. Scott Laney
BACK ROW
JEFFREY PAUL STILES
—Mr. & Mrs. Arnold J. Stiles
MICHAEL SHANE STILES
—Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lee Stiles
PHILLIP EMORY SHIELDS
—Mr. & Mrs. Randall Shields
JOHN GARRISON GRIFFIN
—Mrs. Beulah Smith Griffin
FREDRICK JAMES SPRUNG
—Mr. & Mrs. James R. Sprung
GREGORY LEE BRUGH
—Mr. & Mrs. James H. Brugh
JEFFREY DONALD HUGHES
—Mr. & Mrs. James Don Hughes



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Courthouse Repaired

By Mrs. Neal R. Kitchens
Staff Writer

Operation Mainstream is serving a two-fold purpose in Clay County. First it is giving employment to many unemployed; but among the many worthwhile things that have been done, the Clay Courthouse, one of the oldest in the state, has had a complete face-lifting, inside and out. This old building is the hub of the

county. Transactions made here affect all the people.

According to Clay County Accountant, Robert C. Sams, the courthouse was built about 1888. He has asked many older people about the date of construction and they all seem to agree this is the correct date.

I talked to "Uncle Bud" Cherry who is 94. He said he was just a chunk of a boy in brogan shoes and hand-woven jeans, when he went to town with his father to watch the men

lay the bricks. His father told him the that "Uncle Cap" Anderson had the contract to build the new courthouse. He said about six men were working on it. He remembers Andy and Barris Lance were two of the crew. He also said there were two brick kilns, one was located just below Hayesville and the other one was at Fort Butler.

The walls of this old building are about two feet thick, with high ceilings which make it cool in the Summer. All the offices are on the ground floor and the courtroom is upstairs. On the outside a lot of ornamental woodwork was used under the overhanging eaves and on the steeple. When the courthouse was built, each office had a fire place where wood was used for heat.

Cuspidors (spitons) were as much a fixture as the doors. It was here that many yarns were told by tobacco-chewing men.

I can remember when round rubber mats were used under these cuspidors for many times the man missed his aim when he spat at them. I can also remember when the cuspidors were completely removed from the building.

I cannot remember when the open fireplaces were used for heat. Wood stoves were used during the many years I can remember. Wood was racked against the outside walls where it could be pulled through the windows. Most office holders tried to keep a small stack of kindling wood in the corner inside, in the event of rain or snow. This led to sooty, smoked walls. Almost five years ago, oil heat was installed which made much nicer, more comfortable working conditions.

Before the District Court System was established about four years ago, court was held only twice each year. Parking space was at a premium. The sheriff used a large hand bell with a handle to call the people into court. The chimes of this bell rang loud and clear from the upstairs window of the courtroom.

From one generation to another, the courthouse became older, more neglected and uglier. The paint was flaked on the inside walls, and the wood work on the outside walls had a smudgy, dirty look.

The cost of labor is a big item where a small county like Clay operates on a tight budget. This is where Operation

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Pat and Kenneth McDonald

... new owners of shoe and clothing store.

McDonalds Buy Shopping Center

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald are the new owners of Cherokee Shopping Center, where they both had been employed for several years.

The McDonalds bought out Tom Gentry, who sold the Cherokee Shopping Center but will continue to operate his Tom's Foot Store next door. Both stores are housed in the ground floor of the old Regal Hotel.

The McDonalds say the same honest business dealings established at Cherokee Shopping Center by Gentry will continue. They are celebrating the change in ownership with a special sale this week.

The store offers new and rebuilt shoes for all members of the family and clothing for men, women and children, with the clothing emphasis in the men's line.

Pat had been employed at Cherokee Shopping Center as clerk and Ken started working with Gentry 10 years ago as shoe repair man. He originally learned the shoe repair trade with his uncle Q.W. Loudermilk at the old City Shoe Shop, now out of business.

They are both natives of Murphy and live on US-64 West. They have one child, a daughter Sharon, 7 years old.