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## ROY M'ABEE, COPPERHILL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, DROWNS MAY 15

### FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY A. M. IN THIS COUNTY

WAS NEPHEW OF MR. AND MRS. BUNYON SMITH, OF MURPHY

The body of Roy McAbee, 17-year old Copperhill High School student, who was drowned last Thursday in the Oconee River, was brought to Murphy last Friday and laid to rest in the Hampton cemetery Sunday morning. Rev. J. L. Steele, pastor of the Murphy Baptist Church, conducted the services from Hampton Chapel at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Young McAbee was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. (Bunyon) Smith, of Murphy, and his people were former residents of this county.

The following story of the deplorable accident is taken from last week's issue of the Copperhill News.

Roy McAbee, age 17, member of the freshmen class of the Copperhill High School lost his life Thursday morning about 10:20 o'clock when he jumped from a small boat into the Oconee river, near the L. & N. station.

McAbee was in the attempt of crossing the river, going from the north side to the south side, when he became frightened and left the boat. He swam a short distance before going down.

A bunch of boys nearby saw him jump into the water and notified "Sally" Davis and W. L. Jones, who were close by. Mr. Jones tried to get the boy out but the water was too deep and swift, so he had to abandon the attempt. Davis, we understand, saw the boy and dived for him, but was unable to get hold of his body.

#### Becomes Frightened

Witnesses to the drowning said that McAbee became frightened when the boat started down stream and jumped. The boat never was upset.

The alarm was spread that a boy was drowned and in a few minutes the banks of the river were covered with people. The father of the boy, B. B. McAbee, upon securing a rope swam the river in order to stretch the rope so as to allow boys who, by this time, had secured bathing suits, to go into the water and hunt for the body. The current was so swift that the rope was broken. Frank Middleton swam back with the broken end and it was doubled. About ten boys jumped into the cold water and began searching for the body.

#### Body Found

Jane McGee, Winfred Arthur, and Roy Epperson discovered the body about 11:15 and dragged it to the bank.

Efforts were made by Dr. C. W. Strauss and the Tennessee Copper Company restoration crew to revive the boy, but failed. He was taken to Center & Abernathy's funeral home and prepared for burial.

The body was taken to Murphy, N. C., early today, where interment took place.

Surviving Roy are, his father and mother; two sisters, Ethel Lee; and three brothers, Everett, John and Clyde.

## COOKE PLAYERS IN MURPHY ALL NEXT WEEK

The Cooke Players will be in Murphy all next week. And with the coming of the Cooke Players, all Murphy will be gathering in the big tent every night.

And if past appearances can be taken as an indication, all night meetings, public and private, will be cut short, pushed up, or postponed until another time. For everybody will want to see that crazy red-headed hick from Hicksville, portrayed by Lawrence Brasfield, who is with Mr. Cooke again this year.

Mr. Cooke was here this week and stated that he had an even better program this year than last. Following are names of the plays to be given during the week: "The Awakening of John Slater," "The Push," "The Hoodlum," "Playthings," "Within the Law," "Toby's Sweetheart."

The company this year is composed of twelve people, as follows: Mr. Lawrence Brasfield, Miss Neva Fisher, Mr. Harry J. Pamplin, Miss Mabel Rhodes, Mr. Jack Irvin, Mr. Frank Condon, Miss Doris Condon, Mr. Rodney Brasfield, Mr. Wm. Clarkson, Mr. Frank Reynolds, Mrs. Mabel Cooke, and Harry Cooke.

Col. H. M. Candler, attorney, of Athens, Tenn., accompanied by Judge Blair, Attorney General Witt, Attorneys Watkins and Wheeler, of Tennessee, who are holding state court at

## W. N. C. Counties Plan Establishment Of A District Hospital-Home

Raleigh, May 19.—Steps are being taken in Western North Carolina, which may result in the establishment of the first district hospital-home in the state according to R. Eugene Brown, director of institutions for the state board of charities and public welfare, who has just returned from a trip to that section.

The county commissioners of Clay, Cherokee, and Graham counties are considering consolidating their county homes as a measure of economy. Mr. Brown reports. A small general hospital under the same management would provide adequate hospital facilities for the indigent sick, he points out. Macon and Swain counties may join the project.

#### Facilities Needed

Graham county has no county home, but has found that facilities are needed to care for a few aged citizens. Instead of building or buying a county home for these few aged men and women, the commissioners are anxious to combine with other counties in a joint institution. They feel that better care for a smaller outlay can be secured. Clay and Cherokee both have county homes, but find it expensive to operate them for the small number of inmates, in addition to the large amounts they have invested in county home properties. Mr. Brown reports. With better supervision of cases, the number of poor sent to the public institutions in the future is expected to be reduced.

The General Assembly of 1923 enacted a law by which counties are permitted to combine in building and operating district hospital-homes, but up to this time no group of counties has taken the step.

Mr. Brown, while away, presented the combination plan to commissioners of Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey counties, and expresses the hope that other counties will also take the plan under consideration.

## OLD COUNTY JAIL BUILDING BEING RAZED

The old jail building is being torn down this week. A. B. Martin has the contract, and some of the bricks from the building will be used in underpinning the county home, it is understood.

This old land mark has stood for more than forty years. The building used for a jail before the erection of this old one stood on the lot where now stands the large tin building of the Oakland-Pontiac motor company. An effort was made by the county to obtain more ground at this spot, but failing to do so an acre of ground was purchased from A. H. Sudderth, some being where the court house and jail now stands.

In digging back into the old records, these interesting bits of news was unearthed:

A committee composed of J. H. Hennesa, chairman, and J. S. Meroney reported to the county commissioners on August 7, 1888, the purchase of one acre from A. H. Sudderth, for \$2250.00, to be paid in bonds running for thirty years, as the cheapest and most eligible property for the site of the jail, on the market. The Commissioners were G. G. Whitcomb, chairman; A. H. Sudderth, and A. S. Hill.

Also at this same meeting, a contract for the erection of the jail, to cost \$9,000.00, was let to the Pauly Jail Company, of St. Louis. The contract specified that if the commissioners decided to use any of the brick in the old jail, the contractor would purchase same at \$5.00 per thousand, after inspection by the commissioner. The agreement was made and by and between the commissioners and Will L. Landrum, by John A. Scott, Agent. The old jail was ordered advertised and sold.

At the meeting Sept. 5, 1888, bond for the Pauly Jail Company was tendered and accepted.

At a meeting on Nov. 26, 1888, the chairman of the commissioners was instructed to make a deed of the old jail lot to B. B. Meroney for \$1,000.00.

November 27, 1888, G. G. Whit-

Ducktown, Tenn., drove to Murphy Wednesday evening, taking supper at the Regal hotel, returning to Ducktown that night. It was Judge Blair's first visit to Murphy and all were delighted with our town and the surrounding country. Col. Candler, who is the present state Senator from his district, is a brother of G. W. Candler.

## FAIN NAMED LIONS HEAD FOURTH TIME

ROY STEELE ELECTED SECRETARY AND PETE HYDE, TREASURER.

W. M. Fain was elected President of the Murphy Lions Club Tuesday night for the fourth consecutive year. The balloting for president was by secret ballot, and the motion to elect this way carried the qualification that the two highest nominees should be voted on for the presidency. When the ballots were counted, Fain received every one of the 14 votes but one, and this member made a motion, which carried, that the election be unanimous.

The other officers elected are as follows: E. P. Hawkins, Vice-President; Rev. J. LeRoy Steele, Secretary; W. W. Hyde, Treasurer, re-elected; Tail Twister, Dr. E. E. Adams; Lion Tamer, Sid Pendley. D. Witherspoon and George Ellis, were re-elected as directors and R. W. Gray was elected as a new director. Other directors are the officers of the club.

The club voted to send a delegate to the State Lions Convention at Kinston, N. C., June 9th and 10th, and that the club pay \$25.00 toward his expenses. President Fain was named as the delegate. The Club also voted to support Bryson City in an effort to bring the Convention to that town next year.

A sum of \$10.00 was also voted to the Murphy Graded School to be used as prizes in the high school declamation and recitation contests. This has been the custom of the club for the past several years.

A committee composed of B. W. Sipe, Dr. E. E. Adams, and Rev. J. L. Steele was appointed to prepare the report for the convention at Kinston covering the past year's activities of the Club. The Murphy Lions are out for the state prize this year on activities. Last year this club tied with Durham for this prize, but the judges awarded Durham the prize, on the fact that Durham was entertaining the Convention.

The Murphy club has been one of the most active clubs in the state for several years, and has been favorably pointed to with pride by Lion officials all over the United States.

The local club was one of sixty from the entire United States selected by the Lions International to be represented on a moving picture reel made recently, and which has been and is being shown all over the country. Members of the club feel highly enthusiastic over the prospects for taking the state prize this year.

## Will Hold Clinic Wednesday, May 28.

Wednesday, May 28, Dr. D. C. Morrow, County Health Officer, through the cooperation of the Murphy P. T. A., will conduct a pre-school clinic for the examination of children who will enter the Murphy school in 1930, for the first time.

We are very anxious to have a record of a physical examination of all children who are six years of age.

"The clinic will be held in Dr. Morrow's office in the Court House, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4 P. M.," stated Miss Estelle Mauney, supervisor of County Schools.

## DICKEY RESIGNS COUNCIL SEAT

Fred Dickey, member of the Board of Town Commissioners recently elected, resigned his seat last week; and Grant D. Ledford was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Dickey stated that he resigned because he felt his interests required it. He stated that he was not a politician, and saw that he could not keep his friends and his council job at the same time.

Mr. Ledford is well known, having been in the hardware business in Murphy for several years. He is also an expert sheet metal worker, and has served as a Town Commissioner before.

Comb, J. H. Hennesa and John S. Meroney were appointed a committee to inspect material and construction of the new jail, and to receive and accept said jail when completed. This order was revoked at a meeting of December 4, 1888, and J. H. Hennesa, J. D. Rector and J. E. Fain were appointed to supervise and inspect the work.

Mr. Rector is still living in Murphy and the only surviving member of this committee. It might also be of

## Annual Cherokee Co. Singing Convention At Marble June 8th

The annual meeting of the Cherokee County Singing Convention will be held at Marble Springs church on June 8th.

Music classes and singers from all over the county will be in attendance to compete for the banner which is awarded every year to the class making the best music.

The occasion has always drawn large crowds, and no exception is expected this year. Everybody is cordially invited to come out and hear some good singing, and all the singers and singing classes are urged to come prepared to compete for the banner.

All singers and singing classes of adjoining counties are invited to attend and take part, although they will not be privileged to compete for the banner.

Ernest Trantham, Secretary.

## 34,000 TROUT PUT IN STREAMS OF THE COUNTY

HEADWATERS OF THE COUNTY CREEKS TO BE PROTECTED FOR TWO YEARS

Brook trout fingerlings to the amount of 34,000 were placed in the streams of Cherokee county last week by County Agent R. W. Gray in cooperation with citizens of the different communities along the creeks receiving them.

The fish were placed in the headwaters of the following streams: Brasstown Creek, Owl Creek and tributaries, Copper Creek and tributaries, and Turkey Pen Creek. They were secured from the hatchery at Babam.

Later in the year, during August or September, it is planned to stock the same streams lower down with California trout. Applications have also been made for a supply of Bass fingerlings to stock private lakes and larger streams of the county. If possible, it is also planned to stock Hiwassee River with bass.

The streams receiving these fish will be protected for two years, and Mr. Gray stated that citizens living along the streams named had pledged themselves to see that they were protected. The state Game and Fish Commissioner is the only board having authority to close the streams against fishing, and if the streams are properly protected it is pointed out that this will not likely be done.

From time to time the waters of the county have been dynamited and fish killed wholesale. This practice is in violation of the law, and numbers of citizens have been protesting against this practice lately. County Fish and Game Warden D. M. Birchfield has personally offered a reward for evidence leading to the conviction of any person or persons dynamiting the waters of the county.

"This practice of dynamiting the streams of the county is the worst and most destructive practice of fishermen," Mr. Birchfield stated, "and we want to break it up. That is why we personally offer a reward for evidence leading to the conviction of anyone for dynamiting the streams."

It is also a violation of the law to dump sawdust and other refuse which kill fish into the streams.

Last year about seven thousand trout were placed in the streams of the county, and Mr. Gray stated that they were now five to seven inches long.

## REV. FORD TO DO PREACHING BAPTIST MEET

FIFTEEN DAY SERVICES TO BEGIN JUNE 1ST.—PASTOR WILL LEAD SINGING.

Rev. W. H. Ford, former pastor of Andrews, but now attending Wake Forest College, will do the preaching in the revival services which begin at the Baptist church on Sunday, June 1st. The pastor, Rev. J. LeRoy Steele, will lead the singing.

Rev. Ford has preached at Murphy several times and is well-known in this section as a speaker of unusual ability, and for his fearless expounding of the gospel.

In a recent issue of The Pastor's Assistant, official bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Murphy, appears the following:

W. H. Ford To Preach In Revival. We are happy to announce that we have been able to secure the

fact that the Pauly Jail Company erected the present modern jail building of the county.

## MAUNEY BROS. BUY CHEROKEE DRUG STOCK

NEW DRUG COMPANY WILL OPEN TO PUBLIC SATURDAY—WALTER MAUNEY TO BE IN CHARGE

The stock of the Cherokee Drug Company, bankrupt, was purchased last week by Walter and George Mauney, the building rented, and a new drug store known as The Mauney Drug Company will open to the public Saturday, according to announcement this week by the purchasers.

Walter Mauney will be in charge, with Robert McCombs assisting him. The stock has been rearranged, new stock purchased, and the place given a thorough cleaning.

The fountain is one of the most up to date fountains in this section, being a Frigidaire electrically cooled outfit. It also has a water heating service, and all glasses and spoons will be thoroughly sterilized with boiling water each time used.

The Mauney Brothers are native sons of Cherokee County, having been born and reared in the Peachtree section, being sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mauney.

George Mauney has been connected with the Wofford-Forell Company, wholesale dry goods and produce merchants, for the past four years in the capacity of bookkeeper. He will continue in that capacity, being connected with his brother in a financial capacity.

Walter Mauney is well and favorably known throughout this entire section. He received his education in the public schools of the county and attended high school at Statesville. He received his Ph. G. degree from the University of North Carolina.

For the past eight years he has been with Dr. R. S. Parker at Murphy, and also was connected with a drug store in Asheville for about six months.

In making the announcement, Walter Mauney made the following statement:

"I wish to announce that I have purchased the Cherokee Drug Company's stock, and after having had time to thoroughly restock with new medicines, and to purchase as many sundry items as I am able to pay for, I will open my doors in the Adams Bldg., for service to the public Saturday morning, May 24th.

I also want to say to the general public that it affected me deeply to have to leave Dr. Parker, for he has been my friend in every respect, but the opportunity came where I could purchase good stock and fixtures at a reduced price. And the time comes in every man's life when he has to think and fight out for himself his own career, and I came to the conclusion that this is my home, my people, my friends, and I have definitely decided to begin my life's work by myself and right with my own people.

Next, I want to say that I have no partnership in any way, no financial aid, except from my brother.

The public will be served promptly, courteously and efficiently."

## Decoration At Shady Grove On May 30th

The annual Decoration for Shady Grove will be held at the church on May 30th, beginning at 9 o'clock, according to announcement this week by L. M. Shields and C. A. West, of the Committee.

The program will be composed of a song service and welcome address by J. T. L. Hartness, of Mineral Bluff, Ga., followed by short talks from leading citizens of the community and from any visitors.

The decoration of the graves will begin at ten o'clock, and the congregation will then retire to the church for the decoration sermon by the pastor, Rev. F. C. West.

The services will be concluded at noon.

services of Brother W. H. Ford, for our pastor at Andrews, to preach for us in our series of revival services June 1st to 15th. We are sure that this will be good news to all who know Brother Ford. It has been your pastor's privilege to have him in several meetings in the past and we have seen how the Lord has mightily used him in the winning of the people to Christ. Let us bear in mind however, that the success of our meeting will not be dependent upon the preacher's ability, but on the willingness of the church for God to use the preacher. Please keep the meeting on your mind and in your heart and remember it in your prayers from day to day. How we do need a revival; May this be our aim. "The biggest thing we have ever done for God."