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## LAST RITES FOR GEN. DAVIDSON HELD FRIDAY

### Veteran Lawyer Had Held Many Important Public Positions; Spent Boyhood in Cherokee

Asheville and North Carolina paid final tribute last Friday to the memory of General Theodore F. Davidson who for many years was an outstanding figure at the state bar and in state politics.

General Davidson, one of the state's most widely known and most universally admired men, died at 11 o'clock last Thursday at his home, 61 North Liberty street, Asheville, following a long illness which became alarming about a week before his death.

Funeral services for the 86-year-old lawyer, scholar and former state official, were conducted Friday afternoon at Trinity Episcopal church by Bishop Junius M. Horner, assisted by the Rev. George Floyd Rogers, rector, and interment was in Riverside cemetery, Asheville.

General Davidson had been a leading figure in North Carolina political and legal circles since the early eighties. He served two terms as attorney-general for North Carolina, and was prominently mentioned for Democratic nomination for governor in 1900 and again in 1904. He also served as mayor of Asheville, representative from Buncombe county in the lower house of the state legislature, solicitor of Clay county, judge of Buncombe county criminal court and in various capacities during his political activities.

### Native of Haywood

General Davidson was born in Haywood county on March 30, 1845, his grandparents having moved to North Carolina from Pennsylvania in 1748. His great-grandfather was a member of the general assembly in 1791 and represented Rutherford county in this session. He took an active part in creating Buncombe county during that session. The father of General Davidson was an attorney and was president of the Miners and Planters Bank at Murphy, director of several railroad companies and had an important part in the development of the western section of this state. He also represented his district in the Confederate Congress.

General Davidson spent his boyhood in Cherokee county and lived in Asheville since 1859. His title of "General" originated from the fact that he was attorney general.

## FRANK DAVIS WRITES HE WILL BE HOME IN AUG.

Frank Davis, Murphy boy who was with Uncle Sam's Marines in Nicaragua during the terrible earthquake which destroyed Managua, is now in the States and writes his grandmother that he will be home for a visit about the first of August.

Frank was stationed at Managua and took part in the relief work carried on by the Marines, and when news of the quake reached Murphy friends and relatives feared for his safety.

His letter follows:

Quantico, Va., May 27, 1931.

Dear Granny:

I arrived here from Norfolk on the 25th. Arrived in Norfolk on the U. S. S. Nitro on the 22nd. I was intending to go home as soon as I came back to the States, but upon arriving here I found that I am scheduled to go over to Maryland during the month of July for artillery practice, so it will be the first of August before I'll be home.

I had a nice trip back to the States. I stayed in Corinto fourteen days waiting on by boat and I fished almost every day, salt water fish, and some were whoppers. A bunch of us caught one shark. It was a little bit larger than I am.

How are all the kids getting along in school? How is Mary Joe? Where is my dog? Still there?

Did Polly get the radiogram I sent just after the earthquake? All of the radio stations were out of commission, but they said they would try to get them through as soon as possible. Probably they didn't.

What is dad doing now? Tell him to drop me a line. Will close with lots of love to all.

FRANK.

In last week's issue the initials of Mrs. Cyrus White's father were given wrong. His name is S. L. Kisselburg. And Mrs. and Mrs. White went to Atlanta on their honeymoon instead of Chattanooga.

These corrections are gladly made.

## NEW FURNITURE STORE TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

A new furniture store for Murphy will open its doors about the first of next week in the building formerly occupied by W. D. Townson. It will be known as the Cherokee Furniture Company, and will be owned and operated by Messrs. H. W. Whitaker, Z. L. Whitaker and W. W. Ash of Andrews.

The building has been renovated and repaired on the interior and the stocks are arriving and being placed this week. The Cherokee Furniture Company will handle a full line of furniture, stoves, ranges, kitchen utensils, aluminumware, Chinaware, etc., in fact anything needed to furnish the home.

Messrs. Whitakers and Ashe are successful merchants of Andrews and are well known throughout this section. Murphy welcomes them to our business circles and the Scout joins their many friends in wishing them success in the new business venture here.

## ATTENTION IS CALLED TO N. C. SPEED LAWS

Mayor S. W. Lovinggood is desirous of calling attention to the motoring public to the following road or speed laws of North Carolina, which are in force in the town of Murphy also:

Par. 206. It is the duty of the driver or any vehicle to drive it at a careful and prudent rate of speed, not greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the surface and width of the highway, the traffic and other existing conditions; and so as not to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person.

207. The following have been established as maximum rates of speed permissible within the fundamental rule stated in paragraph 206; but not such rate will be lawful in any case where it would be unsafe.

1. Forty-five miles per hour is the maximum rate allowable under any circumstances.

2. Twenty miles an hour is a "business" district as defined in paragraph 4, except when making a turn the rate must not exceed 10 miles per hour. Where the municipality maintains a system of traffic control signals the rate within the business district may be increased to twenty miles.

3. Fifteen miles an hour when passing a school during recess or while children are going to or from school during opening or closing hours.

4. Fifteen miles an hour when going around a curve, or when approaching an intersection or of a grade crossing of a steam, electric, or street railway, when the driver's view is "obstructed."

5. Ten miles per hour when passing a street car which has stopped at a safety zone to receive or discharge passengers.

6. Twenty-five miles an hour while operating a bus carrying school children to or from school along any public highway or street in this State. It is a misdemeanor to violate the rule stated in this subdivision. The penalty is a fine of not over \$50.00.

## Fain Named Mayor Protem and Moody As City Attorney

At a recent meeting of the board of city commissioners, W. M. Fain was named mayor pro tem, to act in the capacity as mayor in case Mr. Lovinggood should be absent.

At the same meeting, Ralph Moody was elected as city attorney. Mr. Fain is head of the W. M. Fain Grocery Company and Murphy Lions Club, while Mr. Moody is a member of the firm of Moody & Moody, local attorneys.

## Laborer Walks Home After Fall; Then Dies

Truro, England.—Marshall Yelland, forty-two-year-old laborer, fell 60 feet down a clay shaft, climbed unaided up a 90-foot ladder to the surface, walked a quarter of a mile home and died the next day. Yelland was working at the Goonvean china clay works near here when the accident occurred, but he refused all assistance, including an offer to be driven home, fearing it would alarm his wife.

## M. E. WOMAN'S SOCIETIES MET AT JUNALUSKA

The annual district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Waynesville District, was held on Thursday, June 11th, at Long's church, Lake Junaluska. Among the principal speakers were Mrs. H. A. Dunham, of Asheville, Conference Corresponding Secretary; Miss Lelia Tuttle, returned missionary from China; Mrs. George Hoyle, of Shelby Conference Superintendent of Children.

The following were present from Murphy: Mrs. G. W. Ellis, Mrs. E. B. Norvell, Mrs. S. D. Akin, Mrs. H. P. Powell, Mrs. Wade Massey, Miss Eloise Fain, Mrs. P. H. Sword, Miss Lula Fain, Mrs. W. A. Savage, Mrs. T. W. Axley, Mrs. Mollie Miller, Mrs. E. C. Mallonee and Miss Ada Harshaw.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, held its monthly social meeting at the home of Mrs. R. M. Fain and Miss Lula Fain, on Tuesday afternoon, June 15th, at 2:30 o'clock.

In the absence of the mission study superintendent, Mrs. C. U. Williams, the mission study program was in charge of Mrs. H. G. Elkins and Mrs. H. P. Powell. Mrs. Elkins discussed the first three divisions of the mission study book, "The Teachings of Jesus on Human Relations," and Mrs. Powell gave a discussion on the book of Jonah.

Mrs. E. S. Miller, accompanied by Mrs. T. W. Axley, sang a vocal solo.

After a short business session, a social hour was enjoyed. The hostesses, assisted by Miss Mary Weaver, served a delicious salad course with iced tea and cake.

The following were present: Mrs. H. G. Elkins, Mrs. J. H. Hampton, Mrs. John Smallen, Mrs. W. A. Savage, Mrs. H. P. Powell, Mrs. E. B. Norvell, Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, Mrs. R. A. Akin, Miss Clara Smith, of Gainesville, Ga., Mrs. P. H. Sword, Mrs. A. McD. Harshaw, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Mrs. S. D. Tuttle, Mrs. R. C. Mattox, Mrs. W. E. Howell, Mrs. Mollie Miller, Miss Ada Harshaw, Mrs. T. W. Axley, and Mrs. K. V. Weaver.

## ATTENDANCE IS GROWING IN REVIVAL

Attendance upon the services of the union evangelistic campaign which opened in Andrews last Sunday evening has been steadily increasing since the first service. The morning services are held at 9:30 at the Methodist church and the evening services at 8:00 in the Baptist church.

The Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the Baptist church of Siler City, N. C., is doing the preaching. In addition to his expositions of scripture Mr. Canipe's sermons are enriched by many illustrations drawn from his own wide experience as pastor and evangelist. A native of Lincoln county, North Carolina, he was educated at Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has held pastorates in Kentucky and in this state. For three years he was on the evangelistic staff of the Board of Missions of the Baptist State convention.

The music during the meeting is being directed by George R. Hawkes, of Cornelius, N. C. Mr. Hawkes has had seventeen years experience in choir and congregational singing and is a very successful director. He is an effective soloist and his special numbers have evoked much favorable comment. He was educated at Rutherford College, Shenandoah College, and the University of Tennessee, and has taken special musical training under private teachers in various other institutions. He is director of the Piedmont Four quartette of Cornelius, a musical organization that has proven very popular in Piedmont Carolina as well as on the radio.

The meeting will continue for two weeks. Many business houses are already closing for the hours of service and it is expected that within a few days all places of business will co-operate in giving opportunity for all to attend the services.

## In Charge of Celebration



COL. HARRY P. COOPER

10th District Commander, Department of North Carolina, who is in charge of the Legion celebration at Murphy, July Fourth, Honoring State Commander, Con C. Johnson and Commander Ralph T. O'Neil.

## N. C. TO SPEND 17 MILLIONS FOR ROADS IN 1931

GREENSBORO, June 14.—North Carolina will spend \$17,000,000 for highway construction during the present year, according to J. H. Monte, secretary of the Carolina Motor Club, which is affiliated with the American Automobile Association.

Mr. Monte bases his statement on reports from forty-five of the forty-eight states received by National Headquarters of the A. A. A., which revealed that the 1931 highway program for the country as a whole will be far and away ahead of that for 1930.

"Approximately \$1,000,000.00 will be expended by the States for improving around 40,000 miles of highways and in maintaining the existing systems," said the A. A. A. Club executive, "in addition to about \$500,000,000 to be spent by counties on local roads."

"On the basis of the reports received, Louisiana will head the list of states with the largest expenditures, while New York will be second with a \$60,000,000 program and Illinois third with expenditures of about \$50,000,000. While data has not been received from Pennsylvania, this state will also be well up to the front of those with large road expenditures."

"From the standpoint of mileage, Louisiana plans to improve a total of 3,200 miles. Texas has a program calling for the improvement of 2,400 miles and Oklahoma is third with 2,300 miles."

Mr. Monte declared that approximately 60,000 miles of new highways will be improved during the year which means that by the dawn of 1932 the country will have considerably more than 750,000 miles of improved highways.

## Yankee Magic Saves Coed From Indians in Brazil

San Francisco.—Yankee magic saved Bessie Steen, University of California coed, from the Tapirape Indians of Brazil, who wanted to make her the blond chieftainess of their tribe.

Miss Steen, twenty-nine-year-old student of anthropology, who came home recently, was the first white woman to visit the Tapirapes. The chief of the tribe and his fighting men went by night to her tent, she said, but could find no way to enter it, because it has a patent fastener and presented only a smooth side to their touch.

Convinced she was protected by magic, they sought to attack with clubs the Brazilian military escort which accompanied her, but they fell back cowed when the colonel turned his flashlight into their eyes.

The girl had hoped to spend weeks among the Tapirapes, but her capture was considered by her guides to be inevitable if she stared and she was satisfied to have been the first white woman to penetrate the wild interior of Matto Grosso, 1,000 miles from Rio de Janeiro.

Miss Steen covered the 1,000 miles by train, boat, muleback, and on foot. She lived on powdered milk, dry beans and biscuits. She waded for days in river beds alive with dangerous fish and snakes. Monkeys and wild beasts sometimes stalked the party for days.

## MURPHY PLANS FOR BIG EVENT JULY FOURTH

### National and State Commanders of American Will Be Speakers, Ball Game and Dance

From 3,000 to 5,000 visitors, including many members and officials of American Legion posts in Western North Carolina, North Georgia, and East Tennessee, are expected to attend Murphy's Fourth of July celebration at which Ralph T. O'Neil, national commander, and Con C. Johnson, State commander of American Legion, will be honored guests.

Invitations to posts in Asheville, Newport, and other places have been extended and the celebration will be primarily an honor event for former service men. The general public in all sections has also been invited to attend.

### Parade is Feature

A parade, which will be led by Commander O'Neil and Commander Johnson with their official party, will be held at 11 o'clock as one of the feature events on the program. At noon, the commanders and other officials, including those of Cherokee county and Murphy, visiting Legion post officials, and other guests, will be entertained at a luncheon at the Dickey hotel.

Commander Johnson and Commander O'Neil will address a patriotic mass meeting at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. At 2:30 o'clock, the Murphy and Canton baseball clubs will play a single contest on the diamond at the fair grounds. The finale of the day will be a ball at the Regal hotel, beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

### Cooper in Charge

Harry P. Cooper, of Murphy, Legion commander of the 10th district, is in charge of arrangements for the celebration. He is being assisted by several committees.

Mayor S. W. Lovinggood, the town board of aldermen, and the county commissioners are also assisting in working out details for the event.

## STATE W. M. U. TO MEET AT WAYNESVILLE

The annual meeting of the Asheville Division of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of North Carolina will convene at 10 o'clock June 23 1931, at the First Baptist Church, Waynesville, N. C., with delegates from 514 Baptist Churches of the division in attendance.

Mrs. J. R. Morgan, of Waynesville, Superintendent of the Division, will preside. Sessions will be held in the morning and afternoon.

A number of the State missionary leaders of the denomination will be present, including: Miss Alva Lawrence, of Raleigh, Young People's leader; Miss Kathleen Mallory, of Birmingham, Ala., Secretary of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention; Miss Pearl Johnson, who for 15 years as a missionary in Shanghai, China, but who is now at home, Apex, N. C.; Baptist Pastors of the division will receive special recognition at the morning session.

Mrs. Chas. Jolley, of West Asheville, will have charge of the music.

Please notify Mrs. H. W. Bancroft, chairman of the hospitality committee, if you wish entertainment for the night.

## LITTLE HELEN BARTON LAID TO REST TUESDAY, MAY 18

The death angel visited the home Mr. and Mrs. James Barton, May 18 and took away their precious darling child, Helen. It has left their home sad and lonely, as little Helen was only three years old and had been sick 8 months, her disease was unknown and she lay helpless for two months or more, and never even spoke a word, but all the time she looked like a picture of an angel. She was an obedient child, and made friends with all she met. She was treated by three physicians at Murphy and three at Copperhill, and everything that willing hands could do was done by all the neighbors but God knew best. Grieve not parents, but trust in Jesus and meet little Helen where parting is no more.

### Sounds Like a Slam

The first government was started when one monkey found an extra fine tree and needed help to keep others out of it.—Capper's Weekly.