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LAST RITES HELD FRI. FOR SID PENDLEY

Victim of Auto Wreck Laid To Rest In Sunset Cemetery With Masonic Honors

Funeral services for Sid Pendley, 50, prominent Murphy citizen and operator of the Murphy Service Station, who was killed in an automobile accident on the highway near Cleveland, Ga., last Thursday evening, was held Friday afternoon, August 21st, at 4 o'clock at the Baptist Church by the Rev. James LeRoy Steel, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the Methodist Church.

The accident occurred while the party, composed of Mr. Pendley, G. W. Ellis, district manager of Gulf Refining company, and W. C. Kenney, of Murphy; C. B. Wood, and Zeb Morrow, of Andrews; and J. L. Elliott, of Blairsville, were returning from Gainesville, Ga., where they attended a meeting of operatives and officials of the Gulf Refining Company. Members of the party said that the asphalt pavement was wet and slippery from rain and that the car skidded and turned over.

It is thought that Mr. Pendley attempted to jump from the car and was caught under it when it landed over on its side. He was pinned beneath the car, and his body crushed. He lived for a few minutes, but never regained consciousness.

Mr. Ellis, who was said to have been driving, was painfully but not seriously cut and bruised. Mr. Morrow suffered a broken rib, cuts and bruises. Mr. Wood, Mr. Kenney and Mr. Elliott were badly shaken up, but not injured.

When the news passed through the community Friday morning that Sid Pendley had been killed, it left a pall of gloom and sadness in its wake. He was well known and liked in the community and section, and was always active in civic matters and the progress of this entire section.

He served for several years as water superintendent and clerk of the town. He was an active member of the Lions Club, and a prominent Mason, having served his lodge at one time as secretary. He had operated the Murphy Service station about two years.

Mr. Pendley was married twice, but was widowed in both instances by death. His first wife was Miss Sallie Barnett, daughter of J. M. Barnett, of Murphy. His second wife was Miss Iowa Harbin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harbin, of Tomolia, who has been dead about fourteen months. He is survived by two children by his first wife, Frances Pendley and James Pendley; three by his second wife, Jane, 6 years old; Gene 4, and Billy, age 14 months. He is also survived by his father, Barney Pendley, of Tate, Ga., Frances and James are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barnett, and Jane, Gene, and Billy are in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harbin.

The active pall bearers were made up of members of the Masonic, order and the honorary pall bearers were made up of the Masons and Lions. A full Masonic funeral was given the deceased, which was very impressive.

SEARCHERS FIND BODY OF YOUTH

Wallis Bates, 20 Year Old Unaka Boy Ended Own Life, Coroner's Jury Finds

Wallis Bates, 20, son of Elbert Bates of Unaka, 12 miles west of Murphy, was found dead about 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, apparently a victim of suicide.

The body was found near the elder Bates barn. There was a hole in the youth's head just above the right ear and beside the body were found a shotgun and an empty half gallon fruit jar. There was an empty shell in the gun and two loaded shells in the dead youth's pocket.

The right shoe was off, and from the position of the body, it is thought he fired the gun with his big toe.

Young Bates was missed Monday and his relatives searched for him until well into the night. They resumed the search Tuesday morning. It is thought that he had been dead about 24 hours when found. Neighbors reported hearing a gun fired between 9 and 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Following a coroner's inquest, a verdict of suicide was rendered.

YOUNG MAN ENDS OWN LIFE FRIADY

Marion Cearley, 24, ended his life last Friday afternoon by shooting himself with a shotgun near his home on Persimmon Creek, 13 miles west of Murphy. His act was attributed to his mental condition.

Cearley had started fishing with his brother, Sam, and Debrow Stiles. On reaching the creek, his companions are said to have taken the load out of the shot gun and hid it in some bushes. Sam Cearley and Stiles entered a boat to fish, leaving Marion Cearley on the bank. A short time after leaving in the boat, the men heard the report of a shotgun and on returning found Marion Cearley dead. He was shot through the abdomen.

It was learned later that Marion Cearley, while visiting at a friend's home a few days ago, found a cartridge which fitted the shotgun. He had this in his pocket when the men hid the shells in the bushes and after they had gone out of sight, Cearley took the shell from his pocket, fitted it in the shotgun and fired the fatal shot.

BYPU District Meet At Murphy Aug. 30

The B. Y. P. U. district meeting will be held at the Murphy Baptist Church on August 30th at 2 o'clock P. M. This meeting embodies the B. Y. P. U.'s of Murphy, Brasstown, Notla and Martin's Creek. A full representation is urged to attend.

The Notia B. Y. P. U. will put on a demonstration program besides various discussions on the importance of the work.

W.N.C. BAPTIST ASS'N 47TH MEET AT MURPHY

Rev. W. F. Sinclair, Hayesville, Re-elected Moderator; Meet Next Year at Hangingdog

The forty-seventh annual Western North Carolina Baptist Association meeting, which was held with the First Baptist Church in Murphy last week, was one of the greatest meetings in the history of the association. More than a hundred and fifty delegates and visitors were in attendance upon the two sessions. The ladies of the Murphy church entertained the delegates.

Rev. W. F. Sinclair, of Hayesville, was re-elected moderator, with Rev. C. F. Martin, associate moderator; David T. Mashburn, of Andrews, was re-elected clerk; H. B. Elliott, historian, and W. O. Adams, treasurer.

Visitors and state workers present were: Dr. Sams, vice president of Mars Hill College; Dr. McCracken, from Mills Home; Dr. Charles Madry, state Baptist secretary; Mr. Page, Recorder representative; Rev. Lewis, Fred Stiles, T. B. Hayes, N. O. Kilpatrick, D. T. McNabb, and G. A. Uchurch.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. W. Prevost, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Andrews. The evening address was made by C. A. Upchurch who spoke on "The Inside of The Liquor Question". The rest of his program was made up of reports and business. One new church, the Ebenezer church, was admitted to the Association, making a total of 31 churches in the association. While the financial program showed a decline, the other work showed a slight raise. Missions and local expenses were much lower than last year. Last year's total expenses were over ten thousand dollars and this year was probably as low as nine thousand. The S. S. work showed an increase in enrollment and the Sunday School Association President reported bright outlooks for this year. B. Y. P. U. work held its own, with a slight increase in enrollment. Standard organizations in B. Y. P. U. work had dropped to two, but will probably go to six this year. W. M. U. work also showed a slight gain.

The meeting next year will be held with the Hanging Dog Baptist church on Tuesday and Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in August, beginning at ten o'clock (Eastern Standard Time). Rev. R. E. Conley will preach the introductory sermon with Rev. C. F. Martin alternate.

Mrs. George Lovingood and daughter, Maggie, are visiting Mrs. Lovingood's sisters, Mrs. Hardie Spear, Mrs. W. C. Morrow, and Mrs. Emma Messer, of Waynesville, and her brother, Mr. Willis Tredway, of Canton, this week.

G. W. LOVINGOOD, PIONEER CITIZEN DIED THURS. A.M.

Funeral Services To Be Held Friday Morning At Hangingdog Church

G. W. Lovingood, 31 years old, pioneer citizen of Cherokee County, and father of J. W. Lovingood, president of the Bank of Murphy, died at 9:16 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of his son, J. W. Lovingood, in Murphy, after an illness extending over a period of four years.

Four years ago, Mr. Lovingood became an invalid and was brought to the home of his son here from Hangingdog, where he had lived all of his life. For more than three years he had not been out of his room, and for more than two years he had been unable to speak and not out of bed. He suffered from what is known as "creeping" paralysis, and this was the cause of his death.

Mr. Lovingood was born on Hangingdog Creek seven miles west of Murphy, his father and uncle having been among the first settlers of that section. At the age of twenty, he married Miss Julia Palmer, who survives. They had ten children, all of whom are living. They are: J. W. Lovingood, of Murphy; Mrs. Eva Hembree, of Murphy; E. W. Lovingood, of Oklahoma; Mrs. Emma Hembree, Delano, Tenn.; Mrs. Ella Dockery, Mrs. Mollie Kephart, and N. W. Lovingood, of Murphy; Mrs. Lily Panther, of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Bessie Peables, Greenville, S. C.; and A. W. Lovingood, of Murphy. There are forty-six grand children and fifty-one great-grand children.

He was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lower Hangingdog, for sixty years, at which place the funeral service will be held at 11 o'clock Friday morning. In the absence of the pastor of the Murphy Baptist church, the Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the Methodist Church, will conduct the service.

Mr. Lovingood's children occupy some of the outstanding places of leadership in the business and religious life of Murphy and this section. Two of them are prominent merchants of Murphy, Noah and Will, as they are known to their friends. Will is also president of the Bank of Murphy, and Noah is also superintendent of the Murphy Baptist Sunday school. Allen Lovingood is city mail carrier and a deacon in the Baptist church.

HIGHWAY MEN INSPECT ROADS IN CHEROKEE

North Carolina Highway Chairman Visits Murphy and Tells Of Plans

E. B. Jeffress, of Greensboro, chairman of the State Highway Commission; J. C. Walker, division highway engineer, of Asheville; and James Knight, of Andrews, who has charge of the maintenance of highways in several Western North Carolina counties, were in Murphy on Tuesday of this week in connection with the work of the highway commission.

Mr. Jeffress stated that funds had been appropriated to complete the surfacing of Highway No. 28 from Murphy to the Tennessee line near Ducktown. This work has been going on now for a week. He also stated that they would finish putting rock on Highway No. 108 from Robbinsville to the Tennessee line at Deal Gap this year, and would surface it next year.

The visitors looked over Highway No. 28 from Murphy to the Clay county line, which is possibly the only piece of road between county seats in the State that has not been regraded and surfaced. There is a great deal of traffic over this road from Clay county and several Georgia counties, which makes it a very important road, and the citizens of Murphy and Cherokee county hope it will be completed at an early date.

Mr. Jeffress also made inquiry about the road from Murphy through Unaka to the Tennessee line, known as the Joe Brown highway. He was told that only five miles of this road have not been graded. This is also an important road, which, when completed, will bring considerable travel into the State from Tennessee and other states.

Mr. Jeffress was very much impressed with this section and it is believed he will soon complete all the

TRADE JUBILEE AT ASHEVILLE

A Trade Expansion Jubilee, in which the majority of Asheville business establishments will participate, will be held here next Saturday, it was announced by Louis Lipinsky, member of the committee for the event. The jubilee will take place of the annual bargain carnival in Asheville and will be much larger in scope than the carnivals.

The purpose of the jubilee will be to influence shoppers in the smaller towns of this section to come to Asheville for merchandise they are unable to buy at home, rather than going to other larger cities. The members of the committee said they did not intend to attempt to draw buyers from their community stores except when they were unable to find what they wanted at home.

Elaborate arrangements have been made to transport thousands of persons to Asheville for the jubilee. The Asheville Merchant's Association, which is sponsoring the jubilee, has purchased the franchise of the street car lines from 9 until 10 o'clock Saturday morning, and everyone traveling uptown will be give free rides.

The Southern Railway is offering excursion rates from points in Western North Carolina to Asheville for the price of one and one-fifth fares. Round trip bus tickets will be offered for the cost of one and one-half fares. All up-town parking spaces and garages will reduce the storage rates to ten cents and restaurants will offer menus at popular prices. Persons with coupons, to be published in Asheville newspapers, will be given two admissions to moving pictures for the price of one.

UNITED EFFORT IN DEVELOPING SECTION URGED

District Gathering Of Lions Club Is Held At Bryson City On August 13th

At a meeting of Lions Clubs of the western district held at the Fryemont Inn, Bryson City, Thursday night, August 13th, invitations were issued for the civic clubs to attend a meeting to be held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville Friday night, August 28th, at which time a definite movement is expected to be launched for the purpose of crystallizing sentiment throughout the country to designate Asheville as the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

The spirit of the meeting was distinctly one of cooperation in any movement designed to benefit Western North Carolina, and the clubs attending the session are expected to be well represented at the main meeting to be held in Asheville, which is expected to be attended by county officials and civic leaders from all over Western North Carolina.

Dr. Kelley E. Bennett, of Bryson City, State Senator, presided over the meeting at which some sixty persons were present, from Asheville, Hendersonville, Murphy, Bryson City and Chicago.

L. Roy Phillips, president of the Asheville Lions Club, which sponsored the meeting, acted as toastmaster. Nat Friedman, of the Asheville Lions Club, furnished the entertainment with the presentation of "The Personality Twins."

W. M. Fain, of Murphy, district governor of Lions clubs, spoke of the advantages of Western North Carolina as a tourist center.

Louis Lipinsky, city councilman of Asheville, spoke of the plans for the meeting to be held in Asheville and urged all Lions clubs in the district to join with other civic organizations at the meeting in making plans for attracting tourists to the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

Other speakers of the evening were the Rev. R. L. Creel, of Bryson City; Harry Matthews, of Asheville merchants association, and Archibald Nichols, secretary of that organization; E. A. Tomeraasen, of Chicago, and Dr. Kelley Bennett.

Mrs. J. H. McCall and son Herbert left Tuesday for a visit to friends and relatives in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Palmer of Canton, N. C. are visiting Mr. Palmer's mother and sister, Mrs. Dixie Palmer and Miss Hattie Palmer.

Important roads here. It is shown that the Cherokee court house with which he was much impressed.

STATE BOARD ALLOTS NEARLY 16 MILLIONS

Cherokee County Gets More Than 40 Thousand Dollars, But Amount Is Short of Needs

The State board of equalization allotted last week to 100 North Carolina counties and 95 special charter districts, a total of \$15,482,279.18, for the operation of the state supported six months school term in 1931-32, according to announcement coming from Raleigh.

Cherokee county received a total of \$40,674.44 for the county schools while Murphy charter school district received \$13,226.36, and Andrews charter school district received \$17,165.00. This money is to be used in the six months school term, specified by the state, and any length of time that the schools are in operation over six months must be paid for by the tax payers of that district, as has heretofore been practiced.

It is understood that these amounts are far short of what the county and charter districts asked for. For instance, these figures show what the county asked for and what they received:

Asked for:	Received:	
General Control	\$3,830.00	
\$4,388.00	Instruction Service	\$31,150.00
\$41,188.00	Operating Plants	\$1,815.00
\$2,747.00	Maintenance of Plants	000
\$1,250.00	Fixed Charges	000
\$1,750.00	Auxiliary Agencies	\$3,109.44
\$7,962.40		

The item, "Auxiliary Agencies," includes mostly the item of transportation, or for the operation of busses to haul the children to and from school. This amount is so small that the county board is having difficulty in making contracts with bus people to perform this work. It is understood that the maximum amount allowed by the state is \$8.00 per pupil for the entire year. Where this operates as a detriment to making contracts in the county, it was pointed out, is that the average bus load in the county would amount to approximately 25 students, and when the routes, condition of the roads, the number of miles traveled is considered in the light of \$8.00 per pupil for the entire year, is practically impossible to find anybody who will perform this work and furnish their own bus, material, expenses, etc., for this amount. If the roads were all paved and each bus could have about 100 pupils, contracts would not be so difficult to secure.

The total school fund provided by the 1931 general assembly was \$18,500,000, but \$1,500,000 of this is for extended terms in weaker counties which has not been allotted.

The allotments made are for four objects in the budgets, general control, instructional service, operation of plants and auxiliary agencies.

There will be an additional allotments made for welfare and attendance work, rural supervision and health. Leroy Martin, secretary of the board, said, which will bring the total close to \$15,700,000, the amount appropriated by the general assembly exclusive of the \$1,300,000 estimated from fines and forfeitures to bring the six months fund to \$17,000,000.

SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4TH

We wish to call attention again to the opening of our schools. Registration of the high school pupils will take place on Friday morning, September 4th. It is very important that all high school pupils be present on that date in order to better understand the plan and purpose of the years work. It will be necessary also in order to get textbooks for their work promptly. Owing to the financial situation throughout the country few new books will be kept on hand and pupils will be urged to secure secondhand copies where-ever possible. This can be easily done as the text on Economics has been the only change this year. Those having books to dispose of would do well to bring them at the opening on Friday. New books will be ordered only on a definite order from the pupil and the posting of the deposit necessary to secure the book.

Work in the grades will begin on Monday morning, September 7th. At (Continued on page 8)