

MR. TOM RAPER, 79, OF OAK PARK DIES LAST WEEK

Funeral Services For Beloved Cherokee County Citizen Held

Funeral services for Mr. Thomas Martin Raper, beloved 79-year-old citizen of the Oak Park section of Cherokee county, were conducted from the Mt. Carmel Baptist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. John Morrow and the Rev. Willie Ledford officiating. Interment was in the Beech Creek cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Raper died at his home last Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock from a heart ailment that he had been suffering from several years.

He was born in January 1857 in this county where he lived until he was 24 years old. He then moved to what was known as the "Beautiful Indian Territory" to gain his ancestral Indian rights. He was successful in his venture and after staying there two years he returned to his home here.

Mr. Raper, one of the greatest friends this section has ever had, was a member of the Baptist church for 52 years. He was the grandson of Jesse Raper, one of the first settlers of Cherokee county. He was reared by his grandfather as his father, Lewis Raper, was killed by lightning when Tom was only six months old.

Mr. Raper was married twice; the first time to Marsella Townson, sister of William Townson, of Murphy, and the second time to Malinda Barnes, of Hemptown, Ga. Both have gone before him.

Honorary pallbearers were: Tom McClure, Charles Campbell, Mr. Chapman, Bob Hunsucker and Mrs. Styles.

Acting pallbearers were: Carl and Howard Styles, Fred Beaver, Pearson Campbell, Gay Murphy and Verlin Evans.

He is survived by 11 children, Mrs. Mary Carroll, of Big Cabin, Okla. W. B. Raper, of Brasstown, Lon Raper, of Oak Park, Sam Raper, of Washington, D. C., Clifton Raper, of Oak Park, Ernest Raper, of Oak Park, Mrs. Lizzie Reid, of Turtle-town, Tenn., Mrs. Julia Runions, of Turtletown, Tenn., and Mrs. Lula Stiles, of Oak Park, two half-brothers, James Turner and Lon Turner, both of Culberson; a sister, Mrs. Martha Pope of Morganton, Ga., and a half-sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Thomas of Lewner, Ga.

MRS. LEDFORD IS BURIED ON FRIDAY NEAR BRASSTOWN

By Elizabeth Gates

The Brasstown community was saddened Friday by news of the death of "Aunt Liz" Ledford. She died of pneumonia early that morning at the home of Mrs. Dell Hughes, with whom she had lived for a number of years, since the death of her husband, "Uncle Virge" Ledford. Mrs. Hughes and her daughters, Josephine, Pauline, and Annie Mae, had taken "Aunt Liz" into their home and hearts, and done everything in their power to make her last years comfortable and contented.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Green Cove Church, with Rev. Park Fisher of the Polk School in charge. Mr. Fisher chose for his Scripture reading Proverbs 31, verses 10-31. In his sermon, he spoke of "Aunt Liz's many virtues as a good wife and neighbor, and of her interest in the Woman's Club and the Folk School. He spoke of her kindness, and ability to make friends, both young and old. The singing was by members of the Folk School and other friends. The hymns selected were "Nearer, My God, to Thee", "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me", and "Abide with Me."

We at the Folk School, who have known her over a period of years, like to recall the warm welcome and true hospitality ever awaiting us at the home of Aunt Liz and Uncle Virge, and the friendship which continued until death. We shall greatly miss her, and with her many other friends, throughout the settlement, shall cherish always the memory of the cheerful and friendly presence of "Aunt Liz."

WINTER TERM BEGINS

The winter term of the John Campbell Folk School will begin Wednesday, Feb. 26, Miss E. H. ... of the faculty announced this week.

TVA Exams To Be Held In Murphy School Room

The TVA's examinations for skilled and unskilled workmen and laborers for the Hiwassee, Chicamauga and Guntersville dams will be held locally in the Murphy school on February 15 and February 29 at 1 p. m., according to notices received here by applicants.

Those taking the examinations must present their applications and a photographic likeness of themselves before they can take the tests.

The Murphy school will be headquarters for examinations for practically everyone in this adjoining communities.

Approximately 750 applications from this section have been made.

Stunt Night To Be Offered Here Tonight

Stunt night at the Murphy high school will be offered tonight (Thursday). It was planned to be held last week but due to the inclement weather, it had to be postponed. The sponsors are anxious to have a large crowd attend the entertainment.

MRS. MARY WOODS 92, OF WARNE, IS BURIED ON MONDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Woods, 92, of Warne, were held at the Brasstown Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. John Teems officiating. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Woods, the widow of the late Dr. Woods, prominent in that section, died of pneumonia Saturday. She had been ill only a few days.

She was born in Towns County, Ga., but had lived in Clay county for a number of years. She was a member of the Baptist church for around 75 years and lived a consecrated life.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur Woods, of Warne, and Tom Woods, of Athens, Ga., and three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Barnard and Mrs. G. M. Puett, both of Warne and Mrs. D. V. Kilpatrick, of Canton, N. C.

Advices Vets To Have Bonus Certificates Filed

All World War veterans in Cherokee county who have not yet received their bonus certificates are advised by H. H. Hickman, commander of the Joe Miller Elkins Post of the American Legion here to obtain them from Adjutant Clyde Gennett or A. W. Melver at Davidson and Melver's store this week.

They may then be filled out either in the presence of Mr. Melver or at the law firm of Moody and Moody in Murphy. Those that have borrowed on their bonus should accompany their certificates with the pink slips and notices of discharge, Mr. Hickman said.

T. W. CROWDER, AGED MINISTER, DIES IN COUNTY

The Rev. T. W. Crowder, age 74 years, died at his home Sunday morning, Feb. 2. He was buried in the Swanson cemetery that afternoon. He was a Baptist minister and had been preaching about 50 years.

Surviving are two brothers, John Crowder, of California, and Frank of Knoxville, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Alice Coleman, of Belmont, N. C.; two sons, W. M. and Loyd, both of Postell; four daughters, Mrs. Maud Harris, of Isabella, Tenn., Mrs. Mae Green, of Athens, Tenn., and Mrs. Claude Stevenson and Mrs. Grace Bookout, both of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 23 grandchildren, three great grandchildren and many friends and relatives.

Unusually Large Number Of Deaths Recorded Here

The scythe of time raked across the county during the past week taking an unusually large number of lives for such a small period of time. Scout correspondents throughout the territory report that six residents died during the seven-day period.

The storm's toll of six more lives adds the number to twelve. While most of the natural deaths were caused from pneumonia, they were among elderly people and local doctors report less cases of the disease than usual as a whole.

A biscuit baked during the Spanning ... by Mrs. Florence Fancher of Piner Ala

MR. THOMAS ODELL 82, OF GRANDVIEW BURIED SATURDAY

Funeral services for Mr. Thomas Odell, 82, of Grandview were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his home with the Rev. J. T. Mulkey, officiating. Interment was in the Old Hangingdog Baptist church cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Odell died at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon after having been sick about one week with pneumonia.

He was a native of Cherokee county. Mr. Odell's life was devoted to progressive farming and due to his intimate knowledge of the Indian language he taught three terms of school for the Cherokee Indians. He was married to Miss Martha Young, of Beaverdam, a niece of the late Brigham Young.

Honorary pallbearers were: Ira Allen, Leonard Mills, Dock Cook, Earl Satterfield, Wilson Odell and Earnest Mills.

Active pallbearers were: Bennie Gaddis, Sam Odell, John Y. Davis, Kermit Lovingood, George Walls and Joe Abernathy.

Surviving besides his wife are three sons, Zeb, Scott and Guss, all of Grandview; a sister, Mrs. Cynthia Luneford, of Marble, and a brother, N. B. Odell, of Grandview.

HISTORY OF LOCAL PUBLICATIONS IS RESERVED HERE

Edward Hyatt, collector of rare pieces in this vicinity, has recently framed issues of four different weekly papers printed in Cherokee county and has them on display.

The first is the Cherokee Herald dated 1875 and the others are The Independent (1883), The Murphy Bulletin (1890) and the Cherokee Scout (1905).

It is believed that these four papers complete the cycle of weekly publications in Murphy which extends back over a period of more than a half century.

Copies of most of these issues of the papers have been preserved.

Rural Postmen Carry On In Bad Weather

In some places in this county the rural mail carriers have not been able to reach all of their customers on account of the bad conditions of the roads. But they have made their rounds daily where they could get their cars through. The rains, the cold and the snows have not stopped them from visiting all the mail boxes it was possible to reach each day. Little do most of us realize just what the mail man has to contend with and the little piece of poetry gathered from an exchange tells a part of it. This poem had no credit line nor gave any indication as to who the author was. Just the same, I like it and am passing it on to others.

THE RURAL POSTMAN
In the cold and blustery weather
When the frost is on the rail,
Would you love to face a blizzard
With a half a ton of mail?
In the biting blizzard weather
When the snow comes to your knees
Would you love to fish for pennies?
While your feet and fingers freeze?
When the gleaming snow is drifted
Underneath a foot of sleet,
Would you love to have the chilblains
In your elbows and your feet?
When outdoor the wind is whistling,
And the air is full of snow,
Would you love to have the chilblains
And the blamed thing wouldn't go?

SECTIONS WORST
STORM ...
(Continued from front page)
risen to the foundations of the dwelling.

Tells Details

In recounting the details of the disaster Mr. Johnson said he was first awakened by the rumbling noise, and that before he could realize what happened the house, rocked by the force of the onrushing water, caved in and sent him swirling into a fence row 100 yards in back of it.

Lawrence, his 17-year-old son, another survivor, said he was awakened by the commotion and saw Dewey rushing toward his mother's room in an effort to get to her when the house flew apart and he was swept into the same fence with his father.

In the house also was Miss Hazel Hampton, 17, a niece, who was sleeping in a downstairs room with Mrs. Johnson. As the roof was carried away by the impact the house torn apart he was ... with the ... about 100 ...

limbs. As she was deliriously climbed to the road she said she could hear Mrs. Johnson, pleading for help, being washed past her.

The three survivors then walked to the home of Will McClure nearby where they reported the tragedy and were treated by Dr. J. N. Hill.

Mr. Johnson and Lawrence said they hung onto the fence about 15 minutes until most of the dammed up water had spent itself and they could wade to the road.

Seek Bodies.

Searching parties quickly arrived at the scene of house and dug among the debris for the bodies Tuesday and late Tuesday night. It was not until dawn Wednesday after the river had gone down and the water drained from the field that the bodies were found.

The house was located at the end of a deep ravine a quarter of a mile below the dam which drained its overflow into a creek that passed by the house.

From all indications, when the dam burst tons of ice and water filling the five acre pond that it held back rushed down the creek, twisted the house to pieces as it rushed by, then tore it to bits when the full force of the lake hit it.

The site of the house was swept clean leaving scattered broken boards and many articles of furniture strown about.

While many prodded about the wreckage after the water had drained away, indications were that parties had confiscated a small amount of money kept by Mrs. Johnson in her bible and Dewey's two-weeks pay as a WPA employce from a pair of overalls later found hanging on a fence. Other articles, including radio tubes had also been taken.

Completely recovered from any ill effects suffered during the flood, Mr. Johnson and Lawrence, were residing this week at the home of Mr. Hillary Hampton, and Hazel, a serious eye injury practically healed, was staying with relatives near Bryson City.

The bodies when found, although frozen showed no aparent indications of being disfigured.

Moore's Body Found

Blaine Moore's corpse was found four miles down the Hiwassee Wednesday morning after the river receded by his brother. It is said he attempted to wade the Cool Springs as he had done several times before he was going to spend the night. Evidently when he got started the swirling river proved too much for his strength. A girl in a house nearby said she heard him call for help. He was fully clad when found and he had received a head injury. A pair of overalls was found at the place where he jumped in the river.

Coroner S. C. Heighway investigated the death.

The dam that held back the waters of the lake is about 100 feet wide and about 50 feet high. It was built

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Another great musical so new that it hasn't even shown at the city theaters . . .

"TO BEAT THE BAND" with Hugh Herbert, Helen Broderick.

of concrete and rocks. As it way to enormous pressure built by the flooded lake, it hurled cakes of ice and huge rocks lying the creek bed down its path sweeping everything before it.

The double funeral was held at the Hampton Memorial church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with W. Fisher, Rev. England, of Hamville, and Kenneth Bailey officiating. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Peyton G. Ivie. Burial was in the church yard.

Pallbearers Named.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Johnson were: Dennis Hampton, Joe William Hampton, William Hampton, Jr., Robert Hampton, and Dewey Hampton, Jr.

Pallbearers for Dewey were: Hembree, Josh Johnson, Clyde Gerson, Ross Adams, Sheridan Hamway, Ed Barnett, Idris Adams and Homer Ricks.

Surviving Mrs. Johnson were other son, William, of Fort Bragg, three daughters, Margaret, of Newport, Tenn., Gladys, of Augusta, and Cenie, of Virginia; seven others, Hillary, Luke, Baxter, Dewey, John, Gus, and Fred Hampton, one sister, Mrs. J. W. Dyer, all Cherokee county.

Funeral services for Blaine Moore were held at the Grape Creek church Thursday afternoon with interment in the churchyard. W. D. Townson was in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by his mother, a number of brothers and sisters. Details of the funerals of the victims of the storm have not been learned here.

While several families were forced to vacate their residences, Mr. Moore per Queen saw his house washed yards down the Valley river. Moore, the owner, says he will attempt to move it and that all furniture of the family has been ruined.

The Dillingham residence on Tatham creek in Andrews was flooded causing the family to flee.

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