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F. HUNSUCKER IS LAID TO REST AT GRAPE CREEK

Aged, Crippled Farmer Found Dead At Home On Saturday Morning

Funeral services for Frank Hunsucker, prominent 69-year-old resident of the Grape Creek section of Cherokee county near Murphy, were conducted at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Grape Creek Methodist church with the Rev. W. Arthur Barber, Murphy Methodist pastor, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Hunsucker was found dead with a bullet through his heart on the front porch of the home of a son, Norvell, with whom he had been staying for several years about 10:00 Saturday morning. Dr. Fred L. Herbert, Cherokee county coroner, on Andrews, after an investigation, said Sunday the death was a case of suicide.

Partially paralyzed for the past six years and confined to a wheel chair, Mr. Hunsucker was said to have been despondent for some time. His wife died about a year ago.

At the time of his death no one was in the house. All members of the family were said to be working in the garden when they heard a shot emanating from the house. Rushing to the house they found Mr. Hunsucker slumped over in his chair on the front porch with a high-powered rifle beside him.

Investigation revealed that Mr. Hunsucker, in some manner, had pivoted his chair to the hallway where the gun hung on a rack about seven feet from the floor, and had taken it from its resting place to the porch where he shot himself, the bullet penetrating his body and several walls in the house.

Mr. Hunsucker was formerly a carpenter and a leading farmer of the Hiwassee river section. He recently sold his farm to the TVA.

Masonic rites were conducted at the funeral.

Surviving besides Norvell are: one other son, Lonnie, also of Murphy, and several brothers in the eastern part of the state.

ROBERT WEAVER GETS TREASURY JOB IN RALEIGH

Robert Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Weaver, of Murphy, left Tuesday for Raleigh where he will be connected with the office of Charles N. Johnson, state treasurer. Mr. Weaver assumes his duties on April 1.

Young Mr. Weaver, a graduate of Brevard college, was formerly connected with the A & P store here and has been employed for the past eight months by the Citizens Bank and Trust company at Murphy.

His place at the bank has been taken by Richard Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mauney, of Murphy.

Mr. Weaver's connection with the state treasurer's department brings the number of state employees in Raleigh from Cherokee county to three. The others are: Bill Bayless, who is connected with the division of revenue, and Ralph Moody, who is with the unemployment compensation division.

Interesting Cases On Court Calendar

Quite a number of interesting cases appear on the docket coming up before Cherokee County's term of Superior court which will convene here for a two-week session Monday morning.

Both civil and criminal cases will be heard by Judge John H. Catts, of Winston-Salem.

Several cases charging murder appear on the docket for the first time in several years.

A New School Building For Murphy

(EDITORIAL)

The county commissioners meet Monday.

It is likely that several groups will go before them with a stern request for a new school building in Murphy.

They will base their demands on these facts: The present two buildings were constructed to care for the grade and high school students of Murphy, and now that all high school students south of the Valleytown area attend school here, the buildings and classrooms are entirely too crowded.

The space now allotted the students can not possibly adequately serve the number of students that will be enrolled next year.

Friday all seventh grade students from Murphy and the county unit took their examinations. The number of pupils taking this examination was 278, and they completely filled every classroom but one in the high school building.

Appeals have been made to the WPA and other government agencies for funds to build additional school facilities. The fact that Cherokee county has defaulted, keeps them from getting any appropriation of this kind. In a case like this, paradoxically enough, it appears that the counties that most need such federal funds are the ones that are the least eligible for them.

More appeals were then made to the State Board of Education. Again from that group came back the debt sentiment; and all the while the people of Murphy and the lower end of the county go on sending their children to a classroom where two pupils are forced to employ the privileges generally allotted to one.

Warm weather is here and it is possible that some of the classes may be held on the school lawn again.

The commissioners will hear these facts Monday.

What can they do?

It seems as if once again a request for federal funds will have to be made, and if they are not available, the county will have to provide the total amount at the taxpayers' expense.

We feel that all those interested in this pressing problem should organize before putting any proposition to the commissioners Monday.

Mrs. Gulley Sends Note Of Appreciation

Mrs. Charles W. Gulley, director of the Western Carolina Teachers college sacred concert which was given in the Murphy Methodist church recently under the auspices of the East Murphy Organ Circle of the church, has extended her thanks "for the profound hospitality" shown the group here during the concert.

The musical program was acclaimed one of the finest ever heard in this section, and Mrs. Margaret Bell, chairman of the Circle, and others who helped to promote it, were high in their praise of the musicians' ability.

Mrs. Gulley's kind letter was addressed to Mrs. Bell.

Ministerial Group To Meet On Monday

The Cherokee-Clay county Ministerial Conference will meet in regular session in Murphy Monday, April 4, at 10 o'clock.

The devotional service will be led by the Rev. Mac Wiley.

Rev. C. F. Martin will lead in the discussion of some observations and conclusions relative to real and superficial confessions among our church people.

A business session will conclude the service at noon.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who will come and take part in these services.

Tax Lister's Dates Found In This Issue

A complete schedule of the Cherokee County Tax Listers' meetings in the various communities of Cherokee county are carried in a display advertisement on the back page of this issue of the Scout.

All persons subject to taxation are advised to take note of the dates on which tax listing is made in their community and be prepared for it to avoid penalty.

W. T. Moore is the tax supervisor of Cherokee county.

Democrats To Name Chairman Here Monday

What political observers here expect to be a hotter political powwow than the fall balloting itself will take place Monday at the court house during court recess at noon when the Democrats will elect a new chairman and decide whether to name their candidates by primary or by convention.

Chairmen from the 24 county precincts will be present to elect a new party chairman to succeed A. W. McIvor who resigned last week to announce for county office.

To date only one candidate announced for any of the county offices.

Baseball Team To Be Organized By Legion Post

The organization of a baseball team in Murphy and the erection of a lodge were discussed by members of the Joe Miller Elkins Post of the American Legion meeting at the Hiwassee Dam Saturday night.

Tom Mauney, post commander, presided.

Committees were appointed to investigate and make arrangements for both projects.

Jim Franklin is the chairman in charge of the group to organize the Junior American Legion baseball team.

The other committee is selecting a site for the new American Legion meeting lodge.

Mr. Mauney said the next meeting would be held on Saturday evening, April 30.

With the addition of some 29 workmen at the Hiwassee dam to the local American Legion Post's roster, the entire membership is soon expected to exceed 75, bringing to Murphy and this section of the county one of the country's finest and most active posts.

ADULTS ARE ALSO INVITED TO LIONS REPEAT SHOWING

Although the Lions club's Big Apple Minstrel show is being given again Friday afternoon in the school auditorium for the benefit of the school youngsters who will not or did not have another chance to see it, admission is open to all persons in the community who would care to see it.

Proceeds from the black face, skit and song show will be used for local charity by the Lions club. With the aid of Miss Martha Nell Wells and Hall Cobb in the directorship roles, the show is entirely home produced.

Besides the black face comedy and musical numbers, there is another of those Charlie McCarthy skits by Mr. Cobb and Mr. Carroll.

Tom Evans, Jr., has returned to Knoxville, where he will resume his studies at the University of Tennessee, after passing the Spring holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans.

Extensive New Building Program Is Underway In Murphy At Present

Local Lawyer Announces For Representative

J. N. Moody Murphy attorney, announced Wednesday morning his candidacy for state representative from Cherokee county on the Democratic ticket.

He is the first person in Cherokee county to announce for office in the coming elections.

His candidacy is subject to primary or convention, whichever means the Democrats select to choose their party representatives at a meeting next Monday.

Mr. Moody has been prominent throughout Western North Carolina as a lawyer for years. He moved here with his family from Graham county many years ago.

His announcements is as follows:
**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE
NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
NORTH CAROLINA**

I am a candidate for Representative of Cherokee county in the next General Assembly of North Carolina subject to the action of the Democratic Primary or Convention.

If nominated and elected I will do the best I can for the citizens of my county.

There has been too much property sold for taxes lately and there is something done about that if possible. Our taxes are too high. Many of the states exempt homes and farms from taxation up to a certain amount, usually from One Thousand Dollars to Twenty-five Hundred Dollars and I do not understand why our state should not do this also.

I am ready to discuss any matters with citizens of my county at any time or anywhere.

J. N. MOODY.

Pre-School Clinic To Be Held On April 13

A pre-school clinic will be held at the Murphy Graded School at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, April 13.

All parents who have children that will be six years old on or before October 1 are urged to bring them. Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, district health officer will give the children physical examinations and Miss Clara McCombs is planning a party in their honor.

"It is hoped that this clinic will serve the double purpose of helping the parents to know about their children's physical condition, and giving the children themselves an idea of what school is like. This year's first grades will help to make the smaller ones feel at home", Miss McCombs said.

Booklet On Hiwassee Dam Placed In Library

An interesting pamphlet entitled "Hiwassee Dam" which gives complete, concise and authentic figures and facts on the construction of this important TVA project near Murphy, has been placed with the regional library service.

The booklet not only gives figures and facts concerning the local project but compares all phases of the construction of the Hiwassee dam with other dams either under construction or completed by the Authority.

Charles A. Taylor, who is connected with the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission in Murphy this week on business.

Miss Josephine Heighway as her houseguest last week her sister, Mrs. Jack Lovingood, of Hendersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Witherspoon, Mrs. Tom Axley and Mrs. S. D. Akin spent Friday and Saturday in Asheville.

Business Concerns Chang- ing Locations, New Res- idences Are Built

VALUED AT \$100,000

Much Of Constructive Activity Caused By Building Of Dam

Murphy is in the midst of an extensive construction program which will ultimately see the expenditure of at least \$100,000, a survey this week revealed.

Business houses and private homes in the survey have either been completed within the past several months, or plans are well underway for their construction.

Much of the activity has been stimulated by the TVA's purchase of a great deal of property along the Hiwassee river in the town limits of Murphy where several of the town's largest industries are located.

While the impounded waters from the Hiwassee dam will affect only a few private homes, the new structures are being built to take care of increasing population.

Machinery was being installed Tuesday in the new building of the Murphy Mills. This structure which is valued at approximately \$10,000 has been recently built following one of Murphy's worst fires several months ago which burned the old mills and most of the machinery to the ground.

K. V. Weaver, owner of the mill, has rebuilt on a lot across the street from the old location. The building is made of wood and is three stories high.

Among the new equipment being in-
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NYA Will Hold Exhibit Here April 14 to 16

There will be an exhibit of youth-craft held in Murphy, April 14, 15 and 16, in the old Cherokee Bank Building at the Regal Hotel it was announced Tuesday.

This exhibit will include articles made by NYA Youths, and also articles made by other youths in Cherokee County.

The exhibit is given to bring to the public-at-large this most worth while work which is being done for and with our Youths.

Ribbons will be given for merit, and the NYA Supervisor, Mrs. Willabelle Posey, will take the best articles to the District Exhibit which is to be held in Marion, N. C., on April 21, 22 and 23.

Mr. P. S. Randolph, Project Supervisor of NYA and Mr. C. E. McIntosh, Director of NYA in North Carolina, will attend the exhibit to be held in Marion, North Carolina.

All youth agencies having articles which they would like to exhibit are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Posey.

The use of the building for the exhibit was donated through the courtesy of Savage Bros., the owner.

More Than One Got Stuck For '81 Cents'

No story emanating from Murphy in many a moon has caused as much furor as did that epistle last week about Lawyer Edwin Hyde getting stuck for 81 cents.

No sooner had the ink cooled to the boiling point on the presses than letters began pouring in to Mr. Hyde from Sylva and other surrounding communities from men of various professions telling how they "had bitten" in one way or another.