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W. J. LAWRENCE TAKES LIFE HERE ON LAST FRIDAY

Filling Station Operator Was Former Resident Of Suit

Funeral services for William J. Lawrence, 68-year-old filling station operator, of McCaysville, Ga., who took his own life with a 32 calibre pistol here Monday afternoon, were conducted from the Friendship Baptist church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Thomas Truett officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Lawrence, who was unmarried, was well-known here. He was born and reared in the Suit community and had run a store in the lower end of the county for many years.

For the past several years he had been running a filling station at McCaysville, across the river from Copperhill, Tenn., for another man.

Sunday he came to Murphy and registered at the Hubbard House here as he often did when visiting in Murphy. Acquaintances who talked with him Sunday night and Monday morning said his actions didn't appear unusual and could give no other reason than despondency for ending his life.

His body was found on his bed in his room about 4 p. m. Monday with the revolver at his side. A pistol bullet had entered his right temple and came out the left side of his head.

Mr. Lawrence left a note addressed to Mr. Sam Lovinggood, former county commissioner and popular proprietor of the hotel, which simply requested that he be buried as nicely as possible.

Dr. Harry Miller, who had been sworn in as Cherokee county coroner just a few minutes previously, was called to the scene. He proclaimed the case as suicide and announced that no inquest would be held.

Surviving are three sisters including Mrs. Lum Montgomery, of Candler, N. C., and Mrs. Jane Stiles, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and a brother, James Lawrence, of Belmont, N. C.

BEAR WEST HURT, 2 OTHERS INJURED IN AUTO MISHAP

Three men were slightly injured about 15 miles west of Bryson City Sunday afternoon when the automobile in which they were riding plunged over a 60-foot embankment.

The injured are: Bear West, of Murphy, several fractured ribs and cuts and bruises; Ed Haney and Cordelle Haney, of Topton, cuts and bruises.

Gilbert Nelson, of Topton, said to be driving the car, was not injured. Officers said apparently lost control of the car a few moments before it left the highway. The injured were taken to a hospital at Sylva.

L. L. Mason Will Buy Cattle Here Saturday

L. L. Mason has announced that he will buy all kinds of cattle at Frank Dickey's scale in Murphy this coming Saturday.

Mr. Mason, who has bought a great deal of cattle locally recently, says he will pay market price for all cattle brought in.

Weather Vane

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year.

Date	1938		1937	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
Nov. 30	60	15	61	19
Dec. 1	62	18	60	21
2	60	21	52	23
3	55	36	57	14
4	67	37	49	27
5	56	37	44	30
6	49	34	31	10

OUTSTANDING PIANIST TO APPEAR HERE IN CONCERT THURSDAY NIGHT, DEC. 15

Music lovers of Murphy will have rare treat when J. T. Pittman is presented in concert by the Murphy Woman's club on Thursday evening Dec. 15, at 7:30 o'clock, in the club room.

Helen Knox Spain, music critic of Atlanta says: "His interpretation is profound. In technique he is in command of every shading of the most delicate to the wisest swing of emotional climaxes."

Mozelle Horton Young of the Atlanta Constitution says: "His playing is both brilliant and deep, clear cut and yet emotional."

Mabelle S. Wall, of the Atlanta Journal, says: "He delivers a comprehensive program and his technical, musical and pianistic requirements indicate almost unlimited virtuosity and memory."

From the Augusta Chronicle, Augusta, Ga., April 3, 1938: "Playing his well chosen program without theatrical fanfare and ungarished with mannerisms, the young pianist developed a warm enthusiasm among his listeners which prevailed for the entire evening."

His program here will be: Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, Bach; Sonata quasi una fantasia Opus 27 No. 2 (Moonlight), Beethoven; Adagio Sostnuto, Allegretto, Presto agitato; Polonaise in A Major, Chopin; Nocturne in F Sharp Major, Chopin; Waltz in C Sharp minor, Chopin; Three Etudes, Chopin; Black Key, Butterfly, Revolutionary; The Fountain, Ravel; Hungarian Rhapsody, No. II, Liszt.

PRIZES FOR BEST YULE DECORATIONS ANNOUNCED HERE

Prizes for best Christmas decorations in Murphy being sponsored by the Womans club have been announced and will be displayed through the courtesy of Candler's Department store.

The committee has announced the following prizes: Class A—outdoor Christmas tree, first, indirect lighting bridge lamp donated by the Southern States Power Company, second, sandwich toaster donated by the Mauney Drug company, third, chromium card tray donated by Mauney Drug company.

Class B—best door arrangement, first, automatic electric toaster donated by Murphy Hardware company, second, chromium sandwich tray donated by Parker Drug company, third, crystal cabinet set donated by Parker Drug company.

Entrants are expected to have their displays ready by Tuesday, Dec. 20. The judging will take place Christmas eve by a group of impartial visitors in town.

Commission Is Hearing TVA Testimony on Land

The TVA this week was in the midst of presenting its testimony before a three-member commission in Asheville which will fix the value of 12,000 acres of land in Cherokee county which will be inundated by waters backed up by the Authority's \$22,000,000 dam now in the process of construction.

The respondent in the case, the Southern States Power company, and other claimants and interests in the land, have already given their testimony before the commission.

The trial is expected to last about a week longer. Quite a number of citizens and TVA officials from Murphy are attending the hearings.

The United States Supreme court was to have handed down its decision on the constitutionality of the TVA last Monday, but postponed the decision for an indefinite period.

14 Shopping Days 'Til Xmas Buy Now and Buy in Murphy

Fourteen shopping days 'til Christmas!! That's the story all the daily newspapers are carrying. Just two weeks of buying before old Santa Claus loads up his sleigh, hitches up his reindeer and makes his annual jaunt from the North Pole.

Not much time to buy the many presents most of us want to give this Christmas.

To this end the merchants of Murphy have loaded their merchandise shelves to the hilt. They have every Christmas present for sale you can imagine. One look in most any of the stores will convince you of that. It's really a thrill to walk through them.

Brisk trade is anticipated from now until the night before old Santa actually lets himself down your chimney. So you had better get your shopping done now. Get yours while the picking is good. For the closer it gets to Christmas, the narrower becomes your choice of the many pretty and sentimental gifts (no matter how inexpensive they might have to be) to give to your friends and loved ones.

And on behalf of the community and its best interests, let us counsel a few words that we think should be heeded by everyone. When you make these purchases, by all means, make them in your home town. Don't go off someplace else to do all your buying. You might find a few little spangles and knick-knacks there that the man around the corner doesn't keep, but what difference does that make? Your local merchant depends on your trade. He needs it to give him a profit and successfully make a living for his family in this community.

He treats you like a brother all during the year; even during the lean months when there just isn't much business. He takes our accounts on the books. He figures them up every night, perhaps rolls them over in his mind when he's gone to bed. But he doesn't say anything about them until he thinks you are able to pay. And he's the first to dig down deep when you need five cents or \$5 for charity.

Is it right then for you to go off and do your Christmas shopping, just when he's counting on your business the most? If you want to make this a really Merry Christmas in Murphy, then buy lots for Christmas and by all means buy it from your local merchant.

To this end most of the merchants of the town have taken large advertisements in this issue of the Scout. They offer you wide selectivity of Christmas goods at the most reasonable prices. This issue of the Scout and the next should be your shopping guide. Turn through the pages of the Scout. Look at the many wonderful bargains you can get right here in Murphy; many things we bet you never even thought about buying locally before.

Two more hectic weeks of buying! Yes, you'd better get yours now, while the getting is good. And don't forget—your local merchant, your friend when you need him, has the goods, needs your support and will be glad to sell them to you.

New County Board Has First Meeting Monday; Officers Are Sworn In

SEEK TO DISLodge 5 FAMILIES FROM CHEROKEE LANDS

The United States government has filed five suits in federal court at Asheville seeking to dislodge five families who it alleges are in illegal occupancy of lands belonging to the Eastern band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee county.

The suits are directed against William P. Payne, Isaac Lovinggood, J. M. Killian, Bob Dockery and Arthur Dockery, and contend these five families occupy lands in the "Sibbald tract" of 2180 acres which belongs to the Cherokee Indians.

Red Cross Goal Nearly Reached Chairman Says

Mrs. C. W. Savage, chairman of Murphy's Red Cross roll call, reported Thursday that \$137 of the \$150 quota had been collected and that the goal would be reached this week-end.

She stated the canvass has ended and enough has been pledged to fill the quota. Those who have promised to pay are asked to leave the money with her at the Regal hotel.

She added \$113.50 had been collected at Hiwassee Dam.

MUSICAL DISPLAY ARRANGED HERE

Another in the series of exhibits being made by the Murphy Womans club at the Carnegie Library here has been arranged on musical instrument study.

A large number of photographic illustrations have been arranged describing the various instruments in the modern orchestra and the arrangement of the orchestra. Other illustrations, largely donated by Mrs. Willard Angley and Mrs. Jerry Davidson, describe modern and old-time instruments.

One exhibit is composed of a group of Chinese musical instruments loaned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Carey, of the John C. Campbell Folk School. The couple has spent many years in Chinese soil and are well-acquainted with Chinese habits and living.

A group of string instruments has been placed on exhibition by the Folk school, and numerous modern instruments are displayed by various people in town.

Mrs. Tom Case is chairman of the committee in charge. Others on the committee are: Mrs. C. W. Savage, Miss Elizabeth Strickland, Miss Martha Wiswall and Mrs. Davidson.

Pictures Of Moosehart To Be Shown Locally

The Loyal Order of Moose, which is being organized locally at present by W. C. Moreland, will show a five-reel moving and talking picture made by the children of the Moose home at Moosehart, Ill.

It will be shown free of charge at the following places: Andrews high school, Monday, Dec. 12, 7 p. m.; Folk School, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p. m.; Marble school house Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p. m.; Rogers Chapel church, Thursday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p. m.

The public is invited. Charles R. Kirby, regional director of the lodge, will be in charge of the pictures.

C. W. BAILEY IN MIAMI

Rae Moore, who is connected with his father in the automobile business here, received a card last week from C. W. Bailey, former publisher of the Scout, who is now located in Miami, Fla. Although he advised he is getting along well Mr. Bailey did not state what business he was in there.

Routine Matters Are Dis- cussed, Voted On At First Session Here

New Cherokee county officials were sworn into office by the newly-elected board of county commissioners at their first meeting in the court house Monday.

The meeting was opened by the old board who retired in favor of the new group.

The new group elected T. P. Calhoun, Democrat, elected from the second (Murphy) county commissioner district, chairman. The other two members are E. A. Wood, Democrat, of Andrews, and J. M. Anderson, Republican, of Culberson.

The retiring board is composed of L. B. Nichols, chairman, of Andrews, Sam Lovinggood, of Murphy, and W. A. Adams, of Grandview.

The new officers sworn into office were: John Donley, Republican, who succeeds himself as clerk of the Superior court; Carl Townson, Republican, who succeeds L. L. Mason as sheriff; B. L. Padgett, Democrat, who succeeds himself as register of deeds.

Township constables sworn in were: Sheridan Stiles, Murphy township; Victor Raxter, Valleytown township; A. L. Cole, Hot House township; Clifford Rose, Beverdam township, and W. A. Nichols, Nolks township.

Dr. Harry Miller, Democrat, was sworn in as coroner succeeding Dr. Fred L. Herbert, and O. G. Anderson, Republican, as surveyor.

By virtue of an amendment passed by a state-wide majority but defeated in the county, Townson and Miller will serve terms of four years in office instead of two as in the past.

The board retained Paul Hyatt as county accountant at a salary of \$1,200 per year; B. H. Tillitt, of Andrews, as county attorney at a salary of \$200 per year, and Willie Bates, junior, at a salary of \$600 per year. They are all hired on a monthly basis, however.

Among matters passed by the new board were to retain Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Leatherwood at the county home under the same conditions as they were maintained by the past board; appropriating Bob Arnold \$15 per month for the care of a half-brother; donating a \$10 gift to the Caswell Training school, and appropriating \$3 for expenses for trips to board of old age assistance meetings to Mrs. J. F. Wood, of Suit.

The board also voted to give Hyatt permission to sign the chairman's name to necessary papers and to permit the chairman and Mr. Hyatt to pass on errors, mistakes and adjustments.

The chairman and the accountant were also authorized to buy interest coupons and bonds of Cherokee county and its subdivisions at the best price possible.

No Appointments Are Made By Sheriff Yet

Sheriff J. C. (Carl) Townson said Wednesday that no appointments had been made in his office.

Despite rumors over the county which gave several different persons credit with being appointed to the posts of high deputy, deputies and jailer, Mr. Townson said he had not yet made any appointments and that it would probably be another week before he would do so.

Mr. Townson was sworn into office for a four-year term at a meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday.