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CENTENNIAL OF COUNTY WILL BE OBSERVED HERE

Prominent Citizens To Make Addresses Here On Monday

Exercises commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of Cherokee county will be held at the Murphy court house during noon recess of Superior court Monday.

No elaborate program has been arranged for the occasion but a number of Cherokee county's most prominent older citizens are scheduled to speak on the various phases of the development of Cherokee county.

D. H. Tillitt, county attorney of Andrews, will preside over the meeting. Among those who are expected to make short talks are: Col. Edmund B. Norvell, W. A. Adams, M. W. Bell, and Don Witherspoon.

An invitation has been extended to residents of the adjoining counties of Clay and Graham to attend the services and a number are expected to be present.

The following statement announcing the event was recently issued:

"As Cherokee county was established by the General Assembly of North Carolina on January 4, 1839, and political organization of the county was had March 17, 1841, we deem it but proper that public exercises should be had celebrating these events. Therefore we take the liberty of calling upon citizens of Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties, especially the older citizens to meet at the court house in Murphy at 12:30 p. m. (Central Standard Time), January 23, for the purpose of celebrating these events. We hope that there will be large attendance at these exercises.

T. P. Calhoun, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; J. W. Donley, clerk of the superior court; J. C. Townson, sheriff; L. L. Mason, tax collector; B. L. Padgett, register of deeds; J. B. Gray, Mayor of Murphy; P. M. Reagan Mayor of Andrews; W. B. Mulkey, Mayor of Marble; P. A. Mauney, chairman of the board of education; A. L. Martin, supt. of public schools; Edmund B. Norvell, W. A. Adams, D. Witherspoon, J. D. Mallonee, G. W. Candler, F. O. Christoph, J. W. Lovingsgood, M. W. Bell, J. N. Moody, C. E. Hyde, W. M. Axley

EXHIBIT WILL BE HELD AT LIBRARY HERE JANUARY 25

Arrangements are about complete for the Silver, Pewter, China and Glass exhibit to be held by the Womans club Wednesday, January 25 from 2 p. m. until 9 p. m.

The committee in charge reports much interest being shown in the forthcoming event. Residents of Murphy and Andrews are planning to display many rare old pieces. Besides the local articles that have been offered there will be two interesting pottery exhibits, one from Jugtown, the home of North Carolina pottery and another from the Ceramic Division of the TVA at Norris.

The committee in charge is composed of Mrs. B. W. Whitfield Mrs. H. Bueck, Miss Josephine Heighway, of the Womans club, Mrs. Harry Bishop and Mrs. James Ward from the Junior club, and Miss Sara Ruth Posey, of the Charity League.

Tea will be served during the hours by the Library committee from the Womans club, Mrs. E. B. Norvell, chairman.

A silver offering for the Library will be taken.

BRYSON CITY MAN IS FOUND DEAD AT ANDREWS CAMPS

Fide Hyde, 74, of Bryson City, was found dead in bed at Bradley's Tourist camps near Andrews Monday morning.

Mr. Hyde had come to the camps on Saturday evening to visit his daughter who is employed there.

Coroner Dr. Harry Miller was not available Monday morning but Sheriff Carl Townson investigated and said death was apparently due to a heart attack.

Funeral arrangements had been made for Monday afternoon.



Judge Frank Hill Is Reported Critically Ill

Judge Frank S. Hill, prominent Murphy resident, is reported to be critically ill in Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Hill, son of the late C. B. Hill, was appointed to the Superior court bench in 1932 by Gov. O. Max Gardner. He has been reappointed bi-annually since.

Before going to the Superior court, Judge Hill served as a law partner to J. B. Gray.

BLEE IS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF PRESIDENTS BALL

Mr. C. E. Blee, of Hiwassee Dam, has been appointed Chairman of the President's Birthday Ball Committee for Cherokee County. After contacting representative citizens in both Murphy and Andrews in an effort to arrange for a local ball in one of these cities, it was decided not to attempt this on account of the lateness of the date.

As plans had already been announced for a ball at Hiwassee Dam on January 28, it was decided that this would be the official ball for Cherokee County. All money raised will be divided on the new 50-50 basis between the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the local needs of Cherokee County.

Every citizen of the county is urged to support the ball at Hiwassee Dam, and so augment the funds both for the use of the National Foundation and for Cherokee County.

DISTRICT SCOUT OFFICIALS HOLD MEET IN MURPHY

The Western district of the Daniel Boone council, Boy Scouts of America, held a training course for the Scout officials of six towns, Sunday, at Murphy.

The afternoon session was held in the Men's Bible Class room at the Baptist Church from 2 until 5:30 o'clock. Dinner at the Dickey hotel followed, after which the delegates assembled again at the Church for a special service conducted by the pastors of the three churches. Representatives attended from Robbinsville, Tapoco, Andrews, Hayesville and Hiwassee Dam.

DIVINING RODS, AMBASSADORS, RUBBER CHECKS SUBJECTS OF MEETING HERE

Three dissertations on pertinent subjects featured the second meeting of the newly-organized Public Speaking group held in the club room of the Murphy-Carnegie library Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

A large representation heard the speakers offer short oral comments on the subjects chosen for them.

Featuring the program were talks by: James B. Ward, local TVA geologist, on "The History and Use of the Divining Rod"; Dale Lee, town councilman, on "Dinner with Ambassador Daniels"; Miss Sarah Ruth Posey, Bank employee, on "Rubber Checks"; and Miss Dot Higdon, school teacher, on "Spectators' Etiquette."

The purpose of the club is not only to study the correct delivery of impromptu and prepared talks but to study parliamentary proceedings as well.

The meetings are open to anyone

MRS. SPENCER DEAD, HUSBAND HURT IN CRASH

Local Couple Were Traveling To New York On Visit

Mrs. Sarah Spencer, 61-year-old resident of Murphy, was instantly killed and her husband, Thomas Spencer, is seriously injured as the result of an automobile crash in a heavy snow-storm near Delaware, Ohio, last Friday.

Mrs. Spencer's body had not been moved from an undertaking establishment at Delaware Wednesday night. Attending physicians were awaiting a turn in the condition of Mr. Spencer before the removal was made.

Little of the details, of the accident had been learned here except that the couple were driving to New York to visit Mr. Spencer's sister who was ill. The accident is reported to have occurred when the car driven by Mr. Spencer collided with another on a snow-covered highway.

Mrs. Spencer was killed instantly and Mr. Spencer was conveyed to a hospital where it was reported one leg was fractured and that he had sustained head injuries. Wednesday Mr. Spencer's general condition was reported as good but his memory had not returned. It was feared at first that he had a fractured skull and he remained unconscious for several days. He had not learned of Mrs. Spencer's death.

The sister they were traveling to see died last Friday.

The Spencers had no children and close friends of the family here informed relatives of the accident. They were expected to take Mrs. Spencer to New York for burial Friday.

Citizens of Murphy first learned of the fatal accident when the mayor of Delaware discovered the identity of Mr. Spencer by information carried in his pocket. He called Mayor J. B. Gray of Murphy and told him of the accident. A former acquaintance of the Spencers here went from Cincinnati to Mr. Spencer's bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer came here about 10 years ago. They developed one of the most beautiful homes in this section on the outskirts of Murphy. Mr. Spencer was a formerly connected prominently with British naval circles. He retired, but went back to Britain's aid during the World War. The Spencers made many close acquaintances here.

Cherokee Superior Court Will Open

The regular January term of Cherokee County Superior court for the trial of civil cases only will open here Monday.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, newly-elected to the Superior court bench, will preside over the two-weeks scheduled session here.

Head-lining the docket is the case of Fred O. Christopher, administrator for the estate of Earl White et als vs. the Cherokee County Fair Association and the Southern States Power company. White, who was with the Keystone shows here last fall, was killed while wiring up concessions the night before the annual fair opened here last year.

Three Held, 5 Sought On Kidnap-Beating Charge



K. V. Weaver, 54, Is Buried Recently

Above is Kelsey V. Weaver, 54, of Murphy, who died after several days illness recently. He was buried on January 9.

Mr. Weaver was a rural mail route carrier here for years and had won innumerable friends who mourned at his passing. He was also owner of the Murphy Mills, one of the largest and most prominent establishments of its kind in this section.

Mr. Weaver came here from Buncombe county about 30 years ago and became one of the town's most prominent citizens and a staunch church-worker. Surviving besides his widow are: one daughter Mary, of Murphy and three sons, Fain and Edgar, of Murphy, and Robert of Raleigh.

LEGION POST TO BE HOST TO OFFICERS OF 20TH DISTRICT

The local Joe Miller Elkins post of the American Legion will play host to officers of posts of Andrews, Bryson City, Franklin and Cherokee here on Wednesday, Jan 25, it was announced Wednesday by J. W. Franklin, commander of the Murphy post. He said a banquet would be held at a local hotel at 7 p. m.

Annually the officers of the posts of the 20th district meet in session with one of the clubs acting as host.

OFFICERS LOCATE GILBERT NELSON AT ROAD HOUSE

Gilbert Nelson, alleged driver of the car that dropped 30 feet off the dead end of one highway onto Highway U. S. No. 19 near Bryson City several months ago resulting in the death of Bear West, of Murphy, and injuries to several others, was apprehended at a road house between Topton and Robbinsville by Patrolman E. B. Quinn, Jr., of Andrews, and J. H. Coman, of Franklin, and Swain county officers Sunday.

Nelson had been sought since the accident occurred.

The officers said it is believed he was driving the car when the accident occurred and that he had been "dodging" them ever since.

He was turned over to Swain county authorities. The accident occurred near Bryson City.

Miss Kathleen Roberts Joins Staff Of Scout

Miss Kathleen Roberts, of Murphy, is now connected with The Cherokee Scout as society editor.

The popular former Murphy high school girl will also assist with office work and solicitation of job work and advertising in the town.

Miss Roberts joined the Scout staff last week. Anyone having social items or any kind of news are asked to feel free to call upon her at any time.

Federal Officers Investigate Case Here: Kidnaped Man Also Arrested

Following investigation by federal agents, three men were being held in Murphy Thursday for allegedly kidnaping and beating Baxter Conrad, alias Jonas Williams, about 27, last Sunday night. Five more men were named as accomplices.

Sheriff Carl Townson said Thursday he would hold the men until he heard from the federal officers who returned to Asheville Wednesday after questioning the men in their cell here.

Those who were arrested early Monday morning were: Luke and Abe Puett and Lucas Sparks. Named as accomplices are: Frank Puett, Theodore King, Clyde Messer, Jack McClure and Henry Brown. All live in the Warne section on the Georgia-North Carolina line.

Conrad, after reporting the affair here, was himself arrested by Constable Sheridan Stiles and is being held for Haywood county officers on an old charge of assault with a deadly weapon on a man.

Conrad, who had been living in Georgia near the Warne settlement the past four months under the name of Jonas Williams, breathlessly reported to Policeman Neil Sneed Sunday night that the eight men had taken him from a lumber camp where he was working, beat him and threatened his life.

He said they intimidated him because he led revenue officers to several stills in the Warne section recently.

Conrad said the eight men picked him up, beat him and threatened to tie him to the back end of their car and drag him to death.

The party brought him on to Murphy, he continued, where he believed they planned to put him on a bus for Waynesville and later kill him when he got off.

Officers Sneed, Policeman Ezra Price and Sheriff Carl Townson then arrested the two Puetts and Sparks. The others were believed to have returned to Georgia, but the officers could not pursue them into another state unless a federal warrant was issued for their arrest.

Apparently no such warrant had been issued up until Thursday. Local officers were awaiting word from the FBI men before making further efforts in the case.

Because Williams was purportedly brought across a state line, the federal officers at Charlotte were notified.

Sheriff Townson said Sparks was carrying a .38 calibre Colt pistol and Luke Puett had a .45 calibre automatic pistol in his car.

K. T. Dalavigne, of the Charlotte FBI office, led the federal investigation here.

MRS. BURT MASON, BURIED TUESDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Burt Mason, 29-year-old resident of the Postel section of Cherokee county, were conducted from the home Tuesday with the Rev. S. A. Stiles officiating. Interment was in the Swanson cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Mason died Monday. Surviving are: the husband, her father, Henry Earley, both of Postel; two brothers, Hayner, of Ellijay, Ga., and Earnest, of Postel, and six sisters, Mrs. Pearl Henderson and Misses Pearl, Christine, Martha, Maxine and Eugenia Earley, all of Postel.

Weather Vane

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

Date	1939		1938	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
11	63	34	42	32
12	51	41	46	34
13	47	41	47	27
14	48	24	40	25
15	49	20	45	21
16	42	32	62	24
17	47	17	62	43
RAINFALL INCHES		1939	1938	
Since January 1		2.56	2.07	