

"STAN" OLMSTED DIES SUDDENLY IN WASHINGTON

Novelist and Musician To Rest In Mountains He Loved So Well

Stanley Olmsted is dead. The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Olmsted and grandson of the late Dr. J. W. Patton, of Murphy died suddenly in a Washington D. C. hospital early Wednesday morning, after having been stricken at the home of his mother, in Arlington, Va.

Funeral services will be held in Murphy, following cremation of the body in Washington. Mrs. Olmsted is expected to arrive with the ashes today (Thursday).

Stanley Olmsted was born in Murphy, 61 years ago. Although he went to Washington with his parents when a child, and spent many years in New York City and the great capitals of Europe, he always considered Murphy his "home". It was his own wish that he be buried here—if possible in the old Methodist graveyard where so many of his kinsmen sleep. He loved that graveyard, as he loved the mountains he came back to so often. He was a novelist, a poet, and a musician—and he came very close to genius in all three. Three of his novels were published; one of them "Top of Tobin" having life in Murphy as its theme. This book was praised by the greatest literary critics in the land.

Many of his poems also were published in book form, as were more than one hundred magazine stories; the latter invariably appearing in the

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WHO SAID BEARS ARE COWARDS; ASK JIM BAKER

Wounded Bruin Chases Him Miles 'Round Big Mountain

If anyone doesn't think that a big black bear will come after you just ask Jim Baker.

Last Wednesday morning A. M. Simonds gathered in his bear dogs and together with Jim Baker, Bill Doekery, Uley Farmer and others started for the big mountains. On the way they picked up Garfield Rhodes with his two bear dogs and headed for their camp, arriving about 6 o'clock in the evening.

The following morning, bright and early they headed for a bear drive and an all day hunt was without avail. Next day they headed in another direction and hunted all morning without starting anything. Then, about one o'clock old Zero gave a few yelps and the chase was on.

Down the mountain and through the laurels they went, while Jim Baker and A. M. Simonds patiently awaited in stands a few yards apart. About two o'clock they heard the dogs headed their way and it wasn't long until they came near Baker who fired down on Mr. Bear and brought him to the ground.

In the meantime the dogs had separated and had two bears going at the same time. In a short time the party heard the last pack coming and soon the bear came in sight of Simonds who cracked down with his rifle and inflicted a severe wound.

The bear rushed and started directly toward Jim Baker. The latter took to his heels around the mountain—and the bear chased him. Simonds finally got another shot and brought Mr. Bruin to the ground.

Simonds then fired the dead bear signal and all men came in, except Baker. Part of the men started a search for Baker, tracking him through the leaves; and finally they spied him about two miles away on the Tennessee side, perched on a big

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Superior Court Opens Here Monday, Nov. 6

The November term of Superior court for Cherokee county opened here Monday morning in the Murphy courthouse with Judge J. Will Pless presiding. 231 cases are listed on the docket for this term.

Monday and Tuesday were devoted to disposing of several small cases of liquor, drunken and reckless driving and small assault cases on the old docket. The grand jury is still in session and the number of true bills they will find will not be available until the end of the week.

The murder case involving Charlie Frazier, charged with slaying Kimsey Wyke, Andrews policeman, opened Wednesday morning continued through the day. A special night session was conducted Wednesday night for this case, and due to the rush all evidence was in at noon Thursday and the jury retired at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. No verdict had been brought out when the Scout went to press.

MINISTERS MEET MONDAY; BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSED

Rev. H. L. Paisley Leads Discussion; Baker Presides

A large attendance marked the Minister's Conference conducted in the First Baptist church here Monday and an excellent discussion of the current topic, "The Church's Responsibility for Weekday Bible Instruction", was given led by Rev. H. L. Paisley, pastor of the local Presbyterian church.

Rev. E. F. Baker, of Andrews, presided over the meeting and Rev. Fred Stiles acted as secretary. Rev. Paisley, acting in the absence of the program leader Van B. Harrison who had to be absent, led the discussion, using the Chattanooga school and church cooperative movement as a model.

In discussing the week-day Bible study in Chattanooga, that program was explained in detail and discussed and approved by the conference. In this program the Chattanooga schools, both city and county, have entered elective courses of Bible study open for all students, and a survey shows

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Loop In Murphy Street Completed; Open To Travel

Relocation of part of Tennessee street leading to the Factorytown section of Murphy has been completed and is now open to traffic with a new overhead bridge spanning the southern railroad at that point and a beautiful new loop drive, from the overhead bridge to the Valley River bridge has resulted which will be a beauty spot for Murphy after Hiwassee Dam reservoir is filled.

Certain sections of this street would have been inundated by the back waters of the dam and it was found necessary to rebuild part of the street. The new stretch of street is elevated far above any level the waters will reach extending upward as high as was necessary for the overhead bridge. This street is paved with concrete.

No new bridge was built for the river but the old one was reinforced and moved upstream about thirty feet. In the process of putting a new foundation under this bridge it was raised eight feet higher than before so that it would easily clear the lake waters. The foundations of the railroad trestle just above this bridge were also reinforced and rip-rapped against the erosive forces of the lake waters.

From the river bridge the highway

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Last Rites Held For D. C. Hall, 69, At Mt. Pisgah

Final rites for D. C. Hall, 69, of Warne, who died Wednesday night at 8 o'clock were conducted from the Mt. Pisgah Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Henry Brown officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Townsend Funeral home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hall was probably one of the most widely known and well-liked men in all Cherokee county, having a host of friends all over this entire section. The Hall family is one of the oldest in the county.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Lucy Hawkins, Mrs. Vilma Kimsey and Miss Cordia Hall, all of Clay county, and Mrs. Naomi Elliott of Franklin; seven sons, Virgil Hall of Murphy, Lee Hall, of Winston-Salem, and Bill, Claude, Albert and Dee Hall, all of Clay county.

TVA Power Is 'Cut On' Permanently In Murphy

SAFE LOOTED IN HARDWARE STORE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Sheriff said esndt,lpw rf h Professional safe-blowers, artists of their trade, successfully opened the safe of Cherokee Hardware company here Wednesday night and escaped with six dollars in cash and some valuable documents. An attempt on the Gulf Oil company warehouse failed when no safe was found to blow.

According to Sheriff Townson, three men apparently entered the hardware company building late Wednesday night, blew the safe and then, continuing to the Gulf plant and entering that building made their escape when they found no safe.

The Sheriff said it was without doubt the work of experts. A small hole had been drilled into the working parts of the combination, the hole loaded with powder with a fuse leading out and the opening sealed with soap. After the explosion, the thieves took out six dollars in cash and a steel box containing insurance policies, notes and other papers. However, nothing else was touched.

The same thieves, supposedly, successfully entered the building of the Gulf company, and finding no safe, concluded that no money was kept there and continued on their way. Nothing was missing from the company's office.

BULLDOGS MEET FRANKLIN HIGH HERE FRIDAY

The Murphy Bulldogs clash with Franklin High's football eleven here Friday in what will probably be the hardest game so far this season on the local field, the game starting at 1 o'clock.

The Bulldog's have enjoyed a very so-so season thus far this year and a win will boost their rating considerably. Therefore, Coach Pitzer has been sending his boys through a stiff workout all week and gave them probably their hardest offensive scrimmage practice of the entire year on Wednesday. In other words he intends to bring home the bacon.

The Franklin team has a reputation of being very strong and have several big scalps under their belt. The least the Bulldogs can look forward to is the hardest game of their life.

Switch Thrown At 5:20 Wednesday; Sub Station Functioning

At exactly 5:20 o'clock Wednesday afternoon workmen threw the switch on the new TVA sub station in Murphy, illuminating the entire city for the first time with electricity direct from the TVA power lines, which is and will be the permanent source of power for Murphy.

With the arrival and installment of the regulator, which will keep the current at a constant voltage, the station was in immediate readiness to supply the town. H. G. Elkins, manager of the town's electric department, said that about one and one half hours would be required to adjust the new regulator after the power had been cut on, after which it would be continuously and permanently supplied to the town.

The new power source relieves a great inappropriety in Murphy, the former source having been insufficient and erratic. Many times the consumption was far greater than the supply and output of the former source, causing the entire town to be thrown into darkness on different occasions.

Work on the new sub station was begun in August of this year and construction was complete some two weeks ago. However, officials were unable to cut in on the TVA line until the regulator had been installed in order that the power would always

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FRAUD IS BARED BY GOVERNMENT IN WPA CHECKS

Merchants Lose Over \$2,500 As Result of Forgeries

Murphy, Andrews and Robbinsville Merchants—especially the first named two—have been victimized out of more than \$2,500 through frauds worked through the medium WPA checks, the Scout learned today.

As a result, the United States Secret Service has issued, through its Charlotte office, a special warning to banks, storekeepers and business men in general not to accept any WPA check unless the person presenting it is personally known.

This warning has been brought home with added force by a big advertisement appearing elsewhere in this paper, inserted by President Ferebee of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

Mr. Ferebee explained to the Scout reporter that frauds with WPA checks had been found only too easy. Merchants, feeling that any U. S. Government check must necessarily be good, have been eager to cash them, when the person presenting them made a small purchase.

"But a lot of those checks have been stolen, and signatures forged," Mr. Ferebee explained. "You see, the envelopes in which they come are very distinctive. A thief can spot them without difficulty. Boxes on rural mail routes are not always gone to the moment the mail carrier arrives; and it has been a simple matter on many occasions, for some one to steal envelopes, forge the name of the proper payee, and then take the checks to another town, and cash them in some store."

Naturally, the Graham County checks that were forged, were passed mostly in Andrews and Murphy. Checks stolen in Cherokee County and forged, were in turn passed over in Graham.

"I hope the warning we have put in the Scout will be read—and heeded—for when a merchant cashes a forged check, it is the merchant himself who must make it good."

Local CCC Camp Hums with Activity; American Legion Meets with Vets

Murphy's new CCC Camp near Cool Springs put the final touches on all building and construction work Tuesday and launched right into a round of activity.

Although the new camp is made up of 183 World War veterans, it would appear that they were the youth of the CCC organization in the country. The entire camp, teeming with activity and making plans for more, was a literal beehive after completion of building.

In completeness the camp now has more than twenty buildings including barracks, a welfare building, garages, officers and technicians quarters, forestry and army offices, dispensary, mess hall and recreation building. Plans for beautifying the site are well underway. Grass and flower plots will be set out in a pattern most beneficial to beauty.

All these and social activities are under the direction of commanding officer Cecile D. Hall, and project superintendent A. M. Dietz. The natural beauty of the place makes it

unique without improvement in its majestic site overlooking the Hiwassee river from a steep and precipitous bluff, which will later be a good view of the Hiwassee Dam lake.

On Saturday last the local post of the American Legion held its meeting at the camp. The meeting was purely social and was carried out more in the form of a reunion than a called meeting. Some of the local members found old buddies in the camp; others reminisced, and the "good ol' days" were discussed in general.

During this meeting 65 of the CCC veterans became members of the local legion organization and others expressed the desire to join.

Plans were made at the meeting to hold all meetings in the future at the camp and a request was made to the district office of the Tusquitee district of the Nantahala National forest in Atlanta, from which authorization must be given before these meetings in the camp can be affected.

Plans were also made to hold a

Golden Gloves boxing tournament at camp sometime between the dates of January 1 and 20. Both this camp and the local American Legion post will cooperate in this move, which will involve about eight camps in this district. According to the plan 64 youths will engage in the tournament and from these class winners will travel to Atlanta, Ga. where state and district finals will be held.

On Tuesday evening representatives of ten camps in District No. 3 met at the Murphy camp for the regular district conference. Also on this same night the reserve officers from this district held their regular meeting.

Other activities are being planned for this camp in the near future. Visitors from all over the section are finding the camp to be one of the town's greatest attractions, and when beautification is complete in the spring it will probably be one of the scenic spots of the county, and certainly the home of a huge and happy family.