



METHODISTS MEET
Charlotte—Fifteen bishops and more than 1,500 other church leaders participated in a four-day session of the General Missionary Council of the Methodist Church here this week. Highlight of the sessions was the launching by the College of Bishops of the Methodist Advance.

JUMP TO SAFETY
Asheville—Five children, ranging from 5 to 13 years of age narrowly escaped with their lives by jumping from a second story window when fire broke out in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Grainger, in West Asheville. Only two of the youngsters were injured, neither seriously.

SOLDIER HONORED
Payetteville—For his bravery in disarming and seizing a man who had just shot and killed a non-commissioned officer, Sergeant John B. Garrett, 83rd Field Artillery, was decorated with the Soldier's Medal at a review of 2,000 troops on the parade ground at Fort Bragg.

LEAF EXEMPTED
Raleigh—Attorney General Harry McMullan ruled that all tobacco bought in the state this year by the Imperial Tobacco Company under an opinion and purchase agreement with the Commodity Credit Corporation is Federally owned and therefore not subject to ad valorem taxation by the counties and municipalities where it is stored.

TRAINMAN KILLED
Vass—Leonard Herbert Hoffman, 33, Seaboard Railway fireman of Raleigh, was instantly killed when his head struck an overhead bridge here while he was on the tender of a freight train engine.

DEMOCRATS FEAST
Raleigh—Their numbers cut down but their enthusiasm unchilled by the wintry weather, leading Democrats of the State gathered here Monday night for the annual Jackson Day dinner, at which Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt was the principal speaker. The dinner, at \$25 a plate, was to raise funds for the party chest.

GRANTS EXTENDED
January checks for grants for dependent children in North Carolina will average around \$20 per family, compared with \$16 last month. In addition, almost a thousand more children will be given grants.

FARMER CONVICTED
Marion—A Superior Court jury here convicted Lee Flynn, farmer, of first degree murder for the slaying of his wife during a domestic quarrel last October. He was sentenced to die March 22.

SEEK PARK LAND
Raleigh—Acquisition of 10,000 acres of land for the Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission at its first meeting, and a committee was named to approach landowners on the "outer banks" regarding the possibilities of land donations.

GOVERNOR OKEH
Durham—Governor Hoyt is resting comfortably in Duke Hospital this week following an operation last Friday for the removal of a hernia which developed after he attempted to raise a window at the Executive Mansion last fall. While they had him on the operating table, physicians also removed a mole above the Governor's right eyebrow. Physicians say he will have to stay in the hospital about two more weeks.

GETS SCIENCE AWARDS
Raleigh—For outstanding research dealing with physiology of blood and respiration, Dr. Frederick H. McCutcheon, professor of zoology at State College, has been awarded the medal presented annually by the North Carolina Academy of Science, and a cash award of \$100 from the inter-Academy committee for five Southern States.

MAY CLOSE HOME
Lexington—The Junior Order Orphans' Home here will be closed January 31, under a retrenchment program of the National Council, unless the State Council of the Order votes at a special meeting January 18 to take over operation of the home. Local committees are being organized to save the home.

MAYFIELD GOING TO WASHINGTON ASKING NEW DAM

Chamber To Back Move To Bring Auxiliary TVA Project Here

Called only for the purpose of naming a board of Directors Tuesday night the Murphy Chamber of Commerce took advantage of an almost perfect attendance to elect a complete ticket of officers, and to fire the opening gun of a fight to the finish to bring an auxiliary TVA dam to Murphy.

Charles Mayfield, who was elected President of the Chamber, also was named as a committee of one to go to Washington and present the town's claims for the auxiliary dam to Senators Reynolds and Bailey, and to Congressman Weaver. Mayfield will start for the National capitol before Congress takes up a new TVA appropriation, and will remain there, in daily touch with the Carolina law makers until the matter is definitely settled.

The Chamber voted to pay Mr. Mayfield's expenses "if necessary"; but an effort will be made to have this expense shared by the Lions Club, the Womens Club, the County board, and the Town of Murphy.

The action followed a report by K. C. Wright, member of the Chamber, and President of the Lions, on the recent trip made to Knoxville to ask the TVA to build the new dam. Wright said the officials in Knoxville evidently are hostile to the plan, and pointed out that efforts to influence them would be a waste of time. The only way to get results, Wright said, would be to "move direct on Washington". He suggested sending a committee; but the Chamber decided that just one man could do more.

Mr. Mayfield was chosen because of his closeness to Senator Reynolds and Congressman Weaver.

The election, which was the first business of the meeting, resulted in naming of Mr. Mayfield as President, Wade Massey, 1st vice-President, Col Don Witherspoon 2nd vice-President, and E. O. Christopher as Treasurer.

The new Board of Directors were chosen as follows:
L. M. Shields, W. M. Mauney, W. A. Sherrill, Dr. E. L. Holt, Peyton G. Ivie, T. W. Kindley, Dr. W. A. Hoover, Dr. R. S. Parker, J. W. Donley, and Dr. F. V. Taylor.

Pastors' Association To Meet On Monday

The Ministers Association for the Counties of Cherokee and Clay will hold their next monthly meeting at the Baptist church next Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The officers elected for the new year are: Rev. H. L. Paisley, president; Rev. G. N. Dulin of Andrews, vice-president; Rev. G. W. Buragarden, sec. and treas. Rev. R. W. Jenkins is chairman of the program committee.

The topic for consideration is "Some Challenging Goods for 1940." The discussion will be led by Rev. E. F. Baker, of Andrews.

Screams Of Panther Are Heard In Texana

Residents of Texana and Factorytown are sleeping with rifles and shotguns close to their beds these nights, following the recent appearance of a panther in that territory. The panther, whose screams are almost exactly like those of a woman in gony, was heard during the first snowfall. The beast probably sought the haunts of man when heavy snow in the mountains made it difficult to find food. It is believed the animal was in search of a chicken, calf, or hog, although a hungry panther does not hesitate to attack a human being.

Roused by the screams several residents of Texana dressed and left their homes thinking some woman was being murdered. They found the animals tracks, but it had vanished. The panther's screams also were heard in Murphy.

HATCHETT TURNS DEPUTY SHERIFF; BRINGS IN TRAMP

Harold Hatchett, owner of the Murphy Cafe, drove up to the County Jail Tuesday morning and delivered a shaggy haired, ragged and shivering prisoner he had brought in from the Persimmon Creek section. The same day the prisoner, who identified himself as Sam Williams, of "somewhere in Arizona" was sentenced, by Magistrate D. M. Reese, to 30 days on the road on a charge of vagrancy.

Sentence was imposed so that the prisoner might be held in custody while his finger prints were sent to Washington, D. C. Residents of the Persimmon Creek section suspect he may be a fugitive from justice.

Williams was arrested after he had "denied in" for four days, in the Baptist Church at Persimmon Creek. He had a big sack which contained blankets, a few ragged clothes, and a considerable supply of food including coffee and a small coffee pot. He cooked his meals on the church stove.

The prisoner told jailer Patton Coleman he had taken refuge in the church to escape a snow storm, and had stayed there waiting for the weather to moderate. He said he was travelling the country looking for any kind of work, but admitted he had avoided main highways and all towns, "for fear of the police". He denied, however, that he was a fugitive.

Harold Hatchett told the Scout he was driving back to Murphy when he saw four men and five women trying to drag Williams along the highway; with the latter putting up stiff resistance. Hatchett was told Williams had been placed under arrest by one of the residents, who claimed authority by reason of being a deacon in the church where Williams had caught himself.

The restaurant man persuaded Williams to accompany him to Murphy. Jailer Patton Coleman declared Williams "the worst looking customer the jail has ever held". The prisoner's hair was almost shoulder length, and

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VENIRES LISTED FOR SESSION OF SUPERIOR COURT

15 Divorce Actions Are Slated For Hearings By Judge Rousseau

The January term of the Superior Court will convene in Murphy on Monday, Jan. 22, with Judge J. A. Rousseau on the bench. It will be a civil term, with 49 cases listed on the docket. Fifteen of the actions are divorce suits.

The jury panels for the two weeks are as follows:

S. D. Morrow, Unaka; S. A. Akin, Ranger; B. A. Breedlove, Murphy, Rt. 1; J. A. Voyles, Ranger; Victor M. West, Marble; J. L. Rowland, Andrews; B. T. Helton, Culberson.

Frank McDonald, Murphy; Joe Hawkins, Ranger; J. H. Phillips, Andrews; W. L. Penland, Murphy; D. L. Parris, Andrews; H. F. Nelson, Topnot; Paul Ladd, Marble; G. M. Teague, Culberson.

T. E. Anderson, Culberson; D. H. Clonts, Letitia; W. T. Stalcup, Murphy, Rt. 2; C. C. Robinson, Andrews; C. H. Hayes, Wehuty; W. A. Hall, Murphy, Rt. 2; Ivin Harris, Culberson; P. A. Arrowood, Marble; Henry Chambers, Unaka.

SECOND WEEK

Martin Truett, Andrews; B. S. Luther, Andrews; Lon Woods, Suit; Jim Craig, Marble; C. N. George, Topton; M. F. Odell, Grandview; A. A. Postell, Wehuty.

P. C. Stiles, Suit; Carl Stiles, Murphy; J. A. Allen, Murphy; Weldon A. West, Andrews; Glenn Hendrix, Murphy, Rt. 1; Roy Clonts, Murphy, Rt. 2; J. B. Shields, Tomotla; T. H. Wilson, Andrews.

E. L. Simons, Murphy; Lawson W. Clark, Tomotla; Ira Sneed, Murphy. RFD.; John A. Adams, Andrews; J. H. Suit, Postell; Ben Reese, Suit; Stanley Clayton, Marble; R. R. Beal, Murphy; John R. Jones, Sr., Andrews.

\$56,067 Street Job Starts On Monday

\$16,763 BUILDING SOON WILL RISE ON CAMPUS HERE

Many Thoroughfares Will Be Paved; Others To Be Surfaced

After months of maneuvering, wire pulling, and what have you, the Murphy public school finally have not only been assured of an additional building, but work of construction will start Monday.

The building will cost \$16,763, of which Murphy School Unit, as sponsors for the project, will pay \$4,185 approximately one fourth. It will be built with WPA labor, and this project, added to the work of street improvement which also starts Monday, is expected to give a job to every man in the County who is on the WPA rolls.

Better still, the school project will enable many skilled and semi-skilled workers, heretofore unable to get work even of any kind to find employment in their own lines. An average of 37 men will be employed, the list including unskilled labor, hod carriers, truck drivers, carpenters, plumbers, and electricians.

The new building will be one story high, with a deep basement, and will be built of native stone. It will measure 36 by 70 feet, with a hardwood floor, and with 25 windows. The basement will have ample natural light. The building, in the main, will be devoted to home economics.

The first floor will be given over for use as a huge class room. It will be equipped with individual kerosene stoves for student-cooks, and a large "master" electric range for demonstrations by the instructor. There also will be a large coal range.

The basement will have storage and dressing rooms, six shower baths. Warmth will be supplied from the school's central heating system.

The structure will be absolutely fireproof with steel beams and supporting columns. It will stand between the two present buildings. It is expected that the structure will be completed within six months.

DEATH TAKES 7 FROM COUNTY IN PAST 7 DAYS

Death laid a heavy hand on residents of Cherokee county during the past week.

The body of John "Bose" Fain, son of the late Allen Fain was brought back to Murphy from Dallas Texas, this (Thursday) afternoon, following his death from tuberculosis. Funeral services, directed by Ivie Funeral Home, will be held from the Methodist Church Friday morning at 10:30.

Miss Lucy Patterson, aged 83, who had been making her home here with her niece, Mrs. Royder Segers, a TVA employe, died Wednesday. Townson Funeral home prepared the body for removal to her old home, in Guntersville, Ala. for interment. Miss Patterson was ill only a few days.

Miss Eva Parker of Marble, died Tuesday, Jan. 9 at her home following an illness of ten days. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, the Rev. Alga West officiating, and burial was in the family cemetery.

Her Mother, a brother, four sisters survive.

Death took Daniel A. Harper, aged 87, in Tomotla on January 6. Services were held Jan. 8, with the Rev. Baumgarner officiating, and interment was made in the Methodist church yard. Two daughters and two sons survive. Townson Funeral Home was in charge.

Mrs. Laura Coker aged 65, of Brasstown, died Jan. 4 and was buried Jan. 5 in the churchyard of the

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Stone Structure Will Employ 37 Men; To Be Finished In 6 Months

Some 102 heretofore jobless men will start to work in Murphy Monday morning on \$56,067 project to improve Murphy's streets. Same will be paved, others will be re-graded and surfaced with crushed rock.

Adequate gutters and drainage will be supplied for all.

The total cost will be \$56,067 of which the town and owners of property along the streets to be improved will pay \$15,578.

Of this latter amount the town will supply \$2,000 cash, and the property owners \$3,600 in cash. The remainder will be supplied by the town in the use of trucks, use of stone crusher, and the furnishing of sundry tools and materials. The town, for instance, will be allowed \$4.35 per hour for the use of its stone crusher, and \$1 per hour for use of its trucks. Drivers will be supplied, and paid by the WPA.

The Government's share of the project will total \$40,489.

None of the actual cash that the Town will furnish will go for paving, but will help meet the cost of grading, drainage, and stone surfacing of streets which now offer a serious traffic hazard in wet weather.

The laying of concrete paving will be paid for, in part, by the property owners along those thoroughfares. They will get a rare bargain for they will have to bear only one-fourth of the actual cost.

The street improvement project has been set up to last eight months, but is actually expected to be completed by June 30. The labor will be directed by a supervisor and two or three assistants, none of whom have been publicly named. It is understood that at last two posts have not yet been filled.

Between now and June 30, it will be possible for residents along any street to get concrete paving by pledging to pay one fourth the cost. This under the set-up will be possible for an additional appropriation to be secured from the WPA.

The paving project is a monument to the perseverance of Mayor J. B. Gray who has been battling for it for nearly a year and to the efforts of Mr. John J. Owens consulting engineer of Asheville, who put the project through with the Government. Mr. Owens, formerly a WPA official, but now head of his own office drew all the plans, estimated all costs, and got the appropriation approved. He will supervise the entire project.

In estimating the costs, Mr. Owens put labor wages at \$3,589—every penny of which will go to men now jobless. The Government will buy \$6,300 worth of cement, and the balance of the \$40,489 will be expended, as needed, for miscellaneous supplies Mr. Evans hopes there may be a surplus, which will allow work on additional streets not now included in the program.

Streets to be paved include: Hunter, Fifth, New Hospital, Wofford, Palace, Alpine, East Central, Martin, Froeter, Campbell, Moore, and Bayless streets.

Streets to be graded and given a surface of crushed stone include Old Hospital street, Regal street, in Factorytown, Royal street Extension, and Cemetery Drive.

In laying gutters, Engineer Evans says, a catch basin will be placed every 100 feet, and underground piping will carry the water to natural drainage exits.

Jacobs Sure Death If He Meets Rabbit

Ralph Jacobs, owner of the Smoky Mountain Cafe has a lot of friends, but he definitely is NOT popular with the rabbits. A crack shot, "Jake" has been out in the fields nearly every day the season opened, and has never yet failed to bring in a heavy bag. His kill averages about ten. He gives them all away.