

## DEATH STRIKES W. B. DICKEY AND WIFE, SAME DAY

### Joint Funeral Services To Be Held For Widely Known Couple Friday

When young Wilford Brownlow Dickey and pretty Miss Cora Evans, then in full prime of their youth, stood before a minister in Ranger more than half a century ago, and promised "Till death do us part" their guardian angel must have smiled benignly, for the vow was prophetic.

Down through the years they built to prosperity, the bridegroom becoming one of the county's leading business men. They reared a family of four fine sons, and built a new home in Murphy where Mrs. Dickey became prominent in church and welfare work. And when death finally came, it struck both, within 12 hours of each other.

Mr. Dickey died at one o'clock Thursday morning. His wife died a moment before one o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mr. Dickey's death put an end to long suffering over a period of years. Mrs. Dickey was a victim of double pneumonia, which struck her down last Friday.

Both died at Petrie hospital, whence they had been removed from their home last Sunday.

Mr. Dickey was 73 years old; born in Ranger May 2, 1867. His wife, also born in Ranger, was two years younger.

For many years Mr. Dickey conducted a general merchandise store in Murphy. Illness forced him to retire about seven years ago, and ever since then his death has been precarious.

Survived by a score of cousins, practically all of whom are prominent in Cherokee County, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey leave an immediate family of four sons. These, all married, and also fathers, are: H. Clifton, of Copperhill, Tenn., and Hadley E., W. Sheridan and Frank E. Dickey, all of Murphy. There also are eight grandchildren.

Together in life, the well loved couple will also be together in death. Joint funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the Methodist church, and interment will be in Sunset Cemetery. Leading residents of county, all friends of one or both the deceased will serve as pall bearers.

## Aged 90, Has Party Though Ill With Flu

The flu has spread havoc all over Cherokee county for several weeks but it means very little to Mr. J. M. Garren, who lives out Wolf Creek way. Mr. Garren has been confined to his room with the flu for five weeks but that didn't stop him from having a merry birthday party last Tuesday.

Mr. Garren is 90 years young, and but for the illness which he refuses to regard seriously is "spry and fit as a fiddle."

Joining him in his birthday celebration were his wife, three children; Lawson, Nora Morgan and Martha Burgess, with their other halves; some of their children and grandchildren, and a few of Mr. Garren's neighbors. The entire gathering numbered more than twenty.

## Free Lunch Provided For 85,072 Children

With eight counties missing from the list, a total of 1073 school lunch rooms in North Carolina had been approved Jan. 31, to prepare in free lunches for 85,072 undernourished children.

Delivery of approximately 1,100,000 pounds of apples, butter, flour, raisins, cereal, prunes, and corn meal during February to the schools in the 92 certified counties will be necessary to sustain the program.

## ODD COINCIDENCE IS FOUND IN OLD MARRIAGE DATA

In copying and tabulating the marriage in Cherokee County, one of the several NYA workers doing the job (and doing it well) has found a remarkable coincidence.

In musty records kept by Register of Deeds, Bascomb Padgett, were found two marriage licenses issued the same day, to couples of the same names and same ages, and living in the same township. Yet one couple was white, the other colored.

The licenses were issued January 7th, 1885 by W. M. West. Both the bridegrooms were named T. Jefferson Vaughn, both lived at Hothouse, and both were 24 years old. The brides were both named Clarinda Queen, both also of Hothouse, and both aged 19.

The papers show that the two marriage ceremonies were performed the same day, both by W. H. Phillips and with the same witnesses for each.

## GIANT PROGRAM SET FOR FEB. 29 BY FOLK SCHOOL

### Public To Be Welcome At All Day Exercises Making Term's End

Marking the end of the four months winter session at the John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, will celebrate with an all day program to which the general public is invited on Feb. 29.

In the morning visitors will have time to look over the buildings and grounds and the general activities of the school. There will be an exhibit of the work of the students in various studies: agriculture, forestry, field surveying, handicrafts, homes.

Following a dinner, with students' families as guests, will be a program including short talks, folk games, folk songs, and a unique type of play in which only the ideas and general plan, not the speeches, are being rehearsed.

On Feb. -5 Miss Ruth R. Taylor, Superintendent of Dorland Bell School, Hot Springs, N. C., with two teachers, Miss Isobel Miller and Miss Ruth Dixon, and Mr. H. G. Cuthbertson, manager of grounds and buildings at Dorland Bell, paid an overnight visit to the Folk School. That night they saw groups play volley ball and do wood carving.

Friday morning they attended an assembly address on Italy in war town Europe.

The visitors said their own school might adopt some of the practical methods of the Folk school.

## Murphy Lags In Drive To Aid Boy Scouts

With contributions lagging behind those of the other towns in his district, the Murphy drive for adult Boy Scout Memberships is being speeded up by the 20 Lions who volunteered as workers.

The drive closes Saturday, and K. C. Wright, president of the Lions has asked the Scout to appeal to be civic pride of Murphy merchants, not to let themselves be outstripped by other towns. Names of all contributors will be printed in the Scout next week.

## Mrs. Mandigo, 72, Dies In Macon Hospital

Mrs. Clarence H. Mandigo for several years a resident of Brasstown and Murphy died in a hospital in Macon, Ga., Wednesday. She was the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. K. Reese, of Macon, and was 72 years old. Funeral services were held in Darien, Ga. on Thursday.

Mrs. Mandigo left Murphy several weeks ago to enter a hospital in Macon, where subsequently it became necessary to amputate her right leg, above the knee.

## CORN PROSPECTS FOUND TO POINT TO RECORD CROP

### 5,800,000 Bushels Yield Should Be Grown In N. C., Say Experts

Looking at the 1940 agricultural picture in North Carolina from a production standpoint, prospects for crops are good, says E. C. Blair, agronomist of the State College Extension Service.

For one thing, farmers have sown 130,000 acres in winter legumes, a far greater acreage than ever before. If these legumes are allowed to grow and gather nitrogen until April and are turned under and followed by corn, an increase of 10 bushels of corn to the acre, or a total of 1,300,000 bushels, should result.

Also, Tar Hell growers had 911,000 acres in lespedeza last year. As lespedeza usually occupies the land for two years, the chances are that only half this acreage will be used for another crop this year. If planted to corn, the land should produce 10 bushels more to the acre than formerly. Roughly, this would mean an increase of 450,000 acres, or 4,500,000 bushels of corn.

The freezes and thaws will help to kill destructive insects, which gradually have been growing more abundant during the last two or three years of mild winters. Also, organic matter plowed into the soil last fall has had all winter to decay, and more of it will be usable by 1940 crops than would have been the case had plowing been delayed until spring.

## CHAMBER PLANS NEW FOLDERS TO ADVERTISE TOWN

Several thousand illustrated folders advertising Murphy as a place to visit, live, or do business in will be ordered printed in the near future by the Murphy Chamber of Commerce. The folders will be circulated in Asheville, Atlanta, Knoxville, and in Chattanooga.

The forthcoming series is just a beginning, intended to catch the "early crop" of tourists. Later, when the Hiwassee Dam is entirely completed, and the lake filled and ready for boating and fishing parties, more elaborate folders will be gotten out.

Although the literature is aimed chiefly at tourists, the industrial advantages of this section also are stressed.

Folders soon to come off the press will tell of the splendid climate (This winter doesn't count) the lovely scenery, the pure water, and the many points of interest to be reached by short motor trips. They will be illustrated with beautiful scenes taken in the vicinity of the town.

The folders will be printed at "cut rates" by the Scout as this news paper's contribution to a "Bigger and Better Murphy."

## LeRoy Jack Dills, 9, Taken by Death Feb. 20

Nine year old LeRoy Jack Dills, died at his home near Postell February 20. Jack, as he was commonly known was a bright, cheerful boy, well loved in the community.

He is survived by his mother, grandfather, grandmother, uncles, aunts and cousins and a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the home, after which Jack was laid to rest in the Swanson cemetery. Words of comfort and sympathy were read and spoken by E. R. Swaim.

### LOSES FATHER

Miss Elizabeth Strickland, teacher in the Murphy schools, was called to Spring Hope, N. C., last week by the death of her father. Several weeks ago Miss Strickland was called to her father's bedside, but on that occasion he rallied.

## YOUTH "SASSES" COURT AND GETS CONTEMPT TERM

Harold Curtis, 16 year old Andrews boy brought to Murphy for a hearing in the jail on charges of breaking in the high school storeroom, in Andrews, told Squire Leach, of Andrews what he thought of him. As a result, Curtis was sentenced 10 days for contempt of court. He also was held for court under \$200 bond, on the burglary charge.

"I'd like to climb into those long gray whiskers of yours" Curtis told the Justice. You got so many whiskers you can't see straight."

Later he declared: "If I just had a quart of whiskey to give you, you would turn me loose".

The hearing was held last Saturday, after Olin Stratton, Andrews Police Chief had investigated the case, and found Curtis' hat in the storeroom. Entry had been made through a window.

## ANDREWS NOTES 35TH BIRTHDAY OF ITS CHARTER

### Town Incorporated On Feb. 21, 1905--many of Founders Still Living

Wednesday marked the 35th anniversary of the chartering of the city of Andrews.

According to the charter in possession of the city officials Andrews was incorporated by chapter 135 of the private laws of the state of North Carolina, at a session of the legislature in 1905. This act was ratified and became a law on the 21st day of February 1905.

The first officers of the Town of Andrews and those named in the charter were: David S. Russell, Mayor; John W. Walker, Samuel E. Cover, John Q. Barker, and Stephen Porter Board of Aldermen. The officers were to serve from their appointment February 1905 until their successors were elected on the first Monday in May 1907.

All of the group accepted the appointment and served out their term. Some of the group are still living in Andrews.

Not mentioned in the charter, but according to other reports that seem reliable, one of the first acts of the Board was the appointment of a Chief of Police. J. M. Elliott was the first police chief, and according to some reports was killed in an accident that grew out of the duties of his office.

However the Town of Andrews was not established without some difficulty; some opposition was expressed to the proposal because of the increased taxes necessary to support the superior form of government made necessary by the charter. The opposition was overcome by pointing out the advantages of having the new services that the city organization would bring.

Scores of men and women are still living who were citizens here at that time and many are yet active in business and community affairs in spite of the more than a third of a century that has elapsed since Andrews was incorporated.

## Murphy High Seniors List Superlatives; Both Sexes

- Most popular girl and boy—Kate Grey and Floyd Tate
- Most studious girl and boy—Blanche Thompson and J. L. Abernathy
- Cutest girl and boy—Virginia Milkey and John Moore
- Boy and girl with prettiest eyes—Malcolm Crotzer and Virginia Mulkey
- Best dressed girl and boy—Kate Grey and George Dyer, Harry Dickey
- Romeo and Juliet—Kate Martin and Bobbie Kisselburg
- Most athletic girl and boy—Ethel Zimmerman and Floyd Tate
- Class firts—Kate Grey and Floyd Tate
- Girl and boy with best personality—Jane Hill and J. L. Abernathy

## FARMERS DENIED ELECTRICITY BY COST OF POLES

### \$12 Minimum Monthly A Mile Required For Homes Off Main Line

The hoped for placing of electric lights in every home in the County, no matter how isolated, has struck a serious snag. The difficulty lies in the cost of placing poles to carry wires to farm houses located anywhere from a quarter of a mile to a mile or more from the main lines.

Prospective rural users of current, thus far, have been unable, or unwilling to bear the cost of installation. The Town of Murphy Electrical department, finds itself unable to bear the cost without facing a certain loss. So here is a "stale mate."

Poles needed to carry electric lines cost the town seven dollars each, and it cost about three dollars additional to place them in the ground. As explained to the Scout, the situation which confronts the electrical department is this:

A farmer, will be found to live a quarter of a mile from the main line, with no other residence anywhere near. Placing poles to service that house would cost approximately \$100.00.

Against this initial outlay the farmer, under ordinary circumstances, would be required to pay only a minimum of one dollar per month. Since it has been found that most of the rural users of electricity do not exceed the minimum, the result would be that it would take the town eight and one half years to get back its investment in equipment alone, without regard to the cost of current used during that period. The latter, of course, would be a dead loss.

Therefore the town has offered prospective rural users either of two alternatives.

First, prospective users may pay for the installation of poles.

Second, prospective users may sign an agreement to use a minimum amount of the current to the equivalent of \$12.00 per month per mile.

Thus the farmer, living one quarter of mile from the main line would be assessed a minimum of one fourth of \$12.00, or three dollars per month. If he lived half mile distant, his minimum would be six dollars per month and so on.

Where two or more farms were serviced in the same territory the minimum would be divided between them at the same ratio.

One farmer living in the Peachtree section, asked to be allowed to put up chestnut poles at his own expense. This request had to be refused, it was explained, because it was believed chestnut would deteriorate within a few years to such an extent that it would have to be replaced—and this he met by the town.

And so, summed up, many farmers in Cherokee County find themselves in the position where power is cheap if they can get it—but the getting cost so much they feel that they can't afford it.

- Witties girl and boy—Helen Wells and George Dyer
- Most polite girl and boy—Jane Hill and Wiley Kinney
- Boy with best physique—Floyd Tate
- Girl with best figure—Geneva White
- Class actress and actor—Rosalind Chandler and George Dyer
- Most dependable girl and boy—Jane Hill and J. L. Abernathy
- Most cooperative girl and boy—Jane Hill and J. L. Abernathy
- Laziest girl and boy—Gladys Kilpatrick and Herman Akin
- Most comical girl and boy—Helen Wells and George Dyer

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