

BLAZE IN NIGHT CAUSES LOSS OF 3 STORES, \$10,000

Fighting of Volunteers Saves Business Block As Lovingood's Burns

Fire, which burnt a hole in the night, aroused most of Murphy early Wednesday morning. Before it had been extinguished it had brought out several hundred citizens in various states of dress and address, and had totally destroyed Lovin-good's grocery store on Tennessee street.

The flames also wrecked the City Cafe, so that it could no longer be occupied for business, and the barber shop of the Hembree brothers, adjacent to the cafe.

The loss to the entire structure, all of which was owned by Mr. W. G. Lovingood, was estimated at a-bout \$10,000.

The fire was discovered at 20 min-utes of 4, when Mrs. Eva Griffiths, resident of a near-by hotel, was a-wakened by what she later described as a "crackling noise."

"I looked out of my window and saw a mountain of flames, Mrs. Griffiths said, and I didn't wait to dress, I shouted fire as loud as I could. Then I went to all the other rooms on my floor and awakened the people. I thought everything was burning up."

Mrs. Griffiths' cries awakened Virgil Lovingood, son of the owner of the store, Barney Hensley, who lives in the same hotel and num-erous others. All rushed to the street.

Meanwhile, policeman Neal Sneed had seen the flames, and had rushed to turn in an alarm. He could not find the box. Because of necessary changes in the town's wiring system, it had, only the day before been moved.

Mrs. Griffith says that after shouting "fire", she called the town clerk F. Christopher, who saw to it that an alarm was turned in.

While Mrs. Griffith was phoning, policeman Sneed, unable to find the fire box, fired his revolver 12 times—until he had exhausted his car-tridges—and then drove up and down the two business streets of the town blowing his horn constantly. Barney Hensley had come out on the street by this time, and ran into his cafe, and brought out a revolver, and fired five times more.

The combination of siren, shots and automobile horns had brought hundreds to the street. The flames were leaping by this time at least 30 feet high; and for a few moments

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Carolina All Stars Victors Over Best From Georgia

The Tri-State League presented its first all-star game Sunday at Mur-phy when the North Carolina team made up of players from Murphy, Robbinsville, and Hayesville took a 10 to 6 decision over the Georgia All-Stars from Hiwassee, Morganton and Blue Ridge. The largest crowd of the season saw a thrilling game.

Georgia jumped into a 2 run lead in the opening stanza on a walk, an error, and hits by Price and Gartrell. North Carolina got back one marker in their half of the inning, thanks to Postell's single, a fielder's choice, and Harley Barton's long double to center field.

The Georgians hopped on Mingus again in the second for two more tallies on three consecutive hits but the Carolinians roared back with five blows to count five runs. Michael and West walked and Hodges got an infield hit to fill the hassocks. Min-gus with a smashing single to left scoring Michael but West was out as

1000 NEW CARDS READY TO GO ON VISITORS' AUTOS

One thousand new bumper cards, advertising Murphy have been print-ed for the Chamber of Commerce, and are being distributed by Mr. Joe Ray, manager of the Murphy A and P. Store.

"I hope every filling station will see that at least one card is placed on every car that comes to Murphy from another section" Mr. Ray said. "I hope however, that no more cards will be given to children to put on their bicycles, or to just to play with.

"There are plenty of cards for all the filling stations" he said, "and I hope the proprietors will realize that in giving them these cards we are helping them to make more money. When tourists come here the filling stations are among the very first to benefit. By seeing that these cards are placed on all visiting cars, the stations will not only be helping the town, but helping their own pocket-books."

County Fair Plans To Stress Need Of Young Work Stock

Joy of every housewife and the hope of every farmer who desires to out-strip his neighbor—that is to say, the Cherokee County Fair—will open this year, as usual dur-ing the last five days of September; from the 24th through the 28th.

It will be a better Fair than usual, however, in that more stress will be laid on what can be done instead of what has been done.

For instance, the directors of the Fair want to stress the necessity of raising good work-stock. They feel that the time is almost at hand when gasoline will be at such a premium that the average farmer will have to revert to the time hon-ored customs of using horses and mules.

This year, therefore, they have changed the prize list.

"Instead of giving the same prizes every year to the same exhibitors for the same stock", said County Agent Ketner, "we intend to give prizes for growing stock. We are going to give 24 more prizes—all in cash—for colts, horses and mules. That is to say the work-stock prizes will mostly be distributed among farm-ers who show stock under three years old."

There also will be prizes, how-ever, for mares and other stock over three years old; but there will be no prizes for teams.

he slipped rounding third.

Postelle and Tatham singled and Wheeler doubled to end the scoring until the eighth canto. At this juncture Nations issued three walks and two hits to allow the Georgians to tie count.

North Carolina iced the game in their half of the same inning. Mich-ael and George Bristol singled, the former scoring on an overthrow of first base. Ray Barton was hit by a pitched ball and Nations lived on an error. J. Bristol doubled to drive in two more runs and Nations scored the fourth run of the inning after Tathams fly to right field.

Nichols took the mound for the Georgians in the second and pitched one hit ball until the eighth, when some sloppy play let him down. Mosby for the Tad Heels pitched three innings of scoreless ball. The score:

Georgia	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
N. C.	1	5	0	0	0	0	4	x

FARMERS' PICNIC IS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 1,000

Speeches and Contests Vie With Singing and Feasting at Marble

More than 1,000 farmers and their wives and children from Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties attended the Farmers Federation picnic at Marble school Saturday.

Speeches were delivered by James G. K. McClure, president of the Federation; S. C. Clapp, head of the cooperative's seed department; the Rev. Dumont Clarke, director of the Lord's Acre work; and Frank Colvard manager of the Federation's Murphy warehouse

Colvard emphasized the services of the Federation to the farmers, point-ing out that the Murphy warehouse is now buying 1,800 dozen eggs week-ly in this area.

In a big singing convention the Bellevue choir, led by Ernest Burn-ett, was awarded first place by the judges. The Upper Peachtree choir, conducted by Math Leatherwood, was second. The Buffalo, Ownby, Valleytown and Snowbird choirs also competed.

First award in the quartet division went to the Notla group, composed of Charles Mull, Grady Rogers, Wayne Thompson, and Hardy Morris, Math Leatherwood's mixed quartet was voted second.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. McNabb, who have been married for 52 years, won the prize for longest married couple, while Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hall were honored as the shortest married pair. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Martin, who brought ten of their 11 children to the picnic, gained the title of largest family. Baldest man was T. J. Luns-ford; and Max Ladd, who brought 56 people to the picnic, captured the award for biggest truckload.

During the day a large number of musicians and singers entertained the crowd in the auditorium. Mary Lou Hatchett danced and sang duets with Pauline Smiley. Ernest Burnett and Lawrence Anderson drew trem-edous applause with their rendi-tion of "Ain't It a Shame to Lie on Sunday." Tommy Rose, five years old, crowed to the accompaniment of the Federation string band. Gar-bed like cowboys, Red Suiter and Slim Morrow made music, told tall stories and performed rope tricks.

Others who took the platform in-cluded: the Palmer twins, Jacqueline and Kathleen; Harold and Milburn Humphries; Jim Cook, who danced; Mrs. Fred McConnell and her daugh-ter, Doris; the Brown sisters; Inez and Nellie Davis; the Martin sisters; and the Peter Brown family. John Donley and A. L. Smiley led the en-tire group in singing.

Winners of the boy's relay race were Sherman Hampton, Gene Clay-ton, Eldridge Loudermilk and Nolin Rogers. A team composed of Doris McConnell, Pearl Griggs, Madge Hampton and Mary Lou Hatchett was victorious in the girl's relay.

The young men's title went to Vaughn Howard, Garland Hunsucker, Ambers Hawkins and Homes Wilson; while Julia Brown, Ruth Brown, Eva Nell Hatchett and Thelma Hall cap-tured the young ladies' relay crown.

Winners in the tug-of-war were Norman O. Kilpatrick, M. A. Luns-ford, Jack Raxter, Charles Coleman, Richard Anderson, Herbert Raxter and Clyde Stewart.

PASTORS CONFERENCE

The conference of West Liberty ministers and pastors will meet at Hopewell Church on August 3. The topic of the program, beginning at 9:30, will be "Our Institution."

HIGHWAY WORKER IS BADLY BURNED AS TAR EXPLODES

Fred Zimmerman of Murphy Route one, is in Petrie Hospital in a critical condition from burns received when a cauldron of molten tar caught fire and exploded near the Prison camp, at Peachtree on Tuesday. Mr. Zim-merman, an employee of the State Highway department was splashed by the searing fluid on his face, neck, hands and body.

Fellow employees who also were near the tar miraculously escaped injury, but Mr. Zimmerman was so seriously burned that for a time it was feared he might not survive.

4-H Clubs To Send Six Girls, Two Boys To Short Course

Six girls and two boys, outstanding members of 4-H clubs of Cherokee County will leave for Raleigh early Monday morning, July 22, for a five day attendance at the 4-H short course given under the combined auspices of the National Government and State College. They will be ac-companied by Mr. Dale Snodgrass, Assistant County Agent, and by Mrs. W. G. Lail of Andrews, recently nam-ed Agent for Clay county.

Mr. Snodgrass and Mrs. Lail will furnish free transportation for the group, which will be divided, four to each car. The start will be made from the County Court House at 6 A. M. Central time, next Monday. All will return on Saturday, July 27. The boys and girls who will make the trip are:

Harold Shields, of Notla Farms, Sam Russell, of Andrews, Miss Juan-ita Raper, of Bellevue, Miss Char-lotte King, of Martins Creek, Miss Elsie Nelson, of Topton, and the Misses Dot Moore, Katherine Mintz and Frances Dockery, all of Marble.

KICKED BY MULE, YOUTH, 19, NEARLY LOSES LEFT EYE

Nineteen year old H. B. Ramsey near-ly lost his left eye at his home at Brasstown Wednesday when a mule kicked him in the face. Taken to Petrie hospital physicians found it necessary to take stitches to close the wound. Had the mule's hoof landed a fraction of an inch higher, Ram-sey's eye would have been kicked out.

According to the injured youth's father, the victim went to the barn to hitch the mule, and had just en-tered the stall when the animal let drive. Fortunately the mule was un-shod.

Feminine Pajama Parade Is Staged During Big Blaze

By BARBARA MERONEY

A pajama fashion parade was in full swing Wednesday morning a-bout 4 o'clock. All the ladies flock-ed out in their sleeping garments (not taking time to dress for fear they'd miss something) to the fire.

A popular young married woman had on a lovely white satin thing with blue satin mules; another wore a cotton house coat with a full length zipper; and one very pretty lassie wore a striking housecoat brilliantly splashed with flowers. There were dozens of others there, too, that deserve honorable men-tion, but it's hard to remember.

There was one particularly out-standing feature. A sweet young thing in a tafetta housecoat had

WORKMEN BEGIN CLEARING LANDS FOR NEW DAMS

Lumber Being Moved to Build Homes, Offices;- Aquone is Doomed

The Nantahala Light and Power company project on the Nantahala River to develop more than 60,000 horsepower at Beachertown, a few miles from Andrews, was actually under way this week with activities going on at several points.

Residents of Aquone report, that the site for the dam, two miles be-low the village, is being cleared of trees and bushes in preparation for the actual construction work ex-pected to consist of moving almost two million cubic yards of earth and stone across the river to block its path and force it through a six-mile tunnel. At Beachertown it will fall almost 1,000 feet to turn the turbins in production of electricity.

The Scout's correspondent re-ports that lumber and timbers are being moved into the location to build cottages for workmen, tool houses, shops offices, and other tem-porary buildings that will be needed in the gigantic construction job. A number of Aquone men are employed on the project.

Workmen in the vicinity say that the old village of Aquone will entire-ly disappear as a result of the flood-ing when the dam is completed. The dam will be about 260 feet high, backing water to the depth of more than 100 feet at Aquone.

A few changes must be made in the roads in the vicinity but since the project has been anticipated a num-ber of years all of the newest road-locations have been placed well a-bove the water-line.

The Utah construction company, with a gigantic contract in develop-ing the power project, opened of-fices this week at the Junaluska Terrace Hotel and in the Andrews bank building into which flocked hundreds of workmen seeking em-ployment each day of the week.

The Nantahala Power and Light company maintains offices here but the main office for directing the work on the project will probably be in Franklin. The plant and the mouth of the tunnel will be located at Beachertown, a few miles from Andrews on U. S. Route 19.

FAMILY REUNION

The J. M. Anderson, Sr., family re-union will be held at Shady Grove Church, August 4. All members are invited to attend.

PLAN BOX SUPPER

A box supper will be held at Mag-gie's chapel, on Brasstown Saturday night, July 26. Everyone is cordially invited. There will be quartet sing-ing. Funds will go to the church.

her hair in pigtails. After the fire was under control, a friend offered her a lift home. Accepting she climbed in the car, slammed the door and then found she couldn't move her head. The door had caught one of her pigtails.

A few of the girls, fully dressed, caused a trend of discord in the pa-rade. Perhaps they had the advantage though, because a station wagon-load of Ohio University students left the peace and security of their hotel rooms to help fight the rapidly spreading fire.

The girls in the pajamas, and with their hair unglamorously rolled, can thank their lucky stars the men were more interested in the fire. Or were they?