

MURPHY ENTERS TV A CELEBRATION

Veteran Performs Heroic Rescue of Drowning Youth

Saves Life Of Floyd Baker In Hiwassee Lake

Floyd Baker, 16 year-old Factory-town youth, was snatched from a watery grave here Thursday afternoon in a sensational nick-o-time rescue by a crippled world war veteran, who swam 100 yards across Hiwassee lake and pulled the boy to safety after he (Baker) had sunk from sight beneath the waters of the Hiwassee Lake.

The rescuer was Fornie "Crip" McCrary, occupant of the local CCC veterans camp.

Baker, who was given medical treatment immediately after being revived was reported Saturday as almost fully recovered.

About 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon Baker and several other young people were swimming in the lake near the Southern railway trestle, which is directly across the lake from the CCC camp where McCrary and a companion were swimming. Baker had swam across the lake several times, according to witnesses, propelling a log before him and using it for a float. On one trip across as he neared the bank he suddenly released his grasp on the log and sank. He rose to the surface and gave a cry for help, and sank again.

His companions on shore apparently became panicked with fear and also began to shout and scream for help. Hearing their cries, McCrary, although hindered by a crippled hip, leaped into the water and swam all the way across the lake to the spot where the boy sank.

McCrary said he dived as near the spot as he could and searched the bottom for the boy's body. After almost a minute he discovered Baker clinging to a snag on the bottom of an old ditch which extended out into the lake. After several efforts he managed to break the boy's grip and brought him to the surface.

McCrary towed the boy to shore and administered artificial respiration for approximately ten minutes before bringing him back to consciousness. He described the boy as being very near death with his lungs filled with water and his breathing halted for an indefinite length of time. As soon as he was revived a volunteer carried Baker to a local hospital where medical treatment was given.

Efforts are being made to secure a Carnegie Medal for McCrary, who in addition to performing a heroic act in saving the boy's life, did so under a huge handicap. McCrary's hip was crushed in a train wreck several years ago which almost completely disabled one leg and his hip.

McCrary was very modest about the whole affair, however, merely stating, "it would be a lot safer for those kids swimming down there if they had life guards and some kind of rules to protect them."

Witherspoon Cultivates New Variety Of Dahlia

Col. Don Witherspoon has taken his place in the line of horticulturists. For many years he has taken pride in his flower garden and recently has been experimenting with the development of new flowers.

A beautiful red dahlia is the result of his experiments and he has named it "Cherokee Warrior". The dahlia is larger than most of this variety and has a brilliance and light that undeniably makes it outstanding.

Itinerary Of Farm Tour Is Announced

As has been the custom in the past years in Graham County to hold farm tours, this will be repeated in 1940. It is realized that farm tours are very important ways of helping the farmers to see and learn what the other farmers in the county are doing. They are very educational as well as inspiring to those who take advantage of them.

In 1939 there were four community tours and one general county tour conducted in Graham County. The attendance on these tours was good, and it is hoped that more successful ones may be conducted in 1940.

During the week of August 5-9 there will be five community tours conducted throughout the different sections of the county. These community tours are chiefly for the demonstration farmers. However, the public is invited to attend any or all of them.

The countywide tour will be held on Thursday, August 15. This tour will reach practically all sections of the county, however, the exact route will not be determined until after the township tours are completed. Each farmer and his family are invited and urged to attend this tour August 15. A number of outstanding farms will be visited and a number of result demonstrations will be seen during the day. This tour will certainly be worth any farmer's time and effort to attend. Anyone wishing to make this tour who does not have means of transportation, if they will kindly get in touch with the county agent's office, transportation will be provided for them.

TEACHERS FOR MURPHY SCHOOL UNIT ANNOUNCED

Six County Unit Schools Will Open On August 29th

The election of two teachers to the faculty of the Murphy city unit of schools in a meeting of the school board here Tuesday morning completed the entire teaching personnel for this year.

Mrs. J. H. Pitzer was elected to teach in the Grape Creek schools replacing Frank Walsh who resigned to become principal of Marble schools. Mrs. Rebecca Wells was elected to the high school faculty of Murphy schools.

The complete list of teachers for the Murphy unit is as follows:

Murphy high school—K. C. Wright, principal, J. H. Pitzer, B. R. Carroll, Meredith Whitaker, Virginia S. Cobb, Margaret Virginia Benton, Dorothy Lide, Geneva Dot Higdon, C. B. Chambers, Mrs. J. L. Meyers, Elizabeth Strickland, Mrs. W. E. Studstill, Dorothy Crooke, Anne Hill, Mrs. Emily Campbell Miller, Mrs. C. B. Chambers, Mrs. Rebecca Wells, and Reid Mallonee.

Murphy elementary school—Mrs. Miriam Stillwell Allen, Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Mrs. Lela Grey Axley, Mrs. Martha Adams, Emily Sword, Mrs. Alonzo Shields, Mrs. T. H. Patton, Mary Nelle Williamson, Clara McCombs, and Addie Leatherwood.

Grape Creek—Mrs. J. H. Pitzer, Frances Dickson; Tomotia—Lella Hayes, Bertha Mayfield, Willie Lou Wells; Bates Creek—J. F. Smith, Ella McCombs; Kinsey—Mrs. Richard Meroney; Texana (colored)—J. Wil-

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Float to Represent Murphy in Parade

AUGUST TERM COURT CONVENES MONDAY, AUG. 5

Indian Murder Case Features Docket Of 169 Indictments

The August term of Cherokee County Superior Court will convene in Murphy, Monday, August 5, with 169 cases listed on the docket for disposal this session, including one murder case. Honorable Wilson Warlick is judge presiding.

The majority of the cases to come before the court are small cases or carryovers from the last term. These include violations of the prohibition laws, assaults, traffic violations and larceny, with one or two cases of arson.

Feature case of this term is the murder trial of Ed Jackson and Nick Saunooke, Cherokee Indians charged with the murder of Clyde Brady of Topton over three years ago. The killing took place September 5, 1937, and the accepted story at the time was that Brady was killed by a hit-and-run driver on the highway near Topton.

About the first of April this year Saunooke made the statement that Jackson had killed Brady and that he had been badly injured in the fracas that took place at the time.

Arrested and brought to trial in preliminary hearing Jackson admitted that he slew Brady and slashed Saunooke's leg with a knife, but claimed self-defense, stating that all three were drunk at the time. At the time only Jackson was charged with the murder.

Later, however, Jackson told a different story about the death of Brady, charging that Saunooke had killed him after all three had been fighting. He admitted that he knocked Brady down and that he cut Saunooke, but claimed that he immediately walked away and after he was gone Saunooke beat Brady to death. He also claimed that Saunooke originated the story that they had all been hit by an autoist.

Following this statement by Jackson, charges were also placed against Saunooke for murder and the two will stand trial together.

Announce Schedule Of Dog Vaccinations

The following schedule of rabies vaccinations has been announced for the coming week by vaccinator B. C. Walker.

Monday, August 5, Ogreeta, 9 A. M.; Monday, August 5, Unaka, 10 A. M.; Monday August 5, Violet, 12 noon; Monday, August 5, Buckberry school house, 2 P. M.; Tuesday, August 6, Grape Creek school, 9 A. M.; Tuesday, August 6, Ebenezer school, 11 A. M.

All dog owners are warned by the health department to have their dogs vaccinated as the vaccinator comes to their community. Failure to do so is punishable by law.

Mary Frances Bell Is Selected To Be "Spirit Of Murphy"

Murphy will be one of the star performers in the South's greatest pageant, the Tennessee Valley Celebration, which will be held during the week end of Labor Day in Chattanooga.

Arrangements have been made by F. O. Christopher, chairman of the local committee, to place a large float in the parade, depicting a scene in Murphy along Hiwassee Lake, the only mountain lake in the TVA system. Harve Elkins has been placed in charge of this particular phase of the program and is now making arrangements for the building of the float.

Miss Mary Frances Bell has been chosen to represent this city as the "Spirit of Murphy" and will reign over the Murphy entry in the parades, pageants, receptions, etc., during the three big days of the celebration. Attending her will be six local girls chosen by a committee from the local woman's clubs. These are Elizabeth Gray, Martha Brumby, Mary Willard Cooper, Mildred Hill, Winifred Townson, Billie Jackson and Louise Leatherwood.

On the gala side: balls, parades, barbecues, receptions, dinners, and boat races will vie with the more serious dedication events of citizenship day, when over 3000 young men and women will be given awards of citizenship. Governors, senators and other high officials will participate in the solemn dedication ceremonies, representing all seven states included in the Tennessee Valley Authority.

During the three day period, August 31, and September 1-2, two glamorous balls will be held, in which all representative young people will participate. The young ladies from Murphy are expected to shine there!

In addition various other features will be presented including the annual cotton ball and the Happy Valley Horse show.

Complete details of the plans for the Murphy delegation are not ready for release as negotiations have not been finished.

The entire plan is being sponsored and arranged by special committees from the chamber of commerce, the Lions Club, the Woman's Club and the Junior Woman's Club, headed by Fred Christopher, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and appointed chairman for this event by the TVA celebration chairman.

Californians Visiting In County; Renew Scout Subscription

B. T. Smith, of Wasco, Cal., dropped by the Scout office this week to place his subscription for another year before returning to his home in the "sunny state". Mr. Smith has many friends and relatives in this section and Mrs. Smith is a native of Union county, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughter, Betty Lou, have been visiting with Mr. E. L. Cook of Notla for about a week and plan to return to California around August 5. Mr. Smith said he wanted to be sure to get the Scout so he could read the news about "homefolks."