

AMMONS RESIGNS PASTORSHIP OF BAPTIST CHURCH

Resignation Ends Four Year Period Of Service Here

Rev. J. C. Ammons, pastor of the First Baptist church of Murphy since 1937, presented his resignation of the post in a formal statement which he read before the membership Sunday morning.

Rev. Ammons stated that ill health was the principal reason for his resignation due to advice from medical counsel. His formal state follows:

On Jan. 1, 1937, I began my work as pastor of this Church. May we take a backward glance of the conditions of the church house and work at that time. The auditorium was unfinished and very unsightly. The first work that was done was the installation of the light fixtures in the auditorium and in the ladies' parlor and men's class room. The next work was the painting of the out-side of the church house. We then began to build the baptistry and continued the work at intervals through the year until the auditorium was completed—the beams cased, baseboards put on, rest of windows cased, choir loft rebuilt, steps in vestibule to gallery built and finally all this stained and varnished. As you know, the basement was just so much space except the two rooms on the sides. The second year we began work on basement. It was all wired, and a concrete floor put in. The Sunday School rooms were built and all the basement ceiled; the Junior department back of auditorium was ceiled and also the back hall; steps were built to the basement and the steps rebuilt to ladies' parlor. There were 48 windows in the church house uncased and about half these had the glass broken out. These were cased and glass put in. The radiators in auditorium and other parts of building rearranged so as to aid in heating. In this work more than 15,000 feet of ceiling were used. For days, weeks and months I worked from early till late at the job to get this work completed. The cost of this work went into the thousands but every cent is paid for, and there was never but one public collection made for funds for this work. Most of it was collected individually.

While we were doing this work on the church house, we were also trying to reduce the church debt. Today the debt is about eight thousand dollars.

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Outbreak of Measles Shuts Down Schools At Hiwassee Dam

The measles epidemic, thought to have abated, has broken out with renewed intensity throughout the county, according to Health officer Whichard. The attack is reported to be especially severe in Andrews and at Hiwassee Dam.

School has been closed at the Dam for two weeks. All student activities, including basketball practice and roller skating have been called off, and there will be no Sunday school next Sunday.

Dr. Whichard says there are between 40 and 50 cases of measles at the Dam that have been reported. There may be others, he says, not reported. No authentic figures are available regarding the number of cases in Andrews. Murphy was hard hit about three weeks ago but the town is now believed to be practically free of the disease.

The disease is known as "German measles" an ailment that is attended by great physical discomfort, but which rarely is dangerous.

"Jimmie" McCombs Is Taken By Death; Rites Held Sunday

James Alexander McCombs—"Jimmie" to his almost countless friends—is gone. He died at Petrie hospital, early Saturday morning, and he was buried Sunday from the Old McCombs Methodist church—the little frame edifice named for his family, at Peachtree, which he loved, and where he worshipped since boyhood.

The Rev. Clemmer, of Hayesville, pastor of the McCombs church, and the Rev. C. B. Newton, of Murphy joined in conducting the services. The rites were simple—the kind Jimmie himself would have chosen. They were heard by friends who filled the little church to overflowing, and most of whose eyes were wet with tears.

A second brief commitment service was held at the graveside, in Sunset Cemetery; and then his friends left Jimmie alone, sleeping beneath a blanket of flowers that were no sweeter than the soul for which they formed their fragrant shroud.

To the scores who loved him it will always seem that Jimmie need not have died. He was a victim of his own boundless energy which forbade him to take medical care when he needed it. He had been ill for days with the Flu. Attending physicians said that it probably developed

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MRS. MAYFIELD, AGED RESIDENT, DIES TUESDAY

Final Tribute Paid "Oldest Mother" at Service Wednesday

Following a brief illness, Mrs. Elizabeth Fatima Abernathy Mayfield, one of the oldest residents of Cherokee county, died at her home here early Tuesday morning. She was 93 years old.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from the Murphy Methodist church with the Rev. C. B. Newton, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the old Methodist cemetery.

Mrs. Mayfield was born August 5, 1847, at Maltby, the daughter of the late Jacob Forney Abernathy and Sarah Ann Morgan Abernathy. She was the great-great granddaughter of General Morgan, and the great niece of General Forney, both of the Revolutionary war.

Elizabeth Fatima was married at the close of the war between the States, to Benjamin F. Mayfield, a confederate surgeon in Thomas' Legion.

A life-long member of the Methodist church, Mrs. Mayfield was also the oldest mother in the church for several years.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Bessie Dickson, Mrs. Ella Britain, Miss Bertha Mayfield and Mrs. Julia Martin, all of Murphy; one son, Charles D. Mayfield of Murphy; ten grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were; Paul Hyatt, Tom Axley, Neil Davidson, Harve Elkins, Walter Mauney and Mercer Fain.

Honorary pallbearers were: John Axley, Roscoe Mattox, Dr. J. N. Hill, Dr. S. C. Heighway, W. A. Savage, C. W. Savage, Marshall Bell, J. B. Gray, Joe Axley, Noah Lovingood, Ralph Beal, E. B. Norvell, J. D. Mal-lonee, T. J. Mauney, G. W. Chandler, R. F. Ferguson, W. W. Hyde, F. O. C. Christopher, Dr. Henry Miller, Fred Johnson, Henry Hyatt, Dale Lee, Sheridan Dickey, Arthur Akin, Dr. R. S. Parker, L. E. Bayless and Herman Elliott.

Ivie Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

C. of C. Cooperating With Legislator for Paving of Highway

A coordinated movement, led by the Murphy chamber of commerce, is underway in the drive for securing pavement of the Blue Ridge stretch of highway by the town of Murphy, the chamber, Lions club, and various other civic organizations of the town.

Cecil G. Hartness, Fannin county representative in the Georgia legislature, has pledged his efforts to aid in securing pavement of this road and is working with the town. In a recent request for information and data that he could use in this drive, he asked for the aid of these organizations. The following is a letter from the chamber of commerce to

Mr. Hartness:
Mr. Cecil G. Hartness
State Representative
Atlanta, Ga.
Dear Sir:

I have in my possession your recent letter to Mr. Victor C. Olmsted. He informs me that he mailed you the copies of the Cherokee Scout which you requested. I also read your letter to Mayor Gray. He asked me to express his thanks for your efforts.

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School at Culberson Is Burned to Ground By Incendiary Blaze

The school house at Culberson was burned to the ground early Tuesday morning by a fire believed to have been the work of incendiaries. Sheriff Carl Townson has been investigating the case and expects to make one arrest and perhaps two within the next few days.

The fire is believed to have been set about one o'clock in the morning, and the one story frame building, of old timber, blazed like the proverbial matchbox. The glare of the flames awakened Luther Kisselberg, who lives nearby, and aroused neighbors; but the flames had gained such headway that all attempts to fight them proved futile.

Epidemic of "Flu" Strikes County Jail; 4 Prisoners Down

The epidemic of Flu which has been walking hand in hand with death through all this section struck the County Jail in Murphy this week, and as the Scout goes to press four prisoners are down with the disease, under treatment by Dr. J. N. Hill.

Posey Thrasher of Andrews, held in connection with the murder of "Slim" Workman at Andrews several weeks ago, was the first to be stricken. He became ill last Sunday.

The next day Iowa Stewart, serving a year for failing to keep her promise to stay out of Cherokee County was laid low, and by Tuesday two more of the twelve jail inmates were down. The other two victims are: Carl Carver, brought to Murphy for safekeeping from Graham County, where he is charged with arson and with dynamiting fish; and Wayne Adams, of Andrews, held on charges of stealing an automobile, and of assaulting James Hughes, Nantahala Dam worker with a brick, with intent to rob him.

All four of the patients are reported to be responding satisfactorily to treatment, and are expected to recover.

CLUB HEAD HONORED

Mrs. Reeves, district president of the Womans Club, of Morganton, met with the presidents of the Andrews and Murphy Club in Andrews Saturday. She entertained with a luncheon at the Junaluska Terrace Hotel.

Charles Hyatt Finds Bobcat Possesses More Than 9 Lives in Midnight Tussle

Snuffing out nine lives is just the beginning of the death of a bobcat, according to Charles Hyatt of Knoxville and formerly of Murphy, who came out on the long end of a tussle with one of the feline creatures Sunday night.

Along in the wee, small hours of Monday morning, Charles was pulling in his truck over the mountains near Tapoco Dam when his headlights focused on a bobcat about 200 feet ahead. The animal was devouring the carcass of a rabbit and was in no mood to be disturbed, according to Charles.

He honked his horn but the cat didn't budge, only turning to snarl, and back to the feast.

Judging that this cat was no customer to engage in hand-to-hand combat, Charlie pressed down on the accelerator and ran squarely over it. Then he stopped the car and started to roll down the window to take a look at the beast he had killed, but as he touched the knob to roll down the glass, the howling mad cat

3rd CALL COMES; 10 MORE LEAVE FOR FORT BRAGG

Entire Contingent Is Filled by Volunteers; Depart Wednesday

Ten more youths from this section left Murphy Wednesday morning to begin a year of service in the new defense army, at Fort Bragg, N. C. They were scheduled to leave by bus at 6:45 in the morning, Central time, eat supper during a stop-over and to reach their destination Wednesday night, shortly before "taps".

Only one of the latest contingent is from Andrews. He is Jess Booth Bryson. Of the others, two are from the town of Murphy; two from Murphy Route 3; three from Letitia, and two live close to the Tennessee line.

All ten of the young men are volunteers, and according to Lieut. Wayne Walker, secretary to the Cherokee Draft Board, there are more than enough volunteers remaining, probably to meet every subsequent call that comes from the Federal authorities in Washington, D. C. In other words, it is highly improbable that any man registered from Cherokee County will be required to join the army against his will.

A fourth draft call probably will be made in March. The exact date is not known, but is not expected before

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New Hotel Will Open Its Doors on Monday With an "Open House"

The new hotel built by E. L. Townson on Hiwassee street will open its doors Monday and the public is invited to visit the twenty room hostelry Monday afternoon, from two to four o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Townson will conduct personal tours of the establishment.

Five of the rooms have been set aside as an apartment for the owner. The other fifteen rooms are all beautifully furnished, and each has a large closet and a private bath with both tub and shower. The rates will be \$1.20 for one, or \$2.50 for a couple.

There is a huge lobby, luxuriously furnished with lounges, easy chairs, writing tables, radio and piano. All rooms have outside exposures and the rooms in the rear will look out on a large flower garden. The building has hard-wood floors, throughout, and is steam heated.

Radio Broadcasts by Murphy Schools To Be Heard From Two Stations Monday

Approximately 200 students have parts in a thirty minute radio broadcast to be made March 7 on stations WWNC of Asheville and WNOX of Knoxville, stressing the importance of schools in the defense program.

Records of the program were made at the school Monday afternoon through sponsorship of Western Carolina Teachers college, and directed by Dr. C. D. Killian and Vincent Wright of the college. These records will be played on the two radio stations at 2:35 o'clock on the afternoon of March 7.

The broadcast is being in the form of a tour through the various departments of the school and includes a variety of numbers such as songs, choral reading, dialogue, and sounds peculiar to such departments as home economics, working, bookkeeping and typing.

On the mythical tour the listeners will hear from the divisions of the home economics department under the direction of Miss Faircloth and

Mrs. Hyde. Musical numbers will be directed by Mr. Hauge; woodworking by Reid Mallonee; Bookkeeping by K. C. Wright; Typing by Mrs. Myers; Physics by Miss Lide; English by C. B. Chambers; and the library by Mrs. Harry Miller.

In the graded school part of the program the seventh grade will present current events and a song; the sixth grade does choral reading; the health creed will be given by a member of the fifth grade; fifth and sixth grades together will give the salute to the flag; and a song by the fourth grade.

During the recording Monday, several other local groups made records, among whom were the Carolina Melody quartet led by Bill Hembree, the Barton mixed quartet; a number by Mrs. Harry Miller and daughter, a number by little Glenda Ivie, a duet by Minnie and Franklin Capps, a piano number by Glen Ellis, and a trio number by E. B. Hauge, K. C. Wright, and Walter Carringer.

leaped directly at the window of the cab, striking it and falling back onto the road.

Proving the force and cutting power of that leap, the scratches of the cat's paws are cut into the paint of the truck and its foot prints are on the window.

Charlie backed up again, and again the cat stood showing its teeth in a mean hiss as it hovered over its midnight dinner.

Once again the driver rode squarely over the cat and once again it came back fighting. Then Charles backed over it again. Then again he rushed forward and passed over it, and once more he backed over it. It was dead then—surely. That's what he thought.

As he stopped the truck and prepared to step to the ground he heard a nasty growl. He slammed his door much more quickly than he had opened it.

After sacrificing a half a dozen or so of its lives under the truck wheels,

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