

## SON OF SHERIFF ENLISTS AS FLIER WITH CANADIANS

### C. H. Townson, 'Missing' Two Weeks, Located Training for Wings

Missing for two weeks, but the fact kept carefully secret, C. H. Townson, son of the County's High Sheriff was located Wednesday through a letter received by the mother of one of his closest friends. Young Townson is a flying cadet of the Canadian air force. He hopes soon to receive his wings and a commission and to be sent over-seas for active duty.

The letter telling of his whereabouts was received by Mrs. Hoyt Campbell, of Copperhill, Tenn. Her son, Hoyt, went to Canada with young Townson and also enlisted in the air corps. The two boys drove up and across the border in young Townson's car, which he is keeping with him for use when off duty.

C. H. Townson is 20 years old. Sheriff Townson told the Scout he was undecided whether or not to make an effort to bring his son back home.

"Of course no father or mother likes the thought of a son facing death—and if there is any hotter fighting than in the air service I haven't heard of it," the Sheriff said. "However, if we bring him back (and I am not at all sure that we will be able to)" he is almost certain to be drafted; and probably be in the war anyhow. Maybe its better to have him an officer, in the service he loves than to have him a buck private in a ground outfit."

Young Townson and his friend, Campbell left Murphy about two weeks ago announcing that they were going to Knoxville to do solo flying at an aviation school there in order to build up their official flying records. Both boys are good pilots and young Townson has long owned his own plane which he kept on his father's farm near Marble.

The two boys are the first from this section to join the fighting forces of a belligerent.

## Contract for Building Tunnel at Ocoee No. 3 Let to Two Companies

A contract for the construction of the tunnel for Ocoee No. 3 project has been awarded to the J. F. Shea Company, Inc. and the Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc., of Sylva, North Carolina, on a bid of \$1,640,215.60, the Tennessee Valley Authority announced today.

The tunnel, helping to develop a sufficient head of water to operate the 27,000-kilowatt power installation at Ocoee No. 3, will be more than two miles long. It will be horsehoe-shaped, with a width of twelve and one-half feet, and will be concrete-lined.

Ocoee No. 3 is one of four new dams authorized by Congress July 16, 1941, for construction on the Hiwassee River and its tributaries. The site is on the Ocoee River in Tennessee between Ocoee No. 2 Dam and Blue Ridge Dam.

## Murray Tops Record Catch of Season Landing 4 lb. 2 oz. Small-Mouth Bass

A record catch for small mouth bass was set by W. H. (Pete) Murray, Southern Railway employee, on Tuesday when he landed a 20 inch beauty that weighed 4 pounds and 2 ounces. The largest heretofore caught was hooked by "Bunt" Alexander, local veneer typhoon, whose catch measured 18 and 1/2 inches and weighed 3 pounds even.

Murray made his catch about half a mile below Lover's Leap. It was in almost the same spot that Alexander got his three pounder, and where, previously, John Brittain

## Methodists To Stage Great "Home Coming" In Church on Sunday

The Methodist Church in Murphy will celebrate Home Coming day next Sunday, August 24th. With the Rev. H. P. Powell, now pastor of the Delworth church, Charlotte, preaching at the morning services.

A county wide meeting of Methodists will be held in the afternoon at the church, with the Rev. W. L. Hutchins, superintendent of the Waynesville district in charge.

The evening hour of worship will begin at 7:30 o'clock, when it is expected that another former pastor will be in the pulpit.

Tables will be arranged and dinner served in the basement of the church. All who will be asked to bring baskets of food—whatever is most convenient to prepare.

The Rev. C. B. Newton, present pastor, says he expects the home-coming to be the most outstanding in years.

## Gasoline Rationing Started in County; 4 Classes Exempt

Gasoline rationing went into effect in Cherokee county Wednesday with filling stations and car owners both given cuts.

For the remainder of August a private consumer will be allowed to buy only 45 per cent of the total he purchased last month. Filling Station operators will be allowed to stock only 90 per cent of the amount they got in July.

Seventeen States are effected. For some reason, not explained, the rationing is not effective in either Alabama or Tennessee. States hit are: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida east of the Appalachia river.

The new edict not only cuts the income of filling station operators by ten per cent, but will necessitate a huge amount of book-keeping, to check up on how much each customer buys. If a car owner splits up his patronage among two or more filling stations, it will be hardly possible for anyone to know how much gas he uses, except himself.

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## High School Students To Register Wednesday

H. Bueck, superintendent of the Murphy school unit, announced this week that everything was in readiness for the opening of the Murphy schools here Thursday, August 28.

Bueck added that all high school students and those entering high school for the first time are expected to report for registration on Wednesday morning. The busses will run one day early to take care of this registration, he said.

He specifically pointed out that no elementary students are expected on Wednesday. Their registration will be taken care of on Thursday.

## T. V. A. TAKES OVER 5 ALUMINUM CO. DAMS IN W. N. C.

### Also Buys Fontana Site Paying With 'Power'—Work Starts Soon

The Tennessee Valley Authority is to operate the five-dam hydro-electric system of the Aluminum Company of America on the Little Tennessee River. It was disclosed this week in Washington, with the signing of a contract between the TVA and the Aluminum Company.

TVA will not assume ownership of the Company's plant, but will direct and control their operations.

The dams to be taken over include Shenah, Calderwood, Santeeclah, Nantahala and Glenwood.

The contract also provides for acquisition by the TVA of the Fontana dam site, which the Company has owned for 30 years. Upon this site the TVA will construct a dam about 450 feet high which will require almost 3,000,000 cubic yards of concrete—three times as much as used in Norris Dam.

It will provide approximately 1,500,000 acre-feet of flood storage and will add approximately 200,000 kilowatts of installed capacity to the TVA system.

Cost of the dam is estimated at about \$50,000,000. Request for funds for the beginning of construction will be made at once; the project has received the approval of the Office of Production Management as a defense necessity.

As soon as funds are made available by Congress, construction will be begun. It is expected that the dam can be in partial use by 1943, and can be completed in 30 to 36 months.

The site is not to be paid for in cash, but with electric power.

## CASH AND PRIZES PILING UP FAST FOR COUNTY FAIR

### Exhibits to Set Record And Monster Crowd Sure—New Midway

Preparations are rapidly taking shape for Cherokee county's big annual fair, which is scheduled this year for five days, Sept. 30, and October 1-2-3-4.

A huge list of premiums has been prepared for distribution to leading farm and home exhibitors. Cash prizes total around \$1000.

Particular interest is expected to be shown in beef cattle, especially in the 4-H club competition. The fat calf exhibits were inaugurated last year and proved popular, showing a trend to greater improvement and a larger cash income for farmers through this particular division of farming.

A new and larger carnival, Dantley's All-American Shows, has been

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## Farmers of Section Will Discuss Problems At Annual Meeting

Farmers of Western North Carolina—men who "talk a language" different from the soil tillers of the rest of the State—will hold their annual meeting at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27. Farm Agent Ketner says several from this county are planning to attend.

A minimum of speech-making, and a maximum of discussion, has been planned.

The farmers will discuss beef cattle dairy, poultry, Burley tobacco, and fruit production.

## 12 in County Sought For Ignoring Draft

### Final Tribute Paid To Mrs. P. H. Sword Here on Tuesday

Final tribute was paid Mrs. P. H. Sword, who died early Monday morning following a long illness, in services at the Methodist church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. She was 66 years old.

After suffering a stroke about a year ago, Mrs. Sword had been an invalid. She was a member of the Methodist church and was well known and loved throughout this section.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. B. Newton, Interment was in Sunset cemetery. The funeral home had charge of arrangements.

Surviving are her husband, P. H. Sword; three daughters, Mrs. Annie Brandon, Misses Emily and Sara Sword; two sons, Harry and John Robert; two grandchildren, Mary Sue and Billy Brandon, all of Murphy.

Active pallbearers were: Robert McCombs, Robert Akin, Boyd Abernathy, Richard Meroney, Fred Johnson, Ross Lovingsood, Howard Moody and Bill Adams.

Honorary pallbearers were: L. E. Bayless, John Axley, Neal Davidson, Winslow McIver, B. L. Padgett, Marshall Ramsey, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Dr. J. N. Hill, W. S. Dickey, Frank Dickey, Arthur Akin, Clingman McDonald, P. C. Gentry, Garland Posey, Ben Posey, John Posey, Hadley Dickey, Fred Bates, R. C. Mattox, T. E. Evans, C. W. Savage, W. A. Savage, W. M. Mauney, R. S. Parker, H. Bueck, K. C. Wright, Wm. P. Payne, L. L. Mason, Bob Allen, Z. C. Ramsey, A. J. Hembree, Lawrence Hall, J. D. Mallonee, C. D. Mayfield, W. A. Sherrill, Dr. J. W. Thompson, J. B. Gray, Fred Moore, Morris Moore, W. E. Moore, George Mauney, E. B. Norvell.

Shelby Franks, Rob Phillips, Allen Ramsey, S. W. Cover, H. G. Elkins, S. W. Lovingsood, J. W. Davidson, E. A. Browning, Dr. E. L. Holt, Virgil Lovingsood, J. H. Axley, J. S. McCombs, Dillard McCombs, Hayes Leatherwood, R. L. Fain, W. H. Murray, E. C. Moore, Harold Hatchett, Toby Fain, Frank Crawford, Lowery Gentry, Don Gentry, Will Gentry, B. B. Cornwell, Ralph Beal, J. T. Hayes, A. A. Richardson and E. O. Christopher.

## Oscar Hunt Receives Promotion in U. S. Army

Notice was issued this week by U. S. Army headquarters that Oscar Hunt, who has several years of service behind him in two separate terms, has been promoted to corporal.

Mr. Hunt's promotion, it was pointed out, cited him for special duty rather than just the ordinary army promotion for length of service.

## Questionnaires Aren't Returned: All Facing Possible Jail Terms

Twelve young men of Cherokee County are facing possible jail sentences for failing to return their draft questionnaires. Unless they get in touch with the County Draft Board, immediately, and have sound reasons for their delay, Secretary Wayne Walker says drastic steps may be taken.

The names, order numbers, and post-office addresses of the twelve follow:

- Clarence Christopher Cornwell, 437 Grandview.
- Garland William Ramsey, 595, Murphy.
- Rufus Edwin Hunsucker, 509, Patrick.
- Hayden Carl Johnson, 525, Murphy.
- Earl W. Cable, 571, Robbinsville.
- Edgar Winslow Tanner 578, Rt. Murphy.
- Edgar Lee Robinson, 589, Rt. 1, Murphy.
- Walter Clyde Garrett, 603, Farmer Rt. Unaka.
- Henry Thurman Cearley, 626, Culbertson.
- Earnest Henderson Robson, 627, Rt. 1 Murphy.
- Hoyt Taylor, 641, Letitia.
- Horace Lee Prince, 670, Potato Creek.

In some of the above cases, Secretary Walker said, the registrants had moved without giving a new address. Some questionnaires came back not filled out "for unknown reasons." Other registrants are believed to have received the questionnaires, but to have ignored them.

The County Draft Board requests that anyone knowing the whereabouts or able to give any information about the twelve young men listed above contact the Draft Board, now located above Mauney's Drug Store.

## Two Towns to Share Episcopalian Services

Episcopalians will divide their services Sunday between Murphy and Andrews, the Rev. Grant Polmsbee has announced. The Church Calendar notes Sunday as Saint Bartholomew's Day.

Morning services will be held at the Church in Murphy. Evening prayer service will be held in Andrews, at five o'clock E. S. T., in the home of Mrs. Nothstein.

## MURPHY POET HONORED

John B. Moore, Murphy jeweler is one of the authors whose poems are included in The Book of Modern Pottery, 1941, just published. More than 12,000 writers living in every part of the United States and Canada competed for a place in this important volume; but only a small percentage were accepted.

## Farmer Knocks Out Fox With Mattock, Then Subdues Him With Bare Hands

Bige Lovingsood, of the Grandview community, was doing some work on a hillside near his home this week, when his dog jumped a fox.

Lovingsood, who was carrying a mattock, watched the chase until the fox ran past him, but close. Then he made a wild swing with the mattock, landed true, and struck the fox down.

The swing was strong enough to have killed a cow, and the fox seemed to be plenty dead. Lovingsood grabbed the scruff of the animal's neck with one hand, and the feet with the other and started to carry it hom.

But the fox was NOT dead, only stunned. Soon he came to, but played possum until Bige loosed his hold on the neck. Then Sly Reynard reached up and snapped him neatly on the hand.

We won't tell you what Bige said, but he kept a pretty good grip on his temper, at that, for the fox is still alive.

Bige sold the animal to Fred Moore one of Murphy's most ardent fox hunters. The latter intends to turn him loose in one of the races at the fox hunters' convention, this fall.