

## Murphy Celebrates Fourth Of July With Varied Attractions

### Rev. E. F. Baker Pleads For Equitable Peace In Patriotic Address

Murphy staged an all-day celebration Independence Day that held the attention of throngs of people from the morning street parade through the afternoon's sports events at the ball park and including the evening square dance contest.

The parade made a colorful procession as it marched up Valley River Avenue from the high school to the square and then to the post office. Returning to the square, the marchers disbanded. Music was furnished by records played by K. C. Wright on the public address system furnished by the high school. The parade, in several divisions, was led by state patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., followed by Chief of Police Fred Johnson, color bearers, members of the American Legion posts of Andrews and Murphy, the Red Cross under Mrs. T. A. Case, war relief, Boy Scouts, and city and county auxiliary police and the Lions Club car. Then followed decorated cars and bicycles. Miss Margaret Aiken's bicycle, decorated with red, white and blue paper, made a striking appearance, and won first prize for her division. In the Red Cross section Bobby Alexander and Paul Hill were realistic stretcher bearers.

Captain Frank Swan, of Andrews, past district commander of the American Legion, acted as master of ceremonies for the morning program. The colors were advanced by Clyde Jarrett, of the Leslie Stillman Post of Andrews and judge advocate of the N. C. Legion, and John Odell, of the Joe Miller Elkins Post of Murphy. Rev. A. B. Cash, pastor of the Murphy Baptist church, gave the invocation. H. Bueck spoke briefly in behalf of civilian defense.

Impressive ceremonies were held at an improvised tomb in honor of the Unknown Soldier. Bill Swan, of Andrews, member of the Sons of the Legion, sounded taps. Mrs. George Stillman, of Andrews, gold star mother, placed a wreath on the tomb. Capt. Swan introduced Clyde Jarrett, who spoke in the interest of war bonds and stamp sales.

Fred Christopher, new commander of the Joe Miller Elkins Legion Post, introduced Rev. E. F. Baker, pastor of the Andrews Baptist church, who delivered a thought provoking patriotic address. The speaker said that this nation never faced a more crucial hour than the present. "Serious questions are being probed deeply," he pointed out. "That is a hopeful sign. If we continue such thinking, we must of necessity arrive at a solution of our problems."

Speaking of the peace to come, the Rev. Mr. Baker said: "We must learn that the natural resources of this world were put here for all people. Many people in the lands we consider our enemies are innocent. We must deal with them later. We have seen that we were too harsh in our peace terms in the last war. We were too snouty in our isolationism. We have been doing some thinking since then and are going to deal with our enemy as a real gallant victor should. Nothing is settled right unless settled for the best interests of all concerned."

Rev. Grant Folmsbee, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Messiah, pronounced the benediction.

Afternoon sports events were held at the baseball park in charge of A. Q. Ketner, Carl Whiteside and Ralph Buice. Winners were announced as follows:

Swimming events: men over 15 years of age: first, Ben Warner; (Continued on back page)

## Local Post Office War Bond Sales For June Total \$9,450

Festmaster Howard Moody stated Tuesday that war bond sales at the Murphy Post Office for the month of June totaled \$9,450. Cherokee county's quota for June was \$45,000, while North Carolina's June quota was \$8,190,500. William Whittaker, of Andrews, is in charge of the war bond sales in this county.

## Oxford Orphanage To Give Concert At High School On July 14th

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will present a concert in the Murphy high school auditorium next Tuesday evening, July 14, at eight o'clock. The local committee sponsoring the concert includes R. R. Beal, R. D. Lovingsood and P. C. Gentry.

History of the Masonic Orphanage dates back to 1873 when the training school and home was opened with an enrollment of 135. Since that time more than six thousand children have benefited by the Orphanage and are now in all parts of the world.

For at least 50 years the staging class of the Oxford Orphanage have made annual tours of the state, each year bringing a new class with a new program. The little visitors present an enjoyable program with the skill and ease of veteran troupers.

## Miss Mildred Akin Accepts O. Q. Position With Draft Board

Miss Mildred Aikin began her duties at the Cherokee County Draft Board as occupational questionnaire clerk last Monday, according to announcement by Wayne Walker, secretary.

## Anthony Passerine Attends Mother's Funeral In North

Anthony Passerine received word Monday of the passing of his mother in New Haven, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Passerine have made their home in Murphy for the past several years. Mr. Passerine left early Tuesday morning for New Haven to attend his mother's funeral.

## Gas Registration At Hiwassee Dam

The gas and sugar for canning registration scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week will be held at the Recreation Center at Hiwassee Dam if the materials are received in time. Otherwise a registration will be held later. Dates for the registration will be posted.

## War Stamps And Bonds Drive Stepped Up On American Heroes Day

William Whittaker, of Andrews, county chairman of the committee handling sales of war bonds and stamps in Cherokee county, has been instructed at national headquarters to make an effort to stimulate sales of bonds and stamps on Friday, July 17, which has been designated as American Heroes Day. On that day local merchants will be urged to join with the newspapers, city officials and service organizations in honoring Cherokee county heroes of the present and past wars by staging the greatest one-day sale of war bonds and stamps ever known.

Expenses for the war are mounting, and funds are needed to finance operations. A hearty response from the community is anticipated.

## Buncombe, Murphy Teams Win July 4th Square Dance Event

### Program Directed By B. L. Lunsford Delights 1,500 People

One of the largest crowds to gather for a holiday celebration, estimated at about 1,500 people, witnessed the square dance contest staged as part of the Cherokee Victory Day Celebration last Saturday night. The affair was held on Valley River Avenue near the square under direction of Bascom Lamar Lunsford, national authority on mountain folk music and dances. Music was furnished by Fulton Harkness fiddlers.

The contests were supplemented by individual vocal, instrumental and dance numbers. Miss Ramona Gray, of Atlanta, sang two numbers that made a hit with the crowd. Rufus Voyles danced an old-fashioned buck and wing. T. A. Nicholson, of Hiwassee, Ga., and Arthur Cole clog danced.

The Hanlon Mountain team from Buncombe county, with Fred Rogers as caller, won first honors, with Tom Taylor's Murphy team second. A team from Peachtree participated with Neal Sneed calling the numbers. Martin's Creek was represented with Cloyd Keener as caller. The Cherokee square dance teams showed real promise, but were outdistanced by the Buncombe county team of 16. The various numbers were executed with a dexterity and grace that has resulted from years of hard work in rehearsing.

Decision in the square dance awards was made by a committee of judges comprising John Donley, W. A. Sherrill and Walter C. Witt. Preceding the square dance numbers, instrumental records were played over the public address system by K. C. Wright.

## Large Crowd Attends Singing Convention At Court House Here

The Cherokee Singing Convention gave a Victory Day program at the court house Sunday afternoon before a crowd that about filled the court room. A variety of the old favorites were sung as solos, quartets and by the audience. The singing was presided over by C. C. Crain, of Andrews, president of the Cherokee County Singing Convention. E. S. Burnett is vice-president of the organization.

Directing in the concert singing were Professor Sharp, of Robbinsville; Frank Coleman, C. I. Calhoun, Shelby Franks, Roy Helton, Von Hughes, E. S. Burnett, John Decker, Bill Hembree, Ernest Trantham and Miss Irene Barton.

Also on the program were the Murphy Melody Quartet including Roy Helton, Bill Hembree, Shelby Franks and John W. Donley; and the Murphy Female Quartet including Blanche Barton Davis, Irene Barton, Mennice Payne and Mary Lou Roberts. Glenn Ellis was pianist for both quartets.

H. Bueck, school principal, loaned the singers the use of a piano.

The singing program was arranged as a Victory Day affair and was not the regular singing convention, it was explained. At least 700 people attended the program, Mr. Calhoun said.

## Hiwassee Construction Supervisor Moves

Tom Brown, superintendent of construction at Hiwassee Dam, and his family left recently for Houston, Texas, where Mr. Brown has obtained a position with a shipbuilding plant.

## Gas, Sugar Canning Registration At Schools Friday and Saturday

Registration for gas, and for sugar for canning, is being held at all county schools. The registration, which began Thursday, and will continue through Saturday, is in charge of registrars appointed by the county superintendent of schools.

## Cherokee 4-H Boys And Girls Enjoy Week At Swannanoa

Mrs. W. D. King, home demonstration agent, and Carl Whiteside, assistant county farm agent, are in charge of 15 4-H Club boys and girls who are enjoying a week's outing at the district camp at Swannanoa. The camp will break up at noon on Friday. Delegations are visiting the camp from Cherokee, Swain, Madison, Clay, Graham and Henderson counties. This will be the last year that the Western North Carolina 4-H clubs will meet in Swannanoa, because the site is part of the army hospital project.

The Cherokee delegation at camp includes Sonny Stakeup, Jerry Hall, Max Swain, Eva Nell Keiser, Iris Porter, Maude D. B. Witt, Elfreda Price, Murray Joe Moore, Edna Stiles, Hazel Suit, Opal Best, Catherine Wood, and Doris McConnell.

## Rev. A. B. Cash Will Return Today From Ellijay, Ga., Revival

Rev. A. B. Cash, who left last Sunday afternoon for Ellijay, Ga., plans to return to Murphy today. The local Baptist minister has been speaking at revival meetings at the First Baptist church of Ellijay.

## Miss Thelma Hall Is Recovering From Appendectomy

Thelma Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Hall, was entered as a patient in Murphy General Hospital Friday night suffering from an attack of acute appendicitis. She was operated on by Bryan Whitfield and her condition is reported to be good. Miss Hall will be taken home in a few days.

## Rev. Grant Folmsbee Announces Parish House Is Nearing Completion

Rev. Grant Folmsbee, deacon-in-charge of the Church of the Messiah, announced yesterday that the new parish house located at the rear of the church property is nearing completion.

The parish house will be adapted for use as a Sunday school room and as a meeting place for church organizations and community projects. The rector hopes that the structure will fill the need for wholesome recreation and environment.

There will be equipment for picnic parties with an outdoor fireplace for cooking meats and heating coffee. The general public will be invited to make use of the facilities offered. The grounds will be landscaped.

The parish house was authorized at the May diocese convention at Baltimore, where funds were granted for its construction. Additional funds have been contributed by the local congregation. The building is arranged so that the minister may reside there.



## Trial Blackout In Murphy July 24, To Bring War Home

### Warden Christopher Warns Public To Comply With Rules

The World War will come nearest home to Murphy Friday, July 24, when a trial blackout will be held according to announcement made on Tuesday of this week by E. O. Christopher, chief air raid warden. His notice of the blackout calls upon the general public to pay strict attention to all regulations governing such occasions. His announcement follows:

"We will have our first trial blackout in Murphy on the evening of July 24. Everyone in Murphy is asked to cooperate. A signal for turning off all lights will be a series of short blasts of the regular fire siren lasting for a period of two or three minutes. The all clear signal will be a series of long blasts of the same siren. In order to avoid confusion, the regular fire signal is as follows: one long blast, main part of town; two long blasts, East Murphy; three long blasts, Factory town; and four long blasts, Bealtown.

"When the blackout signal sounds you are asked to turn off all lights in your home or place of business and keep them off until the all clear signal is sounded. Should you find it absolutely necessary to have a light burning, you are asked to so darken your windows and doors that no light may be seen from the outside. This can be done by means of shutters, black curtains, quilts, or blankets tacked over the windows. Consult your air raid warden.

"If you are driving when you hear the blackout signal, pull over to your side of the road and extinguish your lights. Be sure that you do not block the street and do not park beside a fire plug. You are asked to stay indoors during the period blackout. If you are on the street when the signal sounds, step in the nearest building and remain there until the all clear.

"Please report to the chief air raid warden any one who does not comply with the above requests.

E. O. Christopher, Chief Air Raid Warden, Cherokee County.

Information is desired from all citizens by the Civilian Defense Organization on the following particulars:

Number of people living in your home....; number of children under 10 years old....; invalids or ill who cannot help themselves....; fire fighting apparatus: Number of ladders....; length....; amount of garden hose....; outside hose connection....; buckets of sand....; water buckets and dippers....; axes....

## Inspection Of Sites For W. N. C. Test Farm Will Start July 19

State Secretary of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott will begin inspecting sites for the new Mountain Test Farm on July 19, according to A. Q. Ketner, county farm agent. The present site at Swannanoa was sold to the government for the new Army hospital. Cullowhee in Jackson county is being considered for the new location, although Henderson and Haywood counties are also bidding for the project.

## Dance At Hiwassee Dam

A dance will be held Saturday evening at the Hiwassee Dam Recreation Center. Admission will be free.