

VOLUME 55 -- No. 22. MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1943 \$40,000 Fire Destroys Andrews Theatre And Cafe Building TWELVE PAGES THIS WEEK.

ESCAPED CONVICTS CAPTURED

Bert Beasley, 22, of Murphy, Brunswick, N. J., convicts who escaped from the state road camp were captured Wednesday morning near Benton, Tennessee, where stantly. The body of Mr. Hughes they are reported to have broken into a store, by Tennessee High- Tenn., and was met there Patrolman Woodrow Reece and Deputy Sheriff Pryor Crowe. They were brought to Murphy by Murphy Chief of Police Frank Crawford. Patrolman Pritchard Smith and jail. Later they were taken to the Whittler prison camp by Smith and Toby Fair.

Charles Nooney, 23. of Waynes ville, had been apprehended earlier in the week at Hendersonville. The men are reported to have made their way to Whittier, about two miles west of the camp on highway 19, where they are said by officers to have stolen an automobile belonging to Troy McLain. This car was found by state highway patrolmen about 4 o'clock Saturday morning, wher, it had oven abandoned in Andrews

Highway patrolmen sald efforts apparently were made to steal three other cars in Andrews be fore they succeeded in starting owned by Mrs. Montoner one This was found Monday by Guy Eller at Wehutty.

Mrs. Coffee Dies

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Coffee, 88. died at her home in Marble, Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 8 a. m. after an illness of several weeks

Funeral service will be held at Marble Baptist church, Thursday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Algie West and the Rev. John Stansberry, officiating, Burial will be in the church cemetery with Townson funeral bome in charge. She was reared in Cherokee coun-

9urvivors are, one daughter, Mrs. W. J. Barton of Marble; six sons, Barney, Virgil, Squire, Will, Smith and Frank Coffee, all of Cherokee county.

Mrs. Coffee had been a mem-ter of the Baptist church for more than fifty years

AIR ASSAULTS ON EUROPE

Truck Collision Doyle Hughes, 29, of Cowpens, S C., formerly of Murphy, was William Leavy, 26. of New injured in a collision of transfer trucks at Decatur, Indiana, December 16, and died two days la-Whittier Saturday morning, ter. The driver of the truck with which he collided was killed inwas shipped by rail to Copperhill, by an ambulance from Townson funeral home Monday and brought to

Doyle Hughes

Is Killed In

Hughes owned and oper-Mr ated a fleet of transfer trucks Deputy Ezra Price, and lodged in making regular trips to distant points

He is survived by his wife and two children; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Hughes of Murphy, R.F.D. No. 2: five sisters, Mrs. Troy Grant, of Greenville, S. C.: Mrs. James Bradshaw, and Mrs. Sibyl Pryson Gastonia; Mrs. Minnie Little, of of Marietta. Ga.; and Mrs. Loftin Hatchett, of Murphy, R.F.D. No. 2; and three brothers, Wade of Greenville; and John Henry and Clyde, of Murphy, R.F.D. No. 2. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Notla Baptist church, with the Rev. John Green officiating.

Urges Public To Make Yuletide

Season A Safe One "A safe Christmas on the home front should be the interest of ev-Wednesday, Marble ery citizen as the season of increased travel and additional winter highway hazards approaches" declared Ronald Hocutt. Director of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division, today.

Wednesday "As the Christmas season approaches, when North Carolinians strive to keep alive the traditions our sons are fighting to preserve we must all feel a deep concern in keeping ourselves and others alive for this Christmas, and other Christmases in a better world' Mr. Hocutt continued.

"Gold Stars in many homes at test the sacrifice of life that has already been made on the battlefronts to preserve our Nation-but there are no Gold Stars for the more than 700 trafic deaths on our highways this year. The Chay Ketner Llave Hall. Chay Ketner Llaved Handix pity of this death toll on our highwave is its uselessness. Traffic acways is its uselessness. Traffic ac-cidents are preventable and serve but defect." D. Mallonee. Don Witherspoon, E. B. Norvell, Fred Christopher, J.



mining of fortress Europe accelerates as American heavy based in British Isles attack targets in Nazi-occupied Nor-ariaronnes in Greece after raiding Sofia. Bulgarian capital, and liberators and twin-motored Mitchells blasted the Elecu-branki airficids in Athens in support of British and Italian uniter the Germanis in the Dodecances elsend.

Keener Funeral Dime Board Is Held Saturday Nets \$218

Funeral services were held Sat The amount collected from urday morning at the Murphy First Methodist church for John the dime board operated by Lions club Elisha Keener, 71, deputy clerk of through Tuesday. The money Cherokee county superior court will be used to bring Christwho died suddenly at his home mas cheer to needy families in the county, and for ciga. The Rev. Alfred Smith officiat rettes for service men who are ed, assisted by the Rev. Ralph Taylor, and the Rev. A. B. Cash

Services were concluded at Hamp ton Memorial church, with buria **Swan Family Is** in the church cemetery. Ivie Funeral home was in charge of an Widely Scattered rangements. Active pallbearers were John Donley, Walter Coleman, Martie Chastain, Fred Hampton, John Mrs. Frank Swan underwent a

Hampton, and Jack Hall. General Hospital December 4. She and expected to leave the hospital during Quay Ketner, Lloyd Hendrix, Charles Calhoun, W. M. Axley, J. Hendrix. Swan, who has been in the Veterans hospital, Atlanta, several

Paisley, who is retiring from the ministry, will be held Sunday at 5 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church. Brief addresses will be made by the following: M. W. Bell will speak on the subject "Dr. Paisley as a Preacher". J. B. Gray

Service To Honor

Dr. H. L. Paisley To

Be Held On Sunday

service honoring Dr. H. L

will use as his subject "Dr. Pais-ley as a Pastor". Rev. A. B. Cash will discuss. "Dr. Paisley as a Churchman", and H. Bueck will speak on "Dr. Paisley as a Citi-zen." The Rev. Ralph Taylor will be the presiding minister

Banks To Close Saturday, Monday

Citizens Bank and Trust Co., at Andrews and Murphy, in accordance with Governor Broughton's proclamation for all the banks in the state, will be closed all day Saturday and Monday for Christmas holidays

Christmas Service Episcopal Church

Christmas services will be held The Episcopal church of the Messiah Sunday morning at 11 o' clock, with the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of Franklin, in charge.

Baptist Services

Are Announced

The Rev. A. B. Cash will preach on. "No Room in the Inn" at the morning service at Murphy Bap-tist church Sunday. The choir will sing "Angels, From the Realms | Martin. Ga. of Glory", and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing".

At the evening worship hour, 7:30, the choir will sing, "The First Christmas Carol", "Beauti- armed forces. ful Message", and "O Little Town

of Bethlehem". Baptist Student Union members will have charge of the program, the following tak ing part: Miss Janice Hall Miss Maureen Lovingood. Miss Mary Evelyn Carringer, Miss Mary operation at Greenville Frances Shields, and Miss Jacque is reported to be getting along fine lyn Cash.

The ordinance of Baptism will the week-end. Captain be administered at the close

during the week-end to return home in Andrews with Mrs. Swan. The Swan family is swan. The Swan family is scattered to Dies At Pinelog

Originating In Theatre, Destroys Cafe, Apartments, Beauty Parlor, Theatre

ANDREWS-The Enloe Building located at Andrews' Main street, with all its contents, is a total loss from a fire which occurred here Saturday night. The fire originated in the projection room of the Henn Theatre when a highly inflammable film became ignited. Fortunately, all occupants of the crowded theatre were able to get out of the burning building without any injury or stampede resulting.

Iron Exploration To Start In Jan.

ever, that it is expected that the Bureau of Mines will conduct some exploration work on the various prospects in Cherokee county, the work to be started some time in January, 1944.

J.O. Smith Dies **Tuesday At Marble**

J. O Smith died at his home near Marble Tuesday at 9 p. m., after an illness of several months. He had moved from Greensboro to Marble about two months ago, where he had purcased a farm. Surviving are his wife and one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Debty, two sons. Lt. O. T. Smith of the U. S. Army Ft. Benning, Ga.: Pvt. James Charles Smith, of the U. S. army, Monterey, California, and one brother, Jim Smith, of

Funeral arrangements under direction of the Townson funeral home are incomplete, awaiting information from the sons in the

Church Of God Plans Christmas Program For 24th

Thomas Glass Sherlin, 83, died

It was partially covered by insurance. Housed in the building were the Henn Theatre, Joseph-District Engineer Harold B. ine's Beauty salon, Andrews cafe, Ewoldt of Norris, Tenn., has writ-ten C. W. Savage that his depart-of apartments were Mrs. Charles ment has not yet received infor- Wood, the Charles Huffman fammation concerning the iron sam-ily and Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Pass-more. The total loss is placed at sponge iron tests. He writes, how- \$40,000. The Henn Theatre loss was estimated at \$10,000, partly covered by insurance. Josephine's Beauty salon's loss was \$2,000, and the Andrews cafe had a loss of \$2,500, neither establishment hav ing insurance. The fire caught at 9:15 o'clock Although Although firemen responded quickly, they were no match for

The building, a two-story stru

land estate was valued at \$18,000.

T. Hol-

ture belonging to the W.

the burning films \$2,000 worth of which burned.

The fire, the second Saturday evening one for the town in as many weeks, leaves Andrews without a beauty parlor and a picture show. It lost also a leading cafe. The Henn Theatre was the property of P. J. Henn of Murphy. Mr. Henn on Monday stated that he will restore some kind of theatre service to the town at the earliest time possible. He plans to move the equipment from Henn Theatre in Murphy here, and states that he expects to make this new theatre the most attracive in this area. He expects it to require at least sixty days to n

Funeral Held For Mrs. Julia McFalls

Funeral services for Mrs. Julia McFalls, age 69, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Fleming at Brasstown, after a short illness were held at Mt. Zion Baptist church in Towns county The Church of God. of which Ga. Dec. 17 at 3 p. m. The Rev. Milton A Tomlinson is General Mr. Swanson officiated. Burla Overseer, is placing special em- was in the church cemetery with phasis on the celebration of Townson funeral home in charge Christmas with special programs Mrs. McFalls hwd been a memat each local church, it was an ber of the Baptist church for nounced today by the Rev. W. F. more than 40 years. She was rear-

Women's Reserve and will soon and transportation." leave for the colorful Marine Corps base. Camp Lejeune.

They are Betty Jane Eudy, 1801 it is stopped, what Yuletide happi-East Fifth St., Charlotte: Clara ness can emerge from a back-Critistine Ellington, Wake: Susie ground of war, will yet be shadow- and four grandchildren Mae Roberson, Murphy.

Pvt. Eudy, who attended Appa- casualties on the home front." lachian State Teachers College was an inspector at a munitions plant in civilian life. Pvt. Elling. must decrease the deaths and inton, a graduate of Hugh Morson juries and the destruction of To Start Jan. 18 High School, was a department property. Public sentiment can store sales clerk. Pvt. Roberson, create an atmosphere of disapattended Cherokee Indian proval of careless and reckless who

School, was a waitress. Backing the Attack !! I'm the

Susie M. Roberson Joins The Marines Three North Carolina women recently joined the Marine Corps Three North Carolina women the difference of the marine corps the corps the marine corps the marine corps the cor

"The December fatality rate on our highways is high and unless ters, Mrs. V. M. Johnson and Mrs. William King, both of Murphy,



The Fourth War Loan Drive will start January 18 and extend driving and an appreciation of through February 15. Percy B. two weeks ago, has recovered suf-those who observe the laws of Ferebee, chairman for this county, ficiently to return to his home KEEP ON safety and show a proper regard urges local retailers and clerks to Wednesday. for the rights of the travelling listen in to a NBC broadcast on public."

citizen, to put forth every effort to make this Yuletide Scason a The county's quota has not been WITH WAR BONDS . to make this Yuletide Season a to make this Yuletide Season a · safe one", concluded Mr. Hocutt, announced.

various parts of the United States. youngest, is in A.S.T.P.B.T.C., Fort Benning, Ga.

HAS OPERATION

was \$218

Ga., is resting well at Murphy ments. General hospital, following a major operation several days ago. Mr. Love is the father of Attorney Claude Love of Asheville.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL Roy Wells, who undewrent a major operation at Petrie hospital two weeks ago, has recovered suf-

Twiggs. A. L. Moody and Jim Cremer.

He is survived by his wife and ate with the nation's gas-saving one brother, Bird Sherlin who livprogram as a war-time measure. ed with him.



will be presented on Saturday eve-Culberson on the 19th. invited.

the church cemetery. Ivie funeral Tominson, special services, were sisters George T. Love of Morganton. home was in charge of arrange- held, and were attended by large Pallbearers were: Ulysses Ives. ter, J. O. Sherlin, Mr. Miller Jim This year, while another special service is planned for Burger Adams At Mountain, in an effort to co-oper-

Surviving are three daughters Edward, the oldest son, is at Fort Riley, Kansas; Al. the second, is at Evir Okla, E A A F, Bill, the Euroral sectors is a second in the first Church of God. Thomas Glass Sherlin, 83, died In former years, since the pur-chase of Burger Mountain, loca-bion of the first Church of God moni, Ga, and Mrs Ben Plem-In former years, since the pur- Mrs. Ellie Hutchenson, of Detroit, Funeral services were held Tues-Functal services were need in the comparison organized in 1903, near Murphy, ing of Brasstown. Three sons, day at 2:30 o'clock at Maggies N. C. (now a church shrine), by Harve, of Young Harris; Ed, of Smith officiating, Burial was in Tomilnson, special services, feather wendale: Bure brothers and four the church sometery. Is is functal

> Whitley And **Camp Wolters**

General Overseer Tomlinson, who CAMP WOLTERS, Texas_Pvt. succeeded his aged father at the Duke Duncan Whitley, 30, huslatter's death last fall, is urging band of Mrs. Evelyn Patton Whit-The parcent of Pairview church own programs, it was announced Herbert Adams, husband of Mrs. The local Church of God will Doris Flora Adams of Andrews. Lowry Gentry arrived home ning, December 25. at Culberson hold its special Christmas pro- have arrived at this Infantry Re-"I urge every motorist, every forth every effort of the retailers' campaign. The county's quota has not been the with his parents, Mr. and pageant would be presented at 24 to which everybody is cordially trymen. Whitley has been assigned to specialist training.