



Wishing You MERRY CHRISTMAS 1943

The Cherokee Scout

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\$40,000 Fire Destroys Andrews Theatre And Cafe Building

ESCAPED CONVICTS CAPTURED

Bert Beasley, 22, of Murphy, and William Leavy, 26, of New Brunswick, N. J., convicts who escaped from the state road camp near Whittier Saturday morning, were captured Wednesday morning near Benton, Tennessee, where they are reported to have broken into a store, by Tennessee Highway Patrolman Woodrow Reese and Deputy Sheriff Pryor Crowe. They were brought to Murphy by Chief of Police Frank Crawford, Patrolman Pritchard Smith and Deputy Ezra Price, and lodged in jail. Later they were taken to the Whittier prison camp by Smith and Toby Fair.

Charles Nooney, 23, of Waynesville, 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 McLean. This car was found by state highway patrolmen about 4 o'clock Saturday morning, when it had been abandoned in Andrews.

Mrs. Coffee Dies Wednesday, Marble

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 home in charge. She was reared in Cherokee county.

Susie M. Roberson Joins The Marines

Three North Carolina women recently joined the Marine Corps Women's Reserve and will soon leave for the colorful Marine Corps base, Camp Lejeune. They are Betty Jane Eudy, 1801 East Fifth St., Charlotte; Clara Christine Ellington, Wake; Susie Mae Roberson, Murphy. Pvt. Eudy, who attended Appalachian State Teachers College was an inspector at a munitions plant in civilian life. Pvt. Ellington, a graduate of Hugh Morson High School, was a department store sales clerk. Pvt. Roberson, who attended Cherokee Indian School, was a waitress.

KEEP ON
Backing the Attack!
WITH WAR BONDS

Doyle Hughes Is Killed In Truck Collision

Doyle Hughes, 29, of Cowpens, S. C., formerly of Murphy, was injured in a collision of transfer trucks at Decatur, Indiana, December 16, and died two days later. The driver of the truck with which he collided was killed instantly. The body of Mr. Hughes was shipped by rail to Copperhill, Tenn., and was met there by an ambulance from Townson funeral home Monday and brought to Murphy.

Mr. Hughes owned and operated a fleet of transfer trucks 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 Eryson, of Gastonia; Mrs. Minnie Little, 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 every citizen as the season of increased travel and additional winter hazards approaches," declared Ronald Hocutt, Director of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division, today. "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 attest 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 traffic deaths on our highways this year. The pity of this death toll on our highways is its uselessness. Traffic accidents are preventable and serve no purpose—but defeat."

"The call of our Country on the home front is to conserve and produce. Every hour lost from injury or death in accident is lost in production. Every vehicle damaged or demolished is lost to conservation and transportation."

"The December fatality rate on our highways is high and unless it is stopped, what Yuletide happiness can emerge from a background of war, will yet be shadowed in many homes by highway casualties on the home front."

"North Carolina must reduce the accidents on the highways—must decrease the deaths and injuries and the destruction of property. Public sentiment can create an atmosphere of disapproval of careless and reckless driving and an appreciation of those who observe the laws of safety and show a proper regard for the rights of the travelling public."

"I urge every motorist, every citizen, to put forth every effort to make this Yuletide Season a safe one", concluded Mr. Hocutt.



AIR ASSAULTS ON EUROPE

Keener Funeral Is Held Saturday

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Murphy First Methodist church for John Elisha Keener, 71, deputy clerk of Cherokee county superior court, who died suddenly at his home Wednesday.

The Rev. Alfred Smith officiated, assisted by the Rev. Ralph Taylor, and the Rev. A. B. Cash. Services were concluded at Hampton Memorial church, with burial in the church cemetery. Irie Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were John Donley, Walter Coleman, Martie Chastain, Fred Hampton, John Hampton, and Jack Hall. Honorary pallbearers were Paul Buchanan, J. W. Miller, Paul Hyatt, B. L. Padgett, Lawrence Hall, Quay Keener, Lloyd Hendrix, Charles Calhoun, W. M. Axley, J. D. Mallonee, Don Witherspoon, E. B. Norvell, Fred Christopher, J. B. Gray, M. W. Bell, Ed King, Claude King, A. L. Martin, Toby Fain, Ed Davis, Dr. R. S. Parker, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Jerry Davidson, Tom Evans, E. C. Moore, Jim Hembree, P. H. Sword, and W. D. Davis.

Survivors are the wife; one son, Lloyd, Elizabeth City; two daughters, Mrs. V. M. Johnson and Mrs. William King, both of Murphy, and four grandchildren.

War Loan Drive To Start Jan. 18

The Fourth War Loan Drive will start January 18 and extend through February 15. Percy B. Ferebee, chairman for this county, urges local retailers and clerks to listen in to a NBC broadcast on December 29 from 11:30 to 12 o'clock CWT, for complete details of the retailers' campaign. The county's quota has not been announced.

Service To Honor Dr. H. L. Paisley To Be Held On Sunday

A service honoring Dr. H. L. 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 will use as his subject "Dr. Paisley as a Pastor". Rev. A. B. Cash will discuss, "Dr. Paisley as a Churchman", and H. Bueck will speak on "Dr. Paisley as a Citizen." 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 at 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 Baptist church Sunday. The choir will sing "Angels, From the Realms of Glory", and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing". At the evening worship hour, 7:30, the choir will sing, "The First Christmas Carol", "Beautiful Message", and "O Little Town of Bethlehem". Baptist Student Union members will have charge of the program, the following taking part: Miss Janice Hall, Miss Maureen Lovinood, Miss Mary Evelyn Carringer, Miss Mary Frances Shields, and Miss Jacqueline Cash. The ordinance of Baptism will be administered at the close of the program.

T. G. Sherlin, 83, Dies At Pinelog

Thomas Glass Sherlin, 83, died at his home at Pinelog at 6 p. m. Monday. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock at Maggie's Chapel with the Rev. Alfred Smith officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Irie funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Ulysses Ivester, J. O. Sherlin, Mr. Miller Jim Twigg, A. L. Moody and Jim Cremer. He is survived by his wife and one brother, Bird Sherlin who lived with him.

To Give Pageant

The pageant of Fairview church will be presented on Saturday evening, December 25, at Culberson church at 7 o'clock. In error it was announced last week that the pageant would be presented at Culberson on the 19th.

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.

District Engineer Harold B. Ewoldt of Norris, Tenn., has written C. W. Savage that his department has not yet received information concerning the iron sample taken from this county for sponge iron tests. He writes, however, 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 purchased a farm. Surviving are his wife and one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Deby, 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 Martin, Ga. Funeral arrangements under direction of the Townson funeral home are incomplete, awaiting information from the sons in the armed forces.

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, Ga., Dec. 17 at 3 p. m. The Rev. Mr. Swanson officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge. Mrs. McFalls had been a member of the Baptist church for more than 40 years. She was reared in Clay county.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Ellie Hutcherson, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Effie Turpin, Clearmont, Ga.; and Mrs. Ben Fleming of Brasstown. Three sons, Harve, of Young Harris; Ed, of Clearmont, and James of Melvendale; three brothers and four sisters.

Whitley And Adams At Camp Wolters

CAMP WOLTERS, Texas—Pvt. Duke Duncan Whitley, 30, husband of Mrs. Evelyn Patton Whitley of Murphy, and Pvt. Harold Herbert Adams, husband of Mrs. Doris Flora Adams of Andrews, have arrived at this Infantry Replacement Training Center to begin their basic training as infantrymen. Whitley has been assigned to specialist training.