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MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1944

EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Town Council Has Busy Evening Discussing Audit, Regulating Livestock, Joint Ownership Of Light And Telephone Poles Of Murphy

Dogs Not Allowed To Run At Large

Dr. M. P. Whichard, county health officer, states that since a dog running at large in Murphy last week was found by the State laboratory of hygiene to be mad, and since several dogs were bitten by the diseased dog, every dog owner is required to keep dogs confined or properly muzzled or leashed for a period of 30 days.

George Walker Is Reported Wounded In Italy Battle

G. Wayne Walker veteran of World War I, has received a letter from his son Pvt. George Wayne Walker, Jr., stating that he has been wounded in action in Italy.

Private Walker was a senior at State college, Raleigh when he joined the enlisted reserve corps (unassigned) in October, 1942. He had two years in R. O. T. C. He was called to active duty April 1943 at Ft. Bragg. He took basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., was transferred to Fort Meade, Md., September, 1943 and was stationed in North Africa until Nov. 1, when he was assigned to active combat duty with the Fifth army in Italy.

State Extension Leaders Attend Neighborhood Meeting Friday

Neighborhood Leaders of the Bellview, Moccasin Creek, Brass-town and Martin's Creek neighborhoods met in the Martin's Creek school Friday night to discuss the 1944 Crop and Feed production program for the Martin's Creek community.

A. Q. Ketter, county agent, led the discussion on how an increased corn and garden yield might be reached. Dr. E. R. Collins, State College Agronomy Specialist and L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club Leaders, C. H. Kirkman, assistant county agent, Mrs. Alline King and Miss Mary Cornwell, home agents, participated in the discussion with these leaders.

Leaders present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McNabb, S. A. Hughes, E. S. Burnett, J. M. Keasler, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hatchett, A. B. Staleup, Sammie Staleup, Mrs. Mark Staleup, Mrs. Jean Staleup, Victor Ellis, Mrs. Paul Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Len Staleup.

Pvt. Wayne Jones Dies While In The U. S. Army

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 17, at Slow Creek for Pvt. Wayne Jones of the U. S. Army, who was stationed at an air base in Florida. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Jones of Whittier.

Surviving, besides his parents, are six brothers, Garland and Doyle Jones, of Whittier; Shafter, of Lon View, Washington; Sgt. Donald Jones of the marines; Aune Jones of Newport News, Va.; Pvt. Aud Jones of the U. S. Army, and three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Beavers, of Murphy; Mrs. Ethel Welch and Mrs. Ruth Dalbey of Phoenix, Arizona, and several nieces and nephews.

Everyone Asked To Pause For Prayer At 2:30 On Friday

On Friday, February 25, the World Day of Prayer will be observed at 2:30 P. M., at the First Baptist Church, Murphy, with the theme: "And the Lord wondered that there was no intercessor".

This is a world-wide event, being observed by all peoples. Everyone, regardless of denomination, is urged to take part by attending the service at the First Baptist Church, or pausing in their homes, stores and various places of business at 2:30 P. M. Friday for a brief season of prayer.

Representatives of the following churches will take part on the program: First Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church, First Methodist Church, Free Methodist Church, Episcopal Church.

The church bells and factory whistles in Murphy will be heard at 2:30 P. M., promptly for 2 minutes, to remind you to pause for prayer in connection with the World Day of Prayer.

APOLOGIES
The Cherokee Scout regrets that because of lack of space and shortage of newsprint much of the copy prepared for this issue had to be omitted.

M. W. Bell, Prominent Attorney Here, Dies

Marshall Williams Bell, prominent Murphy attorney and former mayor, died Sunday morning at 11:40 at Murphy General hospital, following a short illness. He would have been 79 years of age on March 15.

Born in Mocksville, he was the son of Marshall Thomas and Eliza Martin Bell.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Grace Elizabeth Cornett, of Cathay, Calif., whom he married Feb. 17, 1909; three children, Lt. Marshall C. Bell, USNR, New York, Mrs. Grace Wills Gunning, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Mary Frances Hazelman, Greensboro; two grand-children, Mary Marshall Bell and Mary Wills Gunning; two sisters, Mrs. Maxey L. John, Layrington, and Miss Margaret R. Bell, Mocksville.

Mr. Bell came to Murphy in 1891. He was associated in the practice of law with the late Ben Posey of Murphy during the early part of his career and with the late John H. Dillard from 1893 to 1911. He was a member of the Masonic order, Knights Templar, of which he was district deputy grand master, a trustee of Greensboro A. and T. college, Greensboro, chairman of the board of trustees of Murphy Carnegie library, mayor of Murphy one term, ruling elder and Sunday school teacher in Murphy Presbyterian church for many years.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Ivie funeral home with the Rev. Ralph Taylor and the Rev. A. B. Cash officiating. Burial followed in Sunset cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Dale Lee, Frank Ellis, H. A. Mattox, H. Bueck, K. C. Wright and T. J. Mauney.
Honorary pallbearers were members of the Cherokee county bar association: J. B. Gray, F. O. Christopher, E. B. Norvell, Don Witherspoon, J. D. Maloney, W. M. Axley and Mrs. Winifred Townson Wells.



RETURNS TO CAMP — Marine's mate, second class, Hayes Leatherwood, Jr., has returned to Camp Peary, Va. after a ten-day leave spent here with his wife and children, Hayes, III and Patsy, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Leatherwood.



WINS DECORATION — Staff Sgt. George W. Hall Jr., formerly of Murphy, has been awarded the air medal and two oak leaf clusters for valor and exceptional achievement as a member of the Eighth Air Force. The 29-year-old air man was born and reared at Murphy, where he attended high school. He enlisted January 14, 1942 and was assigned to overseas duty in July of that year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hall Sr., who now reside at Hayesville. Sgt. Hall is a brother of the late Charles B. Hall, who was killed in action in September 29, 1918, and who belonged to the famous 30th Division.

Army-Navy Tests To Be Given At Murphy School

The third Army-Navy College Qualifying Test for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Program V-12 which will be given throughout the country on Wednesday, March 15, at 9:0 a. m., will be administered at the Murphy High School, Mr. K. C. Wright, Principal announced today. A leaflet of general information which contains an admission-identification form may be obtained at the Principal's office. This form properly filled out will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21 inclusive who are high school graduates or who will be graduated by July 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to Mr. Wright in order that the necessary test supplies may be ordered.

Two Under Bonds

Elmer R. Stiles and Vernon Dockery were arrested on Feb. 14 for possession of a saloon on a half of non-tax paid liquor. They were arrested by Patrolman Pritchard Smith and Deputy Abe Hembree. Magistrate Fred Bates bound them over to superior court under bonds of \$200 each. The arrest was made on highway 64 when the Stiles car was coming from the direction of Georgia.

Andrews Has \$2,400 War Fund Quota

ANDREWS — The war fund quota for the Andrews chapter of the American Red Cross has been set at \$2400 according to announcement by the war fund chairman, L. B. Nichols. Capt. F. W. Swan and Mr. Nichols made a talk to the students of Andrews schools Tuesday and enlisted the support of the schools in the drive. They stated that fifty per cent of the money will be kept at home and the other sent to headquarters.

Council Says Audit Report Charges Are Too High

Councilmen of the Town of Murphy on Friday night were presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, from W. Bowen Henderson, auditor of Asheville. The books had been in the hands of the auditor for an audit since May, 1943. At the January meeting of the council, return of the town books taken to Asheville was requested.

The Town was presented a bill for \$1058.58 for the auditing, and considerable discussion between the councilmen and representatives of the auditing firm took place. The council said the charge was too great. It was stated that since the new council took office a sum of \$300 had been paid to the auditing firm. A representative of the auditing firm stated that the \$300 was for service rendered before May, 1943. The council voted to pay the amount of the bill with \$300 deducted when all books are returned to the town, and indicated a willingness to pay the remainder when an itemized bill for the past eight years' auditing is furnished.

The complete audit report is published in this issue of the paper. Some changes in the financial status have occurred in the intervening months from date of audit. For instance, the uncollected taxes for years 1927 to 1942 have been greatly decreased because of collections by Clerk E. L. Shields during the past few months.

H. G. Elkins was commended on the condition of the electric department. An up to date report of the financial condition of the department was made by him, as follows: Cash on hand May 1, 1943, \$8,011.73; cash on hand Jan. 31, 1944, \$15,836.52; interest paid since May 1, 1943, \$2,415; and bonds retired since May 1, 1943, \$6,000.

Dr. B. W. Whitfield and A. L. Martin were appointed by Mayor J. W. Franklin on a committee to meet with the city attorney and have drawn up an ordinance regulating the keeping of livestock within the city limits of Murphy.

The council voted to accept the recommendations made by the TVA relative to the Town of Murphy making a contract with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company for joint ownership of light and telephone poles in Murphy. The provisions will be presented to Southern Bell for acceptance or rejection.

All members of the council, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Noah Lovingsood, Robert Weaver, W. M. Fain, A. L. Martin and E. P. Hawkins; Mayor J. W. Franklin and Clerk E. L. Shields were present. This is the first time in several meetings that all members of the council have been present.



1944 WAR FUND
This year, with service flags in windows of nearly every home, Red Cross will mean so much more to Americans. As depicted in this reproduction of a 1944 Red Cross War Fund poster, many windows also will display the symbol of participation in the cause of Mercy and Humanity—the Red Cross.

Red Cross Launches War Fund Campaign

The Cherokee chapter of the American Red Cross has completed plans for the launching of the 1944 War Fund Drive, according to announcement made by the Rev. A. B. Cash, war fund chairman. More than one hundred workers are being enlisted to make the canvass for this year. The Cherokee chapter has been assigned a quota of \$4300.00 from the National quota of \$200,000.00. The drive will continue through the month of March, and every individual will be given an opportunity to contribute. An Advance Gift Committee, headed by Supt. H. Bueck, is making a drive this week to secure special gifts of \$25 and above from individuals and corporations. A list of these contributors will be published next week.

In addition to the committee headed by Mr. Bueck, Chairman Cash announces the following: Commerce, Industry, labor — Frank Forsyth; business district, J. D. Burch; Murphy residential district — Mrs. Hadley Dickey; Texana district, James A. Fulwood; and rural district, A. Q. Ketter.

The management of industries is being asked to solicit at least a day's pay from all employees and that they match the total of the employees' contribution. Every citizen is urged to give at least a day's pay.

O. E. Roberts, field representative of the Red Cross, spoke at a meeting at the Methodist church Tuesday evening, pointing out the services rendered by the Red Cross.



HEADS WAR FUND—The Rev. A. B. Cash who is serving his second year as chairman of the war fund drive of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Final Collection Tubes To Be Made

Doyle Burch, one of the county salvage chairmen, announces that beginning Monday of next week, all collapsible tubes will be collected from retail stores where they have been stored for the past several months. A H. T. Hackney Co. truck will stop at most of the stores for the collection.

All citizens are asked to turn in all the collapsible tubes from tooth paste, shaving cream, etc., before March 1. After that date the tubes will not be collected.

Lions Hear Address By Red Cross Man

O. E. Roberts, general field representative of the American Red Cross, was speaker at the meeting of Murphy Lions club Tuesday evening. Speaking on the Red Cross war fund drive which starts March 1, he pointed out some of the services of Red Cross, including: home service, the Red Cross being the only means of emergency communication between the soldier and his family and the only agency whose communications are accepted by the War Department; blood donor service, 6,000,000 pints at a value of \$35 if the war department had to purchase it, already furnished, hospital and nursing service; prisoner of war service; and disaster preparedness.

W. T. Medlin, Jr., and Scout Buddy Palmer; Frank Ellis, O. G. Dellinger; J. H. Duncan, Pvt. Robert Akin; K. C. Wright, H. R. Hazelman.

Peyton Ivie reported that his group was winner in the closing attendance contest, over the group of which Robert Weaver was captain. The losers will pay for the dinner to be held at the next meeting, which will be ladies' night.

Dr. W. A. Hoover reported on efforts to conduct an eye clinic. Harry Bishop and Joe Hamilton recently became new members of the club.
President Frank Forsyth recently presented awards for ten-year membership to Peyton Ivie, H. Bueck, and A. Q. Ketter. H. G. Elkins and W. M. Fain have been members more than ten years and already had received the awards.