

Hiwassee Scouts Entertain At Court Of Honor

Nantahala district court of honor for Boy Scouts was held at Hiwassee Dam Tuesday evening, following two hours of entertainment including a tour of the dam planned by B. M. Harbin, Frank Brown, R. L. Grandy, W. A. Shelton, Frank Watson, and Wm. P. Baker, scout leaders. Guests arrived at Hiwassee Dam at 5 o'clock and were conducted over the site of the dam and to Third ridge where games were played. They then assembled at the gymnasium, and a movie was shown by the TVA. Following the picture, supper was served by courtesy of ladies of the community and members of the coast guard. A total of 145 attended.

The court of honor started at 7:30 and was held in the gymnasium. Scouts who received star rank were: John Smart, Hayesville; Gordon Schmitton, Robert Ratchford, and Robert E. Keim, Fontana Dam. Badges were awarded by Clarence Bales district camping chairman, of Tapoco.

Rank of first class was attained by the following: B. M. Harbin, Jr., Walter B. Dockery, Robert C. Brown, and James R. Brock, Hiwassee Dam. Awards were presented by Frank Brown of Hiwassee Dam.

Attaining second class were: Howard Holder, Andrews; Jack B. Smart, Hayesville; and Billy Heath, Fontana Dam. These awards were made by H. R. Bradshaw of Hayesville.

Those receiving tenderfoot awards, presented by F. V. Smith, assistant scout executive, were Jimmie R. Arrington, Tapoco; Dan Hawk, Andrews; Preston B. Bean, Gerald and Jewel Mintz, F. J. Teague, Murphy; Morris Davis, Jr., Hayesville; and Howard Ed Martin, Howard Simpson, and Harold L. Dyer, Fontana Dam.

Merit badges were awarded to the following boys by R. L. Grandy, district committeeman: Jack Stewart, Whitaker Davis, Andrews; Drew Colvard, Tapoco; Robert Crawford, Harry Mauney, Fred Brendle, Murphy; Jimmie Palmer, Kent Beal, Kyle Beal, Alex Bradley, Jr., Robert Cunningham, Otto McClure, Harry Neal, Howard Palmer, Paul Setzer, and John Smart, Jr., Hayesville; Wm. Adams, James Bales, Robert Berry, Donald and Frank Lockery, Norman Little, Robert Ratchford, Gordon Schmitton, and Bobby Wescott, Fontana Dam; James Robert Brock, Robert C. Brown, Walter B. Dockery, Jr., and B. M. Harbin, Jr., Hiwassee Dam.

Wm. F. Baker acted as chairman of the meeting, and Scout Billy Sanders of Hiwassee acted as court clerk. Bugler was Scout Bob Brown, who sounded "To the Colors" and "Taps". Rev. A. B. Cash offered the invocation.

The Nantahala district committee meeting was held immediately following the court of honor, under the direction of District Chairman Frank Forsyth.

The next meeting will be held in Andrews on Tuesday, April 4.

Local School Takes Advantage of Child Feeding Program

Murphy school is one of the 262 in the state taking advantage of foods distribution administration, a child-feeding program sponsored by the Federal government. In taking part in this program children are securing well balanced lunches for the small sum of ten cents a day. At present 275 elementary and high school pupils and 20 faculty members are eating in the lunchroom.

Since warmer weather, plate lunches replace the soup, and much favorable comment has been heard among the students on the foods they receive.

Mrs. McClellan recently joined the lunchroom force. Others working are: Mrs. Myrtle Robinson, Mrs. Maggie Winkley and a number of students.

H. A. Mattox Is Elected Head Of Library Board

H. A. Mattox was elected chairman of the Carnegie Library board to succeed the late M. W. Bell, at a meeting held Thursday. The member on the board to succeed Mr. Mattox has not yet been appointed. This member is chosen by the Murphy town council.

Other members of the board are: Mrs. E. B. Norve, Mrs. T. A. Case, Mrs. H. Bueck, and Frank Forsyth. Miss Dora Ruth Parks and Miss Josephine Heighway, librarians, are ex-officio members.

Mr. Bell, who died February 20, was a charter member of the board, having been appointed in 1922 at the organization of the library, by Mayor J. H. Dillard. The first board consisted of the following members: Mr. Bell, C. M. Wofford, G. W. Candler, Mrs. L. P. Kinsey, J. B. Storey, and Mrs. J. H. Dillard.

Mrs. Guthrie Is Killed Near Athens

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Brasstown Baptist church for Mrs. Lucille Guthrie, 23, whose body was found about 4 o'clock Sunday morning on the highway between Cleveland and Athens, Tennessee, by a passing motorist. The Rev. John Green officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery with the Townsend funeral home in charge. Coroner's report was that she was struck by an automobile or truck driven by party or parties unknown.

Surviving are her husband, Ralph Guthrie, of Ranger; her father Johnnie Payne, of Brasstown; mother, Mrs. Sallie Payne, of Murphy; one sister, Miss Opal Payne, of Knoxville, a brother, Edgar Payne of Brasstown, and a niece, Miss Annie Sue Mundy, of Knoxville.

W. E. Kimbrough Keeps Planes In Operation

A U. S. Navy Air Base, England, Feb. 18 (Delayed) — Wayne E. Kimbrough, 22 years old, Marble, N. C., a skygoing sailor in the Naval Air Force, recently rounded out six months service in the British Isles as a member of a Navy Liberator unit now based here.

Kimbrough, an aviation machinist's mate 1st class, is charged with keeping the big plane in top operating condition during long range sweeps over the Bay of Biscay in search of enemy shipping and submarines. He also mans a machine gun during combat.

A former student at the Andrews high school, Kimbrough enlisted in the Navy on Aug. 27, 1941. He is the son of H. S. Kimbrough of Marble.

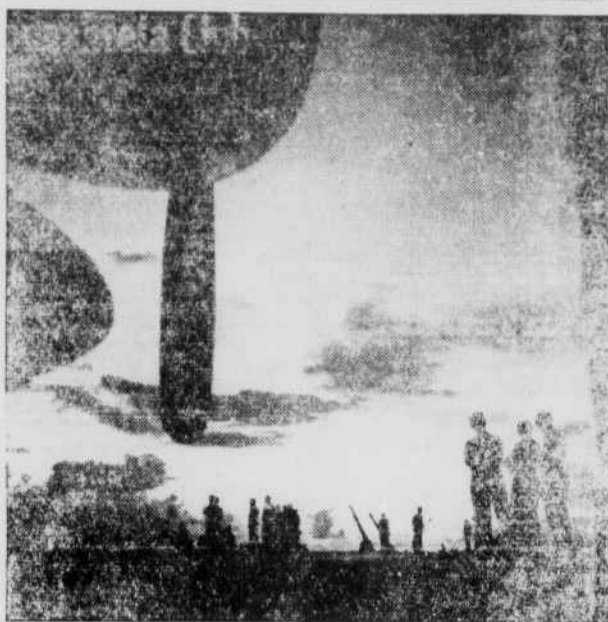
Wm. T. Stalcup Dies At Age 70

William Thaddeus Stalcup, 70, died Tuesday at his home in the Martin's Creek section, after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Old Martin's Creek Baptist church, with the Rev. Alfred Smith officiating. Cousins were pallbearers. Burial was in the church cemetery with Ivie funeral home in charge.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Tina Burnett Stalcup, two sons, Floyd and Horace, and one daughter, Mrs. Ross Hughes, all of Martin's Creek section.

Dawn—Before Attack on Rabaul



Men, guns, and a plane of the U. S. S. Saratoga are etched against the Pacific dawn as the giant flat-top moves in to strike the Japs at Rabaul.

Nantahala Victory Takes Murphy Out Of Tournament



WAR CASUALTY — Capt. Durant J. Hartness of Mineral Bluff, who was killed in the Mediterranean area in January.

Captain Hartness Of Mineral Bluff Killed In Battle

Captain Durant J. Hartness, 26, son of Mrs. J. T. L. Hartness, Mineral Bluff, was killed in the Mediterranean area January 27th. His wife, the former Virginia Edge of Muskogee, Oklahoma, which is near Camp Gruber, where he was last stationed in the United States, has been notified by the War Department that he died from injuries accidentally incurred when some dynamite exploded during battle practice.

Captain Hartness graduated from Fannin County High School where he was an outstanding member of the basketball team, and, in September 1935, entered the Army after having become interested in military training the previous summer while in CMTC at Ft. Oglethorpe. He continued his studies after entering the service and, in addition to routine training, completed a number of Army Extension Courses.

Before leaving for overseas duty and only a few weeks before his death he said in a letter to his mother: "At last we have reached the goal for which we have been striving. I am glad, proud, and looking forward to the future."

Upon entering the Army Hartness was stationed at Ft. McPherson near Atlanta where he spent the greatest portion of his service.

After reaching age 21 he applied to Mineral Bluff Masonic Lodge for membership and the degrees were conferred by the East Point Georgia Lodge where (Continued on page four)

In the opening round of the Western Carolina Basketball tournament here Tuesday night the Robbinsville girls defeated Hiwassee Dam 36 to 11; the Hayesville girls won over Bryson City, 27 to 5; the Fontana boys defeated Bryson City boys, 41 to 22, and the Nantahala boys won from Murphy boys, 34 to 22.

In the second round Wednesday the Nantahala girls defeated the Fontana girls, 28 to 21, and the Hayesville boys won over the Hiwassee Dam boys, 16 to 9.

Owenby paced the girls' scoring with 19 points, while Hunter led the boys with 6.

Thursday's games at Murphy were:

Hayesville girls vs. Murphy girls. Hayesville boys vs. Nantahala boys.

Thursday's games at Robbinsville:

Robbinsville girls vs. Nantahala girls.

Fontana boys vs. winner of Robbinsville - Franklin game.

Jack Dickey Is Enrolled Bomber Mechanic School

Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., Feb. 29 — Pvt. Jack Dickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford S. Dickey, Murphy, N. Carolina was enrolled this week in the Keesler Field B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school.

Private Dickey will begin the intensive Army Air Forces Training Command 17-week course in airplane mechanics, successful completion of which will lead to his assignment either to active duty on the line, servicing and maintaining the huge bombers which are carrying the war to the enemy, or to a factory or gunnery school.

COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Cherokee County Democratic Executive Committee will have a meeting at the Court House, Saturday, March 11, at 10 A. M., according to H. A. Mattox, chairman.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., pastor, announces that the following services on the Hiwassee Methodist circuit will be held Sunday, March 12: Ranger chapel, 11 a. m.; and Reid's chapel, 3 p. m.

SERMON SUBJECTS

The Rev. Ralph Taylor will preach Sunday at First Methodist Church on the subjects, "What is Christ Hearing?" at 11 o'clock and "The Forgiving Christ" at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins Guest Speaker At Ministerial Meeting Monday

The Rev. W. L. Hutchins, superintendent of the Waynesville district of the Methodist church was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee-Clay ministerial association which was held Monday at 10:30 a. m. at Murphy First Baptist church. He spoke briefly of the preacher's responsibilities and opportunities in the post-war world, "the age of transition."

The Rev. C. C. Washam, pastor of Andrews Methodist church spoke on "The Pastor and His Reading". "A minister can afford to do without many things in life", he said, "but he cannot afford to do without good books if he is to have a vital, effective ministry."

Mrs. A. B. Cash was recognized and welcomed as a guest of the association.

The Rev. Ralph Taylor, president, presided over the meeting. The Rev. W. T. Medlin, pastor of Hiwassee circuit of the Methodist church was welcomed as a new member. Others present besides the speakers were: The Rev. A. B. Cash, The Rev. L. P. Smith, of Andrews Baptist church, the Rev. Clark Benson, pastor of Hayesville Methodist church, the Rev. Fred Stiles, and the Rev. R. Lane Akins, pastor of Hayesville Baptist church.

Following the meeting, the ministers had lunch, in a body at the Regal hotel.

Makers Surgical Dressings Needed

More workers at the surgical dressings room are needed, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, chairman announces. The room was opened Monday, and will be open every day in the week except Saturday, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. The quota consists of 4x4 sponges which everyone has made before; there is nothing new to learn. Experienced supervisors will be in charge to assist all those who need it. If you have even an hour to spare in the afternoon or evening, Mrs. Wilson urges that you come and help in this needed work.

Nurses Discuss Salaries And Private Duty Pay

Mrs. Fisher Hubbell was hostess for the meeting of the Tri-county Registered Nurses' club Monday evening.

Mrs. Mary Crawford, president, presided. A discussion of salaries of registered nurses, and rates for private duty nurses was held.

Following the discussions, Mrs. Hubbell served a salad course, carrying out the St. Patrick's Day motif, with coffee. The home was decorated with quantities of early spring flowers.

Attending the meeting were: Mrs. Wayne Townson, Mrs. L. R. Stator and Mrs. Florence Thompson, of Hayesville, Mrs. Elizabeth Burke, of Marble, Miss Nancy Rogers, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Gayle Isensee, Mrs. Oia Williams, Miss Helen Ghormley and Mr. Hubbell.

Youth Fellowship Sponsors Contest

Youth Fellowship, of which Miss Magdalene (Toots) Cook is president, will sponsor a beauty contest on Friday evening, March 17, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Business houses in Murphy will be asked to sponsor contestants.

A program of music will be presented, in connection with the contest.

PATROLMEN LEAVE

The two state highway patrolmen of Cherokee county—Charles D. Lindsay of Andrews and Pritchard Smith, Jr., of Murphy—leave

Third Of Red Cross War Fund Is Raised



COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING — Private T. C. Laney, who has completed his basic training at Camp Berkeley, Texas, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Laney. He returned to Camp Beale, Calif., where he is now stationed. Private Laney is in the medical corps.



GRADUATES — Pvt. Grover C. Hampton, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hampton of Murphy, R. F. D. 2, graduated at Scott Field, Ill., February 26, in Radio Operator and Mechanic Course. Private Hampton has been transferred to Yuma, Arizona, for advanced training.

tomorrow for induction into military service. They will report to Camp Croft.

Clayton Home After Completing Fifty Flying Missions

ANDREWS — After 18 months in service as a radio operator and gunner on a flying fortress in the Mediterranean area Technical Sgt. George Clayton, Jr., is at home in Andrews on twenty-day leave visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clayton, Sr. Sgt. Clayton has earned a rest by completing fifty flying missions over enemy territory. Aviator Clayton wears the Air Medal with nine oak leaves cluster and also the North African campaign ribbon with two stars.

Sgt. Clayton enlisted in the Army Air Forces on October 5, 1940, and is now a seasoned veteran of the air service. He was trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and Scott Field, Ill., radio school. He arrived in England in September, 1942, and in North Africa in November of the same year. He completed bomber missions to Tunisia, Sicily, Sardinia, Italy, Southern Germany and Greece.

After completing his high school work in the Andrews high school in 1938 where he was valedictorian of his class of fifty members, Clayton attended a business college, and was later employed as office clerk in the planning department of the Beacon manufacturing company until the

time of his enlistment.

Sgt. Clayton was reluctant to talk of his experiences in the field of aviation. When pressed to tell of his narrowest escape, he supposed it was when he attempted to close with a crank the jammed bomb bay doors to the plane at an altitude of more than 25,000 feet, and losing his oxygen bottle, he came near "passing out" and falling out of the plane through the open doors.

He had a good word for the Red Cross, which he said provided a service club in every sizable community overseas where the armed forces are. The Arab women "were good looking—at least, some of them", and it was not a fatal act to talk to them as some of the soldiers' rule books had said. Sgt. Clayton had a good word for the English girls, too. He thought they liked the American boys.

Pvt. Joseph F. Clayton, a brother of the aviator, is now in training at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. Charles Clayton, the elder brother, is employed in the printing department of the Citizen-Times.

"What was the highest you ever flew", the sergeant was asked. Replied with a twinkle in his eye and a brightening countenance, "Oh, I guess about six miles".

On the committee with Miss Parks are: Mrs. Dale Lee, Miss Marvie Walker, Mrs. Thelma Dickey, Mrs. Harry Webster, Mrs. E. F. Arnold and Mrs. C. W. Savage, who will be glad to assist those who want to knit.

Social Security Service Offered

The Social security board field office at Asheville will give service on claims and account numbers, at the courthouse in Murphy on Thursday, March 16, at 10 a. m.

Payments are due at death of survivors of workers insured under the law as follows: widow, widower or children; parents, other. Payments are made at the age 65 or thereafter to workers insured under the law and to the following: Wives who are age 65 or reach age 65 later; children under age 16 (18 if in school).