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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Gordy Is Free With Payment Of \$2,000

Donley Under Bond For Embezzlement, Misapplication

L. F. Gordy, charged, with Mrs. Sallie Gibson, both of Atlanta, with the murder of Homer Stiles of Suit, plead guilty in superior court here Monday to involuntary manslaughter, which was accepted by the court. Upon recommendation of his attorneys and prosecuting attorneys, Judge Felix Alley, presiding over this term, permitted Gordy to pay to J. P. Stiles, father of the dead man, the sum of \$2000 and gave him a three-year imprisonment sentence, not to go into effect unless he violates some North Carolina criminal law or upon motion of the solicitor within a period of five years.

The case against Mrs. Gibson was not pressed with leave. The bonds of both Gordy and Gibson were discharged.

James Patterson, charged with manslaughter, was given a jury trial and found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Avery Beaver on April 12, 1943. This was the case in which Beaver fell from a wagon on which he was riding, when Patterson's car struck the wagon, Beaver falling on a knife and dying almost instantly. Judgment could not be learned before the paper went to press.

On Wednesday the grand jury returned three bills of indictment against J. W. Donley, for embezzlement and misapplication of funds while he served as clerk of the superior court. He was placed under \$7000 bond for appearance at the August term of superior court. In this court there are some civil cases against Mr. Donley and his bondsmen in connection with the shortage of approximately \$12,000 found in a recent audit. These cases have not yet been reached, the criminal docket having required all of the court's time through Thursday noon.

Court paused Tuesday at 1:30 for a memorial service in honor of the memory of M. W. Bell, for many years a member of the Cherokee county Bar Association. Resolutions of respect, prepared at the instance of Judge Alley by J. B. Gray, J. D. Mallonee, and E. B. Norvell, were read by Mr. Gray and adopted by the association.

Speaking of the fine traits of character Mr. Bell possessed and what he meant to his fellow members of the bar were the following: J. D. Maloney, Don Witherspoon, Fred Christopher, Mrs. Winifred Townson Wells, E. B. Norvell, J. B. Gray, and Judge Alley.

A large crowd, including members of the library board, and many other friends, attended. Court adjourned that afternoon in his honor.

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Postell Road To Be Improved

According to a letter received by B. L. Padgett, register of deeds and clerk to the board of commissioners, from Charles Ross, acting chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, there is a chance of getting improvements on a county road near Postell.

Mr. Ross wrote, in response to a resolution passed by the commissioners, that the division engineer informs him he planned improvements on the road last year but was forced to discontinue the work on account of the shortage of labor. He now has a small crusher on another job that will be finished very shortly, and he proposes to move this to this particular road and hopes during the spring and summer to be able to get at least that portion of the road which served practically all of the people who live on it in satisfactory condition.



COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING — Pvt. Vincent H. Stiles, who has completed 17 weeks of Basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and has been assigned to the 773rd field artillery battalion, Camp Bowie, Texas.

Lions To Sponsor Adult Scout Enrollment

The Murphy Lions Club plans to again sponsor the annual adult enrollment in Murphy for the Nantahala District of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scout organization is largely supported by contributions, made through an annual adult membership enrollment. Last year approximately 100 men and women of Murphy became "Scouters"; and the Lions are hoping to enroll an even larger number next week.

Instructions On Absentee Registration And Voting Issued By The State Board

The State Board of Elections has issued instructions on absentee registration and voting by North Carolina men and women in the armed services.

"It is the desire of everyone that the privilege of voting be exercised to the fullest extent by our men and women in service," said Chairman William T. Joyner of Raleigh. "The procedure is simple. Any member of a soldier's family can fill out the application form and deliver it or mail it to the Chairman of his county board of elections. The chairman will do the rest.

"An application by the soldier on a card furnished by the United States government, addressed to the Secretary of State (who will forward it to the chairman of the proper county board), is sufficient application for registration and general election ballots, and is just as good as one made to the Chairman of the County Board of Elections.

"One application is all that is (Continued on page four)

Miss Moore To Direct Easter Musical Program

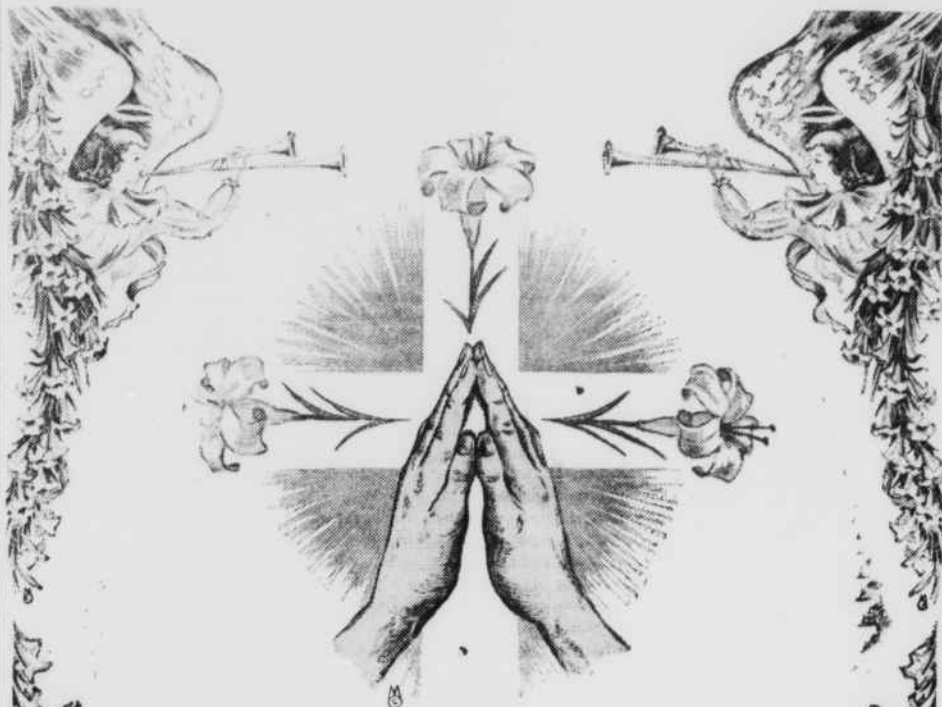
The girl's club of Shelby high school will present a program of Easter music Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the Second Baptist church of South Shelby, under direction of Miss Moselle Moore, supervisor of music in the Shelby schools. Miss Nancy Lutz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lutz will serve as accompanist.

The program will include reading of the Easter story by a verse choir.

Miss Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moore of Murphy.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Everyone is invited to an egg hunt Sunday afternoon at Walter Arrant's of Belview.



Easter Prayers

MULTITUDINOUS are the words of prayer which will reach heavenward this Easter. Each of us will say a prayer apart — for the safety of a loved one in battle — for the return of a son, or brother, or husband now in an enemy's prison camp — for the healing of a wounded dear one. Yet together, we shall say one prayer for lasting peace following the United Nations' complete Victory. And we shall find our greatest faith — particularly those of us whom the war has already bereft — in recalling His resurrection, for whom this day is reborn each year!

CHEROKEE SCOUT STAFF

Churches To Hold Special Services Sunday In The Observance Of Easter

Cantata Sunday Evening Features Local Programs

Churches of Murphy and vicinity will observe Easter with special sermons and musical program.

The choir of First Methodist church will present the cantata "The Resurrection Son" by Roy E. Nolte at 7:30 p. m.

Numbers include: Chorus, "Christ the Lord is Risen"; solo, "Hear Ye the Story", Mrs. Glenn Eates; chorus, "Hail, King of the Jews"; duet, "Father, Forgive Them", Mrs. H. E. Dickey and Mrs. Neil Davidson; chorus, "The Wondrous Cross", soloist, Mrs. H. E. Dickey; chorus, "There Was a Garden"; trio, Mrs. Lucinda Cole, Miss Virginia Anne Morgan, and Rev. Alfred E. Smith; chorus, "As It Began to Dawn"; chorus, "Come See the Place" soloist, Mrs. Lucinda Cole; chorus, "Awake, Thou That Sleepest"; chorus, "Sing the Resurrection Song"; soloist, Miss Morgan; chorus, "Alhelia! Christ is King!" chorus, "Whosoever Believeth"; solo, Miss Morgan; duet, Miss Morgan and Mrs. Bates; chorus, "Now is Christ Risen."

The program will be directed by Miss Morgan, with Mrs. H. D. Akin, organist, and Mrs. Duke Whitley, pianist.

The Rev. Ralph Taylor will preach at 11 o'clock on the subject (Continued on page four)



NOW IN TEXAS — Pfc. Calvin H. Stiles who entered the army air corps January, 1943, and is now serving in the 415th Division of the Laredo Army Air Field Production Department, Laredo, Texas.

Frank Rogers Completes Course

Frank Rogers S 1/C, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will W. Rogers, has returned to his base in Brooklyn, New York, after spending several days leave with his parents. Frank successfully completed a five months course in Radio school at the Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Md., and will assume his duties as Radioman.

Funeral Conducted Sunday Afternoon For Mrs. R. V. Wells

Mrs. R. Victor Wells, 76, of Murphy died in an Asheville hospital Friday morning following an illness of several months.

Mrs. Wells had been with her daughter, Mrs. Z. Yates Brown of 64 Edwin Place, Asheville, since the first of January.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at First Methodist church with the Rev. Ralph Taylor, assisted by the Rev. A. B. Cash, officiating. For half an hour before the funeral the body was at the church, which during the funeral was filled to capacity. The altar was banked with flowers. H. G. Elkins, Paul Hyatt, Neil Davidson and Jim Franklin formed a guard. Members of the Woman's society of Christian service and the Hyatt Bible class sat together, in her honor.

Mrs. Hadley Dickey sang "Lead Kindly Light", and Miss Virginia Anne Morgan sang "Jesus, Savior Pilot Me." Special friends of the family served as flower bearers.

Active pallbearers were: Frank Forsyth, Willard Cooper, H. A. Mattox, Frank Dickey, Robert Weaver, and Mercer Pain.

Honorary pallbearers were: Joe Axley, R. B. Ferguson, Dave Car (Continued on page four)

Fourteen Announce For Town Offices



IN CALIFORNIA — Petty Officer Charles Johnson, who entered the service in October, 1942, and was stationed in Alameda, Calif., where he completed his Coast Guard training. In 1943, he was transferred to Point Reyes, Calif., where he attended Officers College. In November he became instructor for eight weeks in a training school. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson.

April 10-14 Is Cleaning-up Time Here

Next week is clean-up week in Murphy, and all residents are requested by the Town of Murphy to cooperate in the drive to make the town a clean-attractive place in which to live.

Cooperating with the clean-up campaign are the following civic organizations: Murphy Woman's club, Murphy Junior Woman's club, Boy Scouts, Lions club, and the town council.

Pre-School Clinic To Be Held 10th

A pre-school clinic for checking the physical condition of all children planning to enter school this fall for the first time, will be conducted by the health department at Murphy School Monday from 1 to 3 o'clock. Dr. M. P. Whichard will be in charge and will be assisted by health nurses and the first grade teacher, Miss Clara McCombs.

Attention of parents is called to the fact that it is a state law that all children be vaccinated against diphtheria before entering school.

TRANSFERRED

Pfc. John Dickey of R. T. C. Motor Pool Headquarters Co., Ft. McClelland, Ala., is spending a 13-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Dickey. He is being transferred from Ft. McClelland to Ft. Meade, Md.

Red Cross Chapter Goes Over The Top

The Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross has gone over the top in the 1944 war fund drive, according to the Rev. A. B. Cash, war fund chairman. Mr. Cash states that \$4355 has been received up to date.

Several business firms have not yet submitted their reports, and no contributions from Cherokee county men making their donations at Fontana Dam have been received. It is expected that when all funds are in, the chapter will have greatly exceeded the goal of \$4300.

STENOGRAPHER

Miss Lessie Kelly of Franklin is acting as court stenographer this week.

Two candidates for mayor and twelve candidates for councilmen have announced for the election to be held on Tuesday, May 2.

W. M. Fain this week announced his candidacy for mayor, his opponent, who announced last week, being J. W. Franklin, incumbent. Mr. Fain is a present member of the town council.

Running on a ticket with Mr. Fain, for councilmen, are: Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Robert Weaver, E. P. Hawkins, A. L. Martin, J. W. Dyer, and J. B. Mulkey. The first four are present members of the council.

Running with Mr. Franklin, for councilmen, are: Noah W. Lovingood, who now serves on the council; T. W. Axley, Walter Coleman, Claude C. King, W. D. King, and J. W. McMillan.

Registration books are open each Saturday from now through April 22, and those who are not registered and wish to vote are reminded to get their names on the books.

The Grand Jury Makes Certain Recommendations For Improvements

The grand jury, with Noland Wells as foreman, submitted their report to Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding over the present term of superior court this week, with the following recommendations:

Jail is in need of mattresses and six cots and needs some repairs in kitchen and some cooking utensils. The jail was described as being well kept. It was recommended that any damage done to the jail or property by prisoners be charged to prisoners and reported to the trial offer for collection from the offender.

Three leaks in the roof of the courthouse need to be repaired at once. One boiler was found to have no flue, and should be replaced.

The clerk's office was described as being in good condition and well kept. The same is true of the register of deed's office. The jury recommended replacing a plat book, which is not satisfactory.

The county board of education office was said to be neatly kept and in good condition. The same was said of the sheriff's office. One window shade is needed there.

At the prison camp, it was found that everything was in an orderly and good condition.

At the county home, reported in good order, some leaks in the roof, a hole in the floor, and four sets of steps in bad condition were recommended to be repaired.

The records and office of the county auditor were described as being well kept, and "the financial outlook for the county is in good condition". It was advised that a report be published in the Cherokee Scout.

Wells Is Foreman Of Grand Jury

Serving on the new grand jury this week are the following men: Noland Wells, foreman; A. H. Hatchett, W. G. McKeldry, C. A. Boring, B. P. Grant, E. B. Smith, Glenn Stalcup, Hobert Hughes, Bill Barker, W. W. Hall, T. L. Martin, Geo. F. Hendrix, J. S. Akin, Sam Barnett, A. B. Stalcup, Pearl Lunsford, W. A. Hembree, Noah McDonald.

W. W. Rogers was appointed officer for the grand jury.