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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Big Crowds Attend Easter Services Here

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Warm sunshine brought large crowds of Murphy people out to Easter services Sunday, and many new spring costumes and bright corsages were noted.

The highlight of the day was the cantata, "The Resurrection Song", by Roy E. Nolte, presented by the Methodist choir under the direction of Miss Virginia Anne Morgan, at 7:30 p. m. The Baptist congregation gave up its evening service and united with the Methodists to hear the presentation, which showed hard work and good training. The large auditorium was filled with appreciative listeners.

The tableau of "The Women at the Tomb", presented at the assembly period of the adult department of the Baptist Sunday school at 9:45 under direction of the chairman of the department, Mrs. H. Bueck, was impressive and well received by a large audience of Baptists and visitors from other churches.

The Rev. A. B. Cash used as his subject Sunday morning, "Now is Christ Risen," with special Easter music by the choir.

The Rev. Ralph Taylor preached on "The Immortal Christ" Sunday morning. Two children were received into the church, and at the close of the service, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mattox brought their young son, who was christened Philip Roscoe Mattox.

At 3 o'clock, Mr. Taylor preached an Easter sermon at Ranger chapel and held the second quarterly conference for the churches of Ranger, Rogers, Reids, Culbertson, Unaka, and Bellview, for the Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., pastor.

Funeral Held On Tuesday Morning For Mrs. Meroney

Mrs. Della Meroney, 83, widow of John Meroney, died at her home in Murphy Sunday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at First Methodist church, of which she was a member, with the Rev. Ralph Taylor, officiating. At the request of the family, Mr. Taylor read the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, dedicating it to her whose life had been spent in sacrificial love and service to her family and to all with whom she came in contact.

A trio, Mrs. Glenn Bates, Mrs. Neil Davidson and Frank Taylor sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere", and Mrs. Bates sang as a solo, "At the End of the Road".

Palbearers were: Walter Mauney, Frank Ellis, Glenn Bates, Tom Mauney, W. D. King and Wade Massey. Interment was in the old cemetery besides her husband.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Lula Taylor, of Bryson City, Mrs. J. H. Abernathy of Andrews, Mrs. C. E. Weir and Miss Adella Meroney, of Murphy; one son, Bailey B. Meroney of Murphy; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. F. J. Axley, of Los Angeles, Calif., and a brother, Reb Phillips, of Murphy.

To Buy Surplus Irish Potatoes

A. C. Ketner, county agent, stated that arrangements have been completed with the regional office of the district food administration in Atlanta, Ga., whereby surplus Irish potatoes in Cherokee county can be moved on Thursday and Friday April 13 and 14, and Monday and Tuesday, April 17 and 18.

A grading station has been established in the exhibit building of Cherokee county fair grounds. Potatoes of number one quality will be purchased during days mentioned above.

Boy Scout Adult Membership Drive Started By Lions

The Murphy Lions Club honored Pvt. Duke Whitley, a member serving in the U. S. Army, Tuesday night at their regular meeting. During the meeting the club voted to sponsor the Boy Scout adult membership drive, and K. C. Wright, chairman, told about increasing the Boy Scout membership in Murphy. The revenue received from the adult drive will be used in the Nantahala district of the Daniel Boone Council which includes Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties. Mr. Wright also stated that \$900, which is the quota for the drive, is a small amount to invest in the boys in this section.

The Murphy recreation park was discussed, and the club voted to help in every way possible to further development of the park and to work with the community as a whole in a fund raising campaign for this purpose. Doyle Burch was appointed chairman of this committee for the Lions club.

Ledford Funeral Is To Be Friday

Joe Ledford, 57, died at 5 a. m. Wednesday at his home, Murphy Route 2, following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the family cemetery, with the Rev. Fred Stiles officiating.

Surviving are the widow; four sons, Griffie, of Fontana Dam, Joe, Jr., and Carl of Murphy, and Harold of Cincinnati, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Hampton, of Murphy, and Mrs. Clara Keenum of Hiwassee Dam; five brothers, C. R. Ledford, Arthur, Jess and Fred of Murphy, and Cleve Ledford, of Blairsville; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Norwood Penn, Mrs. Pauline Loudermilk, of Durham, and Mrs. Ollie Whitman, of Marietta, Ga., Mrs. Venna Hughes, of Murphy; and seven grandchildren.

Townson funeral home will be in charge of arrangements.

Wm. N. Crisp Dies Friday At Martins Creek

William Newton Crisp, 77, died Friday at his home on Martin's Creek.

Funeral services were held at the New Martin's Creek church Monday at 3 p. m. with the Rev. W. S. Rogers of Robbinsville, the Rev. Will Hedden, and the Rev. Columbus Martin of Murphy officiating.

Grandsons were pallbearers. Ivie funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Adams Crisp; six daughters, Mrs. Bell Hughes and Mrs. Grace Ricks of Murphy; Mrs. Ellen Collins, of Morganton, Ga.; Mrs. Bessie Collins and Mrs. Maggie Orr of Robbinsville, and Mrs. Juanita Postell, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three sons, Grant, Wayne, and Pearlie Crisp of Murphy; two brothers, Curg Crisp of Robbinsville, and Burt Crisp of Arkansas; two sisters, Mrs. H. King, of Akron, Ohio, and Miss Laura Crisp of New York City; 60 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

ENSIGN HOUTS HOME

Ensign Jack Houts arrived in Murphy Friday to spend a 9-day leave with his wife at the Henry House. He has been on active duty on a transport ship in New Caledonia, Australia, and New Guinea, in the South Pacific. He flew home from San Francisco, arriving here Friday.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Among those from out-of-town attending the funeral of Mrs. Della Meroney Tuesday were, her daughter, Mrs. Lula Taylor and grandson, Fred Dickey of Bryson City; and nieces, Mrs. Herman Bryant of Petersburg, Ind., and Mrs. William Butt of Blue Ridge, Gr.

Patch Will Replace Patton



Soundphoto—Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch (above) replaces Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who commanded the 7th U. S. Army in Sicily, according to an announcement made by the War Department. General Patton has been given command of another army, name of which has not been disclosed. Gen. Patch holds the Distinguished Service Medal and Navy Cross for his work in the South West Pacific campaign and commanded U. S. Army forces in Guadalcanal.

Two New Members Named On Board

P. H. Leatherwood and Will Rogers have been appointed members of the Cherokee county Selective Service board to succeed W. S. Dickey and H. M. Whitaker who resigned about a month ago. Mr. Leatherwood has been named chairman. Walter C. Witt of the old board continues his service.

Mrs. W. G. Darnell was appointed to succeed G. Wayne Walker, clerk, who resigned. Mrs. Arden Davis has been appointed assistant clerk.

Mrs. Lawson Clark Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Lawson Clark, 35, of Tomotia died at a Murphy hospital Wednesday night after a short illness.

Surviving are the husband and four children, Ruth, Pearl, Icie Mae and Loyd, all of Tomotia; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Gar Harper, of Tomotia; four brothers, Bob and Garland Harper of Copperhill, Tenn., John of Camp Crowder, Mo., and Willard Harper, somewhere in the Pacific; two sisters, Mrs. Kate Whitaker, of Canton, and Mrs. Minnie Kephart of Grandview.

Funeral services will be held at Tomotia Methodist church Friday morning at 10 o'clock, with the Rev. Alfred Smith officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery, with Townson funeral home in charge.

Women's War Finance Group Has Meeting

Mrs. H. Bueck, regional chairman of the women's division of the War finance committee, for the counties of Swain, Cherokee, Jackson, Clay, Graham and Macon, held a dinner meeting with county chairmen and their assistants at Regal hotel Wednesday evening to make plans for the Fifth War Loan Drive.

Those attending the meeting were: Miss Helen Higdon, of Bryson City, Miss Frances Cover of Andrews, Mrs. Frank Colvard and Miss Elizabeth Craft of Robbinsville, Miss Buena Brown, Miss Velma Beam and Mrs. Ben S. Johnston of Hayesville, and Mrs. W. D. King of Murphy.

Mrs. Donald Shoemaker of Asheville, vice-chairman of the western section of North Carolina was present as the guest of Mrs. Bueck.

Stores Asked To Close Next Tuesday Afternoon To Assist With The Clean-up Campaign

Former Local Sanitarians Get Promotions

Second Lt. Thos. G. Ellis, who was formerly with the district health department, has been promoted to first lieutenant. He is a sanitarian with the army and is serving overseas.

A. N. Brown, district sanitarian, who recently left to enter the army as a private, has been released at Fort Bragg and will accept a commission as a second lieutenant with the United States Public health service.

Mrs. E. P. Hawkins Dies Saturday After Short Illness

Mrs. Sallie Baity Hawkins, 57, wife of Ernest P. Hawkins, prominent Murphy business man and former Cherokee county representative in the state legislature, died at her home here Saturday night following a three days' illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Shady Grove Baptist church, with the Rev. Thomas Truett officiating. Brothers-in-law were pallbearers. Interment was in the church cemetery, with Townson funeral home in charge.

Surviving are the husband and three children, Clyde, who is in Panama; Mrs. Pearl Morse of Richland, Washington, and Ernest with the U. S. army at Port Benning, Ga.; her mother, Mrs. M. E. Baity, of Greenville, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Tilson of Culbertson, Mrs. Ollie Mull, of Greenville; five brothers, John, Joe and Frank Baity, of Anderson, S. C., Claudston Baity of Greenville, and Fred Baity of Tampa, Florida.

Webster Is With Health Department

Harry Webster, former manager of the local branch of Southern Dairies, has accepted a position as senior sanitarian with the Cherokee-Clay-Graham health department, effective April 1. He was with the health department in Boone for a number of years.

Mrs. J. J. Hamilton on April 1 became secretary of the department, in Murphy. Miss Helen Ghormley became county nurse for Graham county.

DUKE WHITLEY HOME

Pvt. Duke Whitley, who has been at Camp Wolters, Texas, for the past 17 weeks taking basic training, is at home on a 10-day delayed route.

Into Northern Burma



BURMA—An American Infantry pack column shown crossing a jungle stream during the advance into northern Burma. These men are members of the first American ground forces to go into action on the continent of Asia. Known as "Merrill's Marauders" they were led by Brigadier General Frank Merrill.



FINAL SPEAKER — Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, candidate for U. S. Senator, of Shelby, who will deliver the address at the closing exercises of Hayesville school next Monday evening. Thirty-six students will receive diplomas.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Rev. W. Herbert Brown of Bryson City will preach the baccalaureate sermon, in the school auditorium. Sunday schools will begin at 9:30 that morning in order to be out in time for the exercises at school.

Man Killed In Truck Accident

An army truck over-turned on a curve at Ranger Wednesday afternoon about 5:45, one man being killed and two injured. Many local people went to the scene of the accident, two ambulances from Murphy having been called.

Because of military regulations, names of the killed and injured cannot yet be published.

Mrs. Gar Clonts Dies At Age 62

Mrs. Gar Clonts, 62, died at her home at Letitia Sunday morning.

Funeral services were held Monday at 11 o'clock a. m. at Oak Grove church at Letitia, with the Rev. E. A. Beavers officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

She is survived by her husband and eight children: Mrs. Carrie Campbell of Young Harris, Ga., Mrs. Metha Roberts of Letitia, Mrs. Edith Franks of Murphy, Mrs. Nora Bell Sims of Gastonia, Ules, Olen and Hayden Clonts, of Letitia and J. C. Clonts with the army overseas; six sisters, Mrs. Ernest Stiles, Mrs. Ida Clonts, Miss Hettie Carroll and Mrs. Mattie Hedrick of Murphy, Mrs. Dora Quinn of Vests, and Mrs. Nancy Roberts of Englewood, Tenn.; two brothers, John Carroll, of Oklahoma, and Ervin Carroll, of Athens, Tenn.

Tuesday, April 18, has been set aside for the cleaning-up of the business district of Murphy, as a climax to the clean-up drive being observed this week. All places of business are asked to close up at 12:30 on Tuesday and all employees meet at the public square with hoes, rakes and other equipment for cleaning up, and to work as a group until 4 o'clock.

Trucks are being furnished for hauling away all trash and debris collected and put accessible to the trucks by everybody in town.

Ralph Taylor Is Killed In Truck Accident Sunday

Ralph Taylor, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, of Ogreeta, died at a Murphy hospital Sunday night from injuries suffered Sunday morning, when the pickup truck in which he was riding with Wesley Whitener overturned near his home, pinning him beneath it, it was reported.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. at Ogreeta church with the Rev. J. B. Cornett of Englewood, Tenn., officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Uncles were pallbearers.

Surviving are the parents, three brothers, J. C., Claude and Homer Taylor, and one sister, Bobbie Taylor.

Ivlie funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Bill Owenby Dies In California

News was received here Tuesday by Paul Owenby that his brother, Sgt. W. G. (Bill) Owenby was found dead in his bed last Friday morning. He was stationed at the army air field, Murco, California, and was engaged in training crews to fly combat heavy bombers, it was reported, and it was believed that strenuous work and high altitude had affected his heart.

The body is expected to reach the home of his father in Marietta, Georgia, Saturday or Sunday.

Morrow Elected Chairman Of Republicans

The Republicans of Cherokee county held a mass meeting at Farmers Federation Tuesday. M. L. Gentry was elected as chairman of the meeting. During the business session B. B. Morrow was elected county chairman and was instructed to contact the township and the various precinct chairmen. F. T. Hampton, secretary, stated that the precinct meetings will be held at an early date.

THREE SERVICES

The Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., minister of the Hiwassee circuit of the Methodist church, will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Rogers chapel; at Unaka at 3 p. m. and Bellview at 7:30 p. m. The sermon subject at each will be "Grace Abundant".

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Sullivan, on Tuesday, April 11, at Petrie hospital.

SERMON SUBJECT

The Rev. Ralph Taylor will preach Sunday at 11 o'clock on the subject, "Who Are Christ's Friends?"

SINGING

The third Sunday evening singing will be held at the Little Glade Baptist church at 2 o'clock. Everyone is invited to bring quartets and singing classes.