



## 150 Enrolled In Bible School At Baptist Church

Enrolled in the daily vacation Bible school which is being conducted at the First Baptist church, through Wednesday morning, were more than 150 students. The school began Monday, and sessions are being held daily from 8:30 to 12 o'clock noon, all this week and next.

Cooperating churches are: First Baptist, Calvary and Pleasant Valley. Rev. A. B. Cash is pastor and Rev. R. Lane Akins of Hay-ville is principal of the school.

All children between the ages of four and 16 are invited to attend. The daily schedule includes, among other things, songs, stories, Bible lessons, refreshments, play and handwork.

## To Start Test Drilling For Iron Ore Around July 1

The U. S. Bureau of Mines plans to begin a program of test pitting and drilling the Cherokee and Clay county iron ore deposits soon after July 1, according to information received here.

R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the State department of Conservation and Development, wrote Mrs. W. G. Cover, Cherokee county's representative in the general assembly, that he had been advised to this effect by Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey, state geologist, who stated that maps of the area are now being made by representatives of the Bureau of Mines and that test pitting and drilling is expected to begin soon after July 1.



NOMINATED GOVERNOR — Gregg Cherry of Gastonia, who was nominated governor of North Carolina in the primary held in the state Saturday.

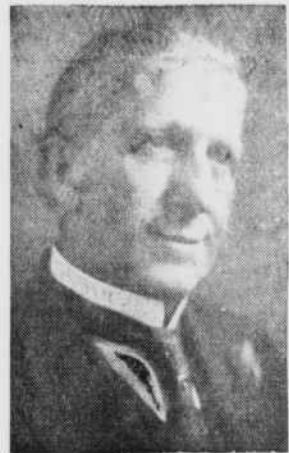
## Cherry And Hoey Win In The Primary

Gregg Cherry of Gastonia was nominated North Carolina's next governor in the primary held last Saturday, with more than 40,000 majority over his opponents, Dr. Ralph McDonald and Olla Ray Boyd. Cherry received more than 173,841 votes, to slightly more than 127,749 for McDonald and 1,800 for Boyd.

Clyde R. Hoey received a big majority over his opponents, Cameron Morrison, Marvin Ritch, Arthur Simmons and Giles Newton, for the United States Senate.

I. Y. Ballentine of Fuquay was nominated lieutenant governor; Thad Eure, secretary of state; Geo. Ross Pou, auditor; and Chas. M. Johnson, treasurer. The last three are incumbents.

Cherokee county citizens gave all of the winners a majority here. The way the precincts voted is shown in a tabulation in this issue.



U. S. SENATOR—Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby who was nominated to the seat now held by Senator Robt. R. Reynolds in the United States Senate, in the primary held Saturday.



JESSE PATTERSON

## Jessie Patterson, Aerial Gunner, Awarded Wings

Harlingen Army Air Field, Texas — Another large class of Aerial Gunners to guard Army Air Forces' bombers was graduated this week from the AAF Training Command aerial gunnery school here and among the qualified "Sharpshooters of the Sky" was Pfc. Jessie R. Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess W. Patterson of Andrews.

At brief graduation exercises held here he received a pair of gunner's wings as well as a promotion in grade. Unless retained at Harlingen as an instructor, he will join an aerial combat team.

A comprehensive seven-weeks course in every phase of aerial gunnery warfare prepared him for his place in America's stepped-up air offensive. Besides learning to fire every type weapon from camera guns to the deadly caliber .50 Brownings, he studied turret manipulation, aircraft recognition and was required to tear down an assemble weapons while blindfolded. He climaxed the course by firing on towed targets from Liberator bombers under simulated combat conditions.

## Thos. C. Leonard Made An Ensign

Great Lakes, Ill., May 18 — Thomas C. Leonard, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. George K. Leonard, Hiwassee Dam, N. C. was com-



ARRIVES IN ENGLAND — Pvt. Charles Roscoe James who has arrived in England, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa James of Murphy, R. F. D. 3. Before going overseas he was stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., and took his basic training at Nashville, Tenn.

missioned an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve when he graduated recently from the Naval Training School for midshipmen at Abbott Hall, Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

His completed three-month course consisted of navigation, seamanship and gunnery. The newly commissioned Ensign will now see action with the fleet as a deck officer.

## Jack B. Akin Is Praised By Gen. Doolittle

An Eighth AAF Liberator Station, England — A B-24 Liberator Heavy Bomber Group of which Private First Class Jack B. Akin, of Dillard St. Murphy, North Carolina, son of Mrs. Margaret Akin is a member, recently was officially praised by Lieutenant General James L. Doolittle, Commanding Officer of the Eighth Air Force, for achievement on its first mission which was against Berlin. The action was the German Capital's worst daylight raid of the war and left huge fires raging in the city.

In part General Doolittle's unusual commendation of the B-24 Group commanded by Colonel Arthur J. Pierce of Montague, Mass., read: "Participation in the Berlin Mission marked your initiation into Eighth Air Force operations against the enemy. I wish to welcome all personnel of the Group and supporting units whose efforts reflect the skill and efficiency essential to the success of our operations. It is noteworthy that your initial mission was the longest first mission undertaken by a group in this theater. My congratulations to all of you." (signed) Doolittle."

## New Hardware And Building Supply Firm To Open In Murphy

Hampton Hardware and Supply Company will open a store in the Wofford building next to the T. V. A. garage around July 1. The building was purchased by the company recently from Charlie Wofford and is now being renovated and remodeled.

The firm will carry hardware, furniture and building supplies and it will be managed by W. E. Hampton, of Copperhill, Tenn. The Hampton Hardware and Supply Company now has two stores — one at Copperhill and one at Blue Ridge, Ga., and the Murphy store will make the third. Associated with Mr. Hampton in the ownership of the stores are: W. Frank Rogers, Copperhill; and John A. Bagwell, Blue Ridge.

Mr. Hampton plans to move to Murphy to make his home, bringing his wife and three of his children.

## Pre-Aviation Cadet Tests Are Taken By Palmer

Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., May 22 — Pvt. Gene Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Palmer, Andrews, N. C. Box No. 31 is now beginning medical and psychological tests, classification and training at this unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command. This Army processing is designed to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

Upon successful completion of this phase he will be sent either to a college or university for five months of further study or directly to a pre-flight center for cadet training, depending upon his previous academic background.

## Thos. L. Sasser Dies On Eve Of His Graduation

News was received here last week of the death of Thomas Livingston Sasser, 17-year-old son of the Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Sasser of Greensboro. Thomas, a sufferer from diabetes, was found dead in bed by his father Thursday morning, and cause of death was judged a diabetic condition, by the county coroner.

Funeral services were conducted at 6 p. m. Saturday at First Baptist church, Reidsville, by Dr. J. Clyde Turner, pastor of First Baptist church of Greensboro, with burial in Greenview cemetery, Reidsville.

Young Sasser was a senior at Greensboro high school and was to have received his diploma at commencement exercises this week. A talented musician, he was a member of the Woman's college symphony orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Sasser lived in Murphy for seven or eight years, while Mr. Sasser was pastor of First Baptist church here. It was during that time that Thomas was born in Atlanta. While he was an infant the family moved to Reidsville, where Mr. Sasser was pastor of First Baptist church 15 years.

It was through Mr. Sasser's efforts during his pastorate that the present church here was erected. Mr. and Mrs. Sasser and Thomas visited here a number of times while Thomas was a small boy. They have many friends here.



CONDUCTS COURSE — Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University, Durham, who is conducting a study course on "Stewardship of Life" at the Methodist church each evening this week, through Thursday.

## Youth Night To Be Held Friday

Youth Night will be held at the gymnasium again Friday evening, beginning at 7:30. An increased program of activity is contemplated. The public is invited, and it is hoped that there will be even more this week in attendance. One of the noticeable features of this recreational program has been the participation in all events by practically all present. Volley ball, table tennis, badminton, horseshoes, shuffleboard, and miniature golf are on schedule for this week.

## Lt. M. Fain Weaver Is Killed In Burma



KILLED IN ACTION — Lt. Maxwell Fain Weaver, who was killed while on duty as a pilot with the army air forces, over Burma, on Tuesday, May 16. He is the son of Mrs. K. V. Weaver of Murphy.

Lt. Maxwell Fain Weaver, 25, son of Mrs. K. V. Weaver of Murphy was killed in action May 16 over Burma, according to a war department message received by his brother, Robert Weaver, here Saturday. He was serving as pilot in the army air forces. No details of the death have been learned up to this time.

He was sent overseas December 6, 1943, having received his wings and commission July 29 at Pampa Field, Pampa, Texas.

Prior to this Lieutenant Weaver trained at Grenada, Miss., having entered service in February, 1942. He was home on leave last November.

Lieutenant Weaver is survived by his mother, two brothers, Lt. Edgar Samuel Weaver, serving in England with the armed forces, Robert, of Murphy, and one sister, Mrs. Glenn Taylor, of Oakboro.

The lieutenant was a graduate of Murphy high school and attended Brevard college.

## Cherokee Men Classified In 1-A

The Cherokee county draft board this week reclassified the following men. Only four were placed in 1-A.

They were: 1-A—Grant Robertson, Jack Charlie Gibby, Hardin Columbus Kephart, Charles Richard Sutton.

2-A — Clifford Henry Killian, William Clarence Arns, William Odie Mason, D. L. Swanson, Edwin Lewis King, Ralph Randall Rogers, Ernest Nutting, James Francis Postell, Garrett Henry Ramey, Wayne L. Franklin, James Ray Orr, Leonard Decker, Raymond Charles Rogers, Harvey Earl Hamilton.

2-B — Hoyt Otis Gladson.

2-C — Claude Lee Coker, James Lewis Simonds.

4-F — Odeen Bunyan Allison, Roy Stiles.

## Red Cross Here Gets Check From Fontana Dam

Cherokee county Red Cross chapters last week received a check for \$1534 from the Fontana Dam war fund campaign, representing the amount designated for the county by men from here working on the construction project there. Of the \$1534 the Cherokee county chapter at Murphy received \$984.52 and the Andrews chapter \$549.48.

The total contributions at Fontana Dam were \$20,986.74.



OVERSEAS — Pfc. Robert L. Raper, who entered service in May, 1943, has been stationed with the Quartermasters Corps in England since October, 1943. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Raper of Culberson.

## Missing

Willard Cecil Anderson, S 1/C, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Anderson, was reported missing May 13. He has been overseas since December, 1943.

## Singing To Be Held On June 11

The Cherokee county annual singing convention will be held at Martins Creek school house on June 11 at 9:30 o'clock. Everyone is invited to be present. All singers, classes and quartets are urged to come. There will be a stand on the grounds for those who do not wish to bring lunch.



IN TRAINING UNIT — Cpl. Richard P. Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mauney of Murphy, who is stationed at Fort Bragg and is with the special training unit in the reception center. He entered the service in August, 1943.

Before entering the army, Corporal Mauney was assistant cashier in the State Treasury department, Raleigh. He is a graduate of Murphy high school and attended the University of Georgia, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Corporal Mauney married Miss Cathryn Morrow of Andrews, who now resides in Raleigh.

## Shields Appointed Purchasing Agent

E. L. Shields, city clerk, was appointed purchasing agent for the Town of Murphy, at a call meeting of the town council Thursday evening. Purchases are to be approved by the board, except in cases of emergency.

The board voted to have sewer lines connected for Murphy Box and Flooring Manufacturing Co., the company to pay for materials and labor.

The resignations of Fulton Hartness and Wess Garrett of the water department were accepted. Hershell Hall was temporarily employed on the water department. The town has application with the State Board of Health for a trained man to be superintendent of the water department here.

It was announced that tennis equipment, horse shoes, badminton, and other games have been purchased and are ready for use at the city park when back stops for the tennis courts can be obtained and the grounds prepared.

## Business Places Asked To Close For Prayer On Invasion Day

Plans for D-Day, with Frank Forsyth as chairman, were mapped out at a meeting of citizens representing the churches, clubs and other organizations of the town, Wednesday, afternoon in the library.

On invasion day special services will be held at the First Baptist, First Methodist, and Calvary Baptist churches in Murphy, 30 minutes after a signal is given that the invasion is taking place. The signal will be the up-and-down

sounding of the fire siren for five minutes, followed by the ringing of church bells. All places of business are asked to put up a flag in front of their establishments as soon as the signal is given, and then go to the church of their choice for an hour of prayer and worship. Everyone in town is asked to attend one of the church services, which will be held simultaneously, thirty minutes after the indication that invasion has started.

If announcement of the invasion comes between 9 p. m. and 8 a. m., the signal will be delayed until 8 a. m.

H. G. Elkins, H. Bueck, and J. W. Franklin were appointed by Chairman Forsyth to assist in contacting the business people, requesting them to close on invasion day when the signal is given, to put up the flags and to attend services. Mr. Elkins was appointed to have charge of sounding the siren.