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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Pitzer Is Chairman Of City Park Opening Celebration On July 4

J. H. Pitzer has been named by Mayor W. M. Fain as chairman of games and entertainment for the Independence Day celebration to be held in connection with the opening of the city park on July 4. Mr. Pitzer states that announcement will be made next week in regard to details of the program.

Mayor Fain states that it is planned to have tennis, badminton, horse shoe pitching, see-saws, swings, and probably shuffle boards, archery, and other means of entertainment for the opening. It is probable, also, that picnic tables and out-door furnaces will be provided by that time. Water was to have been turned on at the park this week.



CELEBRATION CHAIRMAN — J. H. Pitzer, who has been named chairman of the celebration to be held July 4 in connection with the opening of the city park.

Federation To Have Picnic Here July 8

The Farmers Federation war rally picnic in Cherokee County will be held at the Murphy high school all day on Saturday, July 8.

Announcement of the picnic was made this week by James G. K. McClure, President of the Farmers Federation, who announced that the county agent, a Farm Security Administration representative, and those in charge of War Bond sales in the county will be invited to participate in the celebration.

While the sale of bonds and the all-out production of food for victory will be stressed throughout the day, there will be plenty of fun and entertainment. Mr. McClure said. All quartets and choirs and individual musicians are invited to sing or play during the day. Pender Rector and the Farmers Federation String Band will be present.

Each family is invited to bring a picnic dinner. The usual watermelons and lemonade will be furnished free by the Farmers Federation.

Mr. McClure will preside as usual, and the Rev. Dumont Clarke, religious director of the Farmers Federation, will supervise athletic contests during the lunch period.

Mr. McClure will tell of the progress of the Farmers Federation some time during the day and the Rev. Mr. Clarke will tell of the spread of the Lord's Acre Movement for financing of the rural church. There will be no long speeches at any time, Mr. McClure said.

The program will start at ten o'clock and will continue in the school auditorium until twelve. Watermelons and lemonade will be served after those present have had an opportunity to eat their lunches. Athletic contests will be held following the serving of the lemonade and watermelons. The program in the afternoon will consist mainly of singing by the congregation and individual performers.

Crowder Preaches At Ranger Sunday

Church School Day will be observed at Ranger Chapel Sunday. The program will last all day with dinner on the grounds. All members and former members are invited to be present. A part of the program will consist of the dedication of a Service flag to the church. The message in the afternoon will be brought by Rev. W. R. Crowder.

YOUTH NIGHT

Youth Night will be held in the Murphy Gymnasium again Friday night, June 23, at 7:30.



Memorial Service Held In Honor Of Don Witherspoon

Memorial service honoring the late Don Witherspoon, member of the Cherokee county bar, was held at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday at the session of civil court now in progress. Judge Felix Alley of Waynesville presided.

Resolutions of respect, prepared by a committee composed of J. B. Gray, J. D. Mallonee and T. M. Jenkins of Robbinsville, were read by Mr. Gray and adopted. Paying tribute to Mr. Witherspoon, as a man of professional ethics and Christian principles, with a strong loyalty to his profession, clients and friends, characterized by skill, ability, integrity, and honor, several lawyers and others made short talks.

Among those speaking were: Judge Alley, T. M. Jenkins, J. D. Maloney, F. O. Christopher, Clyde Jarrett, J. B. Gray, and Sam Voyles.

Julias Panther In Hospital From Attempted Suicide

Julias Panther, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Panther of Peachtree, is in Murphy General hospital suffering from a gunshot wound in the stomach which was said by officers to have been self-inflicted Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock, as an attempted suicide. He is reported to have told an officer that he had been ill for five weeks with stomach trouble, and he just thought he would end it all. He used a 22 rifle.

Panther has a wife and two small children.

Hedrick Arrives On Hospital Ship

When the hospital ship St. Mihiel docked at Charleston harbor recently, it brought back one Cherokee county man from overseas duty—Pvt. Cecil B. Hedrick, Route 1, Murphy. Most of the patients were veterans of the Italian campaigns.

The men who arrived on the St. Mihiel are now quartered at Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., where they are receiving treatment and enjoying American food until they are evacuated to General Hospitals nearer their homes, or to other Army hospitals for specialized treatment.



DWIGHT HORTON

Dwight Horton Is Honor Man At Great Lakes

Great Lakes, Ill. — Dwight Nelson Horton, 18, of 11 Hill Street, Murphy, North Carolina, was graduated June 3 from recruit training as honor man of his company at the U. S. Naval Training Center here and will go on "boot" leave.

Horton was elected candidate by fellow bluejackets and selected honor man by his company commander on the basis of military aptitude and progress. He has been recommended to attend hospital corps school for further training.

Prior to joining the Navy he was a student at Greenville College, Illinois.

He will spend his leave with friends at Winona Lake, Indiana.

Mr. Horton, a ministerial student who had two more years in college prior to entering the navy, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred R. Horton of Murphy. He preached at the Free Methodist church here last summer and is well known here.

The parents received a letter from Capt. R. R. M. Emmet of the U. S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, stating that young Horton "is to be commended upon his conscientious attention to duty which has led to this high honor."

IMPROVES

Gordon Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Creed Bates, who underwent an appendectomy at Petrie hospital last week, was sufficiently improved to be removed to his home Wednesday.

Pvt. Ammel Baine, Wounded In Italy, Arrives Home

Pvt. Ammel H. Baine son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Baine, is spending a furlough with his family at Patrick. He was wounded in action in Italy, Nov. 11, 1943. His right leg was shot off by German artillery fire. He was in the hospital there until May 5, when he was sent home, arriving in Charleston, S. C., May 14. He was sent from there to Lawson General hospital in Atlanta, coming from there to Murphy last week. He will return to Lawson General the last of this month to be given an artificial limb.

Pvt. Baine enlisted Feb. 18, 1943, trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and went overseas Aug. 18, 1943.

He has a wife, Mrs. Lou Belle Baine, and a 9-months old son, Ammel H. Baine, Jr.

He has a brother, Pvt. Earl Y. Baine, in England.

Samuel Young Dies In Ohio

Funeral services for Samuel Young, 81, who died at the home of his son, James W. Young in Akron, Ohio, Friday, were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at Ivy Log church, with the Rev. Lum Conley, assisted by the Rev. John Gren, officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the old Ivy Log cemetery. Townson funeral home was in charge.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Daisy Young of Akron, Mrs. Mary Jordon of Detroit, and one son, James W. Young of Akron.

A native of Winston-Salem, Mr. Young had lived in this section, Culberson, R. F. D. No. 1, for about 40 years. He went to Akron a few months ago to visit his son.

Pictures To Be Shown For Fifth War Loan Drive

"Government Girl", a fifth war bond premier, starring Olivia De Havilland, will be shown at Henn Theatre on Wednesday, June 28, announces P. J. Henn, Cherokee county chairman of war bond sales in the theatres.

Admission to the picture will be by war bond, purchased upon entering the theatre or between June 20 and 28. There will be no further admission charge. Tickets to this picture are being distributed by the bank and post office to those who buy bonds.

Following the same plan, "The Gangs all Here", starring Alice Faye and Carmen Miranda, will be shown at Henn Theatre in Andrews on Wednesday, June 28.

Two Arrested On Liquor Charge

Charley Wise and John Byers were arrested by Policemen John Stratton and Frank Crawford Monday charged with having 10 gallons of whiskey hidden near a house in Factory town. The officers went to the place they were told they could find the whiskey and found the 10-gallon keg there.

They loaded it in their car, Officer Stratton said, and started to town when they came upon Wise and Byers in Byers' car. They stopped them and searched them, taking a pistol from Wise. He was said to be drinking. They were lodged in jail. At a preliminary hearing Tuesday before Mayor W. M. Fain they were released on \$400 bond each, to be tried at the next term of superior court, and additional bond of \$200 was required of Wise, for carrying a concealed weapon.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Services Sunday at Reeds Chapel Methodist church, W. T. Medlin, Jr., Minister, will be as follows:

Sunday School at 10:00. Worship with the sermon at 11:00.

The Rev. W. R. Crowder, assistant pastor, will preach.

Murphy Chairmen Plan Booth For The Fifth War Loan Drive



MURPHY CHAIRMAN — H. Bueck, who was appointed recently by Percy Ferebee, county chairman, to direct the sale of war bonds during the fifth war loan, in Murphy and vicinity.

H. Bueck, local chairman of the Fifth War Loan drive, and Miss Dora Ruth Parks, chairman of the women's division for Murphy, met Tuesday and made plans for the drive.

A booth will be set up Saturday morning on the street corner by the Cherokee Scout office. It will be supervised by various women and will be moved from time to time to different points on the square, through Saturday July 8. Miss Parks wants volunteers of the booth.

Plans were also made for advertising and for a general canvass to sell bonds.

Rural sections are being contacted through the home demonstration clubs under direction of Mrs. Alline R. King and Miss Mary Cornwell, home agents, and through A. Q. Ketner and C. H. Kirkman, farm agents.

Cherokee county had sold through last Friday, \$46,126 in bonds, of which \$38,626 were E series, according to announcement by P. B. Ferebee, county chairman. This was the Treasury department official figures.

Superior Court Is In Session Here This Week

Cherokee county superior court convened here Monday morning with Judge Felix E. Alley presiding.

The first day was taken up with selecting the jury and trying four divorce cases. They were: Roy Rich vs. Hester Stiles Rich; Carie Ferguson Elliott vs. Herman H. Elliott; Allen Bell vs. Evelyn Bell; and Elsie Marie Mull vs. George Mull, which were granted.

The case of Frank Laney et al vs. W. P. Cuthbertson et al was called Tuesday. The Cuthbertsons are contending that made improvements on the land in question and that Laney bought one-fourth interest in the property and owes them for improvements made on the part he bought and for back rents. The case went to the jury Wednesday afternoon.

Tuesday afternoon the court paused for an hour, from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock, to hold a memorial service honoring the late Don Witherspoon. Court was adjourned Tuesday afternoon in honor of the memory of Mr. Witherspoon.

Two Arrested On Liquor Charge

The North Carolina Utilities Commission has announced that on Friday, June 30, at 10:30 a. m., a hearing will be held at Langren Hotel, Asheville, on the application of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad company for authority to discontinue its agency at Culberson and to change the schedule of the mixed passenger and freight trains on the Murphy branch from a daytime to a night schedule.

The order for the hearing was made by a meeting of the Utilities Commission in Raleigh on June 14. Application for the changes mentioned above was made several weeks ago by the L & N.

Many prominent Cherokee county citizens, including business men who would be seriously affected by the changed schedules, have protested to the Utilities Commission against granting the application. They are expected to attend the hearing in Asheville and present the reasons for opposition to the proposed changes.

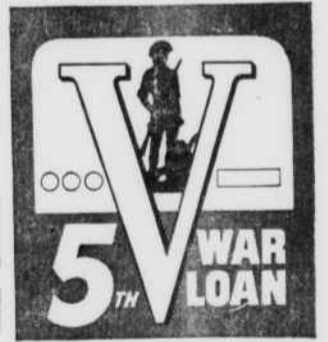
In Jail For Serious Cutting

Ralph Guthrie of Ranger is in jail, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Jake Rogers of Sweetwater Saturday. Rogers was cut on his back and half way around his body, officers said.

NO SERIOUS INJURY

Mrs. Almond Hughes of Murphy, Route 2, accidentally dropped her seven-months old baby on the street last Saturday. The baby was rushed to Murphy General hospital where, upon examination by Dr. B. W. Whitfield, it was found to have no serious injuries.

Miss Jimmy Carey and Miss Elba Sneed re spending a vacation in Corpus Christi, Texas.



Face to Face with Death



This is one of the most unusual pictures to come out of the war. Here is a Jap sniper who had hidden himself in an American foxhole, then dug it a little deeper. But sharp eyed doughboys discovered him. Here you see him, crouched down, miraculously dodging bullets and grenades that Yanks shot and lobbed at him. When this picture was taken he was alive, but not the fear of death on his face. A few moments later he died in a hail storm of American lead. Back our boys up who are fighting such men as these by buying War Bonds.



AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART — Pvt. Carl Brooks, who has been wounded in action in Italy, and awarded the purple heart, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Jewel Sneed Brooks of Murphy, R. F. D. 1. Carl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brooks of Gastonia. He has been in service 20 months and received his basic training at Camp Shelby, Miss.



ARRIVED OVERSEAS — Pvt. Ernest V. Trantham, who has arrived safely overseas, according to a letter received by his wife, Mrs. Ernest Trantham of Marble. Ernest entered service in 1943 and took his basic training at Camp Barkley, Texas; He is with the army medical corps.