



GOVERNOR AND HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS AT FONTANA DAM — Shown above are those who visited Fontana Dam on the occasion of the recent visit of Governor Broughton and members of the State Highway and Public Works commission to this section. Top picture show the dam and the following people, left to right: G. E. Murphey, Mechanic Hamilton, Governor's chauffeur, D. Hiden Ramsey, E. A. Wood, Henry Sherrill, Charles Ross, Engineer Curtis Lee Ragsdale, John Hackney, H. E. Noell, Mr. Stewart, Mrs. D.

Hidden Ramsey, L. B. Peck, W. N. Rogers, Z. V. Stewart, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, W. N. Spruill, W. Vance Baise, Mrs. E. A. Wood, Mrs. C. R. Tarkington, D. E. Whitfield, Mrs. J. M. Broughton, J. K. Gardner, P. B. Ferebee, Governor J. M. Broughton, K. M. Watkins, Fred Schlemmer, J. C. Walker, Mrs. Webb, E. Harsh, Dr. G. B. Gooding, John G. Clark, T. T. Betts, two engineers, Oren Reed, and Dr. Joe Gambil.

## Donald Allison Is Assistant Farm Agent

Donald Allison of Franklin arrived in Murphy this week to take over the duties of assistant county farm agent for Cherokee county, in cooperation with A. Q. Kettner, agent.

A reserve officer, Mr. Allison was called from his position as teacher of vocational agriculture at Black Mountain, where he was employed for four years, to serve in the armed forces. He spent 39 months in the army, attaining the rank of captain, and was recently released, having reached the age limit.

Mr. Allison is a native of Clay county and formerly served for four years as farm agent of that county.

A large part of Mr. Allison's time in Cherokee county will be spent on the TVA unit and area demonstration farm program.

He plans to bring his wife and two children, Frank and Margaret to Murphy as soon as a home can be secured.

## Town Purchases New Fire Truck



RECEIVES PURPLE HEART—Pfc. Herbert M. Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fox of Ranger, has been awarded the purple heart. He was wounded in France August 23. The medal has been received by his parents. He entered service September 3, received his basic training at Camp Barkley, Texas. Since March 1944 he has been serving in England and France.

Murphy town council on Monday night passed a contract for the purchase of a Peter Pirsch & Sons Co. fire truck, with a Ford chassis, 500 gallon triple combination pump, two stage centrifugal pump, at the cost of \$4050. The truck is fully equipped, having a 200-gallon booster tank and 200 feet of 1/2 inch hose. An extra 1,000 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose was purchased, to meet the requirements of Southeastern Underwriters, so that fire insurance rates in Murphy will be reduced.

A delegation appeared before the board requesting that Valley River Avenue from Joe Fulmer's to the end of the street, be paved.

J. B. Gray explained the law relative to taking up bonds of the town. It was decided that the town will recall \$9,000 worth of their refunding bonds.

## Enrollment Of Murphy School Unit Is 1,338

Supt. H. Bueck announces that the total enrollment of the Murphy city unit of schools is 1,338. Enrolled in elementary schools—Tomotia, Grape Creek, Bates Creek and Murphy—are 831, an increase over last year; in high school, 433, a slight decrease over last year; and Texana, colored, 74. There are 115 enrolled in the first grade in Murphy.

### SINGING

The Cherokee county semi-annual singing convention will meet at the Peachtree high school building October 8 at 10 o'clock. All singing classes and quartets are urged to be present. A large crowd is expected.

Mrs. M. E. Stewart and daughter, Miss Rachelle, left Sunday for their home in Frost Proof, Fla., after spending the summer here at their cabin near Ranger.

## Rural Ministers Conference To Be Held Cullowhee

A conference for the ministers of all denominations in Western North Carolina will be held at Cullowhee October 2-6. The meetings will be held in the First Baptist Church of Cullowhee. The ministers will register Monday morning, October 2, from 9:30 to 10:30. The first meeting will be held at 10:30.

The purpose of the school is to study the natural, human and spiritual resources of the area. Special emphasis will be given to the church as a community institution at the center of community life. The problems and needs of the churches and ministers will be discussed.

Western Carolina Teachers college and the Council of Southern Mountain Workers are co-sponsors of the school. Directing the conference will be Vladimir E. Hartman, a minister and field worker of the Council of Southern Mountain Workers.

Agencies cooperating in the school are the Tennessee Valley Authority, Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Extension Service, Farm Security Administration and the Public Health Service. E. S. Christenbury of Andrews will be present during the entire conference and will make available the services of the T. V. A.

Meals and rooms for the men will be provided at the college. The only cost to the men will be for registration.

## Panama Library Director Here

Galileo Patino, assistant director of National Library of Panama and a graduate of the Library School, University of Chicago, and Dr. J. H. Davis, specialist in Negro education and relations, with TVA, Knoxville, were visitors in this county Wednesday.

The library director is studying library service in the United States, with the idea of adopting similar systems in Panama. The regional service was observed as part of his study. The two also visited the Folk school.

## Regional Meeting To Be Held Oct. 4

A regional meeting of the Women's division of the War Finance committee will be held at Junaluska Terrace hotel in Andrews Wednesday evening, October 4, at 6 o'clock. About 60 workers from the tenth region will attend. State officers expected are: Mrs. Karl Bishopric, state chairman, of Spray; Mrs. Sam Mitchener, Raleigh; and Mrs. Donald Shoemaker, state vice-chairman, of Asheville.

Counties making up this region are: Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Cherokee. Mrs. H. Bueck is regional chairman and will preside over the meeting.

## 300 Woodmen Are Expected At Brevard Meeting

BREVARD — Tickets for the semi-annual regional W. O. W. Log Rolling convention here on October 7 were mailed to the secretaries of all lodges in Western North Carolina today. Around 300 Woodmen and members of the Woodmen circle are expected here for the event.

The afternoon sessions of the convention and the women's circle will begin at 2 o'clock. This will be followed by a barbecue at the Pink Beds, in Pisgah National Forest. In the evening there will be a program in the local high school auditorium. M. B. Camak, principal of the high school at Ware Shoals, S. C., two national directors of the order and other prominent figures in Woodman circles will speak at this time. This will be followed by a street dance, for which music will be provided by Rhett Talley's string band.

On Sunday, October 8, a monument will be unveiled at the grave of the late A. B. Galloway in Gillespie cemetery. Mr. Galloway was for many years head consul of the order.

## Wounded

LETTIA — Pfc. Merlen W. Slagle son of Mrs. Hattie Slagle has been reported wounded. Pfc. Slagle has been in the army for the past 20 months, of which fifteen has been spent overseas. He has served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and now is in France.

J. M. Cornwell has purchased half interest in Murphy Market. All friends and customers are welcome.

## Lions To Sponsor Carnival Soon; Freedom of The Press Is Program Subject; Zone Meeting Is Held

Murphy Lions club voted Tuesday evening to sponsor a street carnival in the near future, the date to be announced later. Lion President H. A. Mattox appointed H. G. Elkins and W. M. Fain as co-chairmen of the carnival, and they were asked to name their own committees.

In observance of National Newspaper Week, which will be held October 1 - 8, a discussion of "Freedom of the Press" and the services of newspapers was led by Miss Addie Mae Cooke. Participating in the discussion were the following: H. A. Mattox, Frank Forsyth, Robt. S. Bault, H. G. Elkins, Dale Lee, Harry Webster, P. G. Ivie, Joe Hamilton, Roger Ammons, and W. M. Fain.

"We who publish newspapers are fully conscious of the responsibility that is ours in searching out, interpreting and delivering the news to our subscribers," stated Miss Cooke, who also pointed out the methods of obtaining news and getting it into print. She explained that National Newspaper Week is to emphasize what it means to have a Free Press in America. "Freedom of the Press is not a special privilege bestowed upon publishers. It is much larger than that—it embraces the right of every man to know of those happenings which may affect his welfare."

Miss Cooke was presented by H. Bueck, program chairman. President Mattox introduced visiting Lions who were present

for a zone meeting held at the close of the program: J. B. Smith, J. D. Warrick, W. O. Soderquist, Robbinsville; L. M. Becton, Asheville; R. G. Vick, J. Walter Moore, H. R. Bradshaw, Hayesville; and D. H. Allison, new assistant county agent.

W. M. Fain spoke on "Lionism", tracing the history of the local club and the work it has done in the past 18 years since its organization.

Secretary S. N. Bobo read a letter from an internee of the war in some foreign land who expressing appreciation for cigarettes sent by the club.

Frank Forsyth announced that the Cherokee County United War Fund drive will start October 9, and the quota is \$3,200, with a credit against that of \$800 from last year. The club voted to wholeheartedly support the war fund.

K. C. Wright, who has moved to Morganton, resigned as a member of the club and asked for a transfer to the Morganton club.

## To Preach Sunday

The Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of Asheville Presbytery, will preach at Murphy First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and hold communion service, it being World Wide Communion Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend.



SERVING IN FRANCE — Sgt. James M. Bingham son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bingham of Murphy is now serving in France with the American Expeditionary Force and has been awarded the combat infantry medal and the bronze star for exemplary conduct. He received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. Before he was sent to France he served in England and Ireland.

### SPEAKS AT YOUNG HARRIS

The Rev. Ralph Taylor, pastor of the local First Methodist Church was the principal speaker at the opening exercises at Young Harris College last Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.