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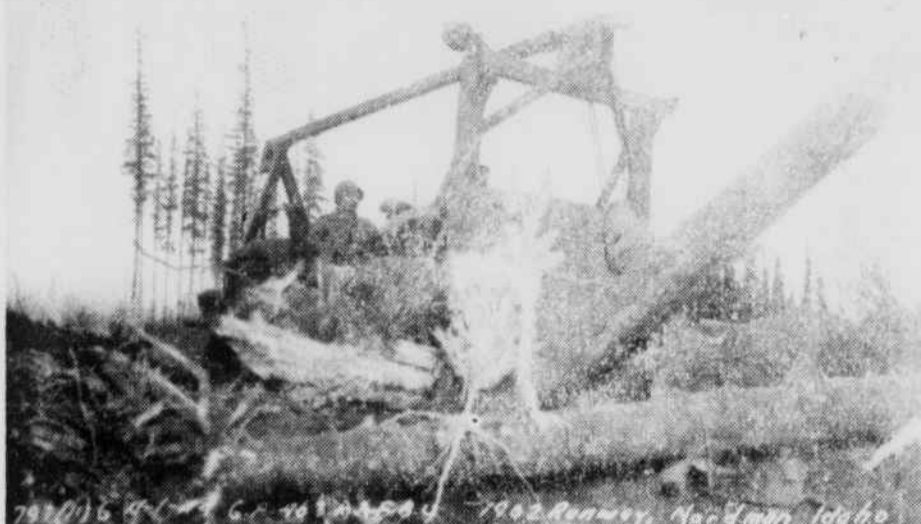


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TWELVE PAGES THIS WEEK



GEIGER FIELD, WASHINGTON — A 20-ton combat bulldozer plows through a land "log-jam" clearing ground for the emergency airplane landing strip being constructed for the U. S. Forest dept. near Priest Lake, Ida., by Aviation Engineers of the Fourth Air Force from Geiger Field. Pvt. Jack Lemons, Murphy, North Carolina, is the operator.

Dr. Poe Stresses The Human Side Of Medical Care Plan

By Clarence Poe, Chairman State Commission on Hospital and Medical Care

Our first article outlined North Carolina's pressing needs for more and better hospital and medical care, while the second summarized the six main remedies which the State Commission of leading doctors and laymen is recommending to the people and to the coming General Assembly.

The preceding articles revealed some appalling statistics about North Carolina's rank among the states in various health matters — 45th in number of doctors, 42nd in number of hospitals, 41st in maternal and 39th in infant deaths, and 48th or the very bottom in draft rejections for physical reasons.

Now let's look at the other side — the human side — which is always the first consideration when you or one of your loved ones are ill. Let's consider a few cases of the sick-and-needy, whether it was for want of money, facilities, care or what not, and then try to put ourselves in their places.

Standing in the burying ground on the old home farm where I was reared, a cousin pointed to the grave of a fine woman who had died of childbirth complications and said to me: "Her doctor told me he could have saved her life if he had been called in time. But she and her husband were poor and, not wanting to make a doctor's bill they couldn't pay soon, waited too late!"

Starting home from my office recently, a man going blind asked me to read the bus sign for him. "I am going to see an oculist for serious eye-trouble he says might have been easily checked when it started a few years ago," he said. "But I had a family who needed every cent I made — and I put it off too long."

Sometime ago a renter moved on my farm. I found he had had two bad attacks of appendicitis but was risking a third attack (which

Third FSA Farm Purchase Made By Roy Garrison

The third farm purchase in Graham County through Farm Security Administration was closed in Robbinsville on November 17, according to W. T. Brown, Jr., FSA Supervisor, when Roy D. Garrison bought the Jake Meyers farm on Yellow Creek.

Several farm and home improvements are planned by the Garrison family, and will be carried out within the next few months. Outstanding among planned improvements on buildings are repair of the dwelling and poultry house. Plans for new improvements call for a new smokehouse and spring-house.

Provisions have been made for improving the condition of the water supply also. Consistent with the plans of Farm Security Administration, the Garrisons are interested in following a practical cropping system and improving permanent pasture. Insofar as practical, all food for home use will be produced on the farm and conserved. A minimum of 100 quarts of canned food for each member of the family will be the canning goal of Mrs. Garrison. Miss Martha B. Barnett, Associate FSA Supervisor, will assist in advancing their live-at-home program.

Purchasers of farms in Graham County are selected by the County FSA Committee which is composed of D. T. Hyde, Ernest Cooper and H. D. Orr. The farms to be purchased must be a family type farm in order to be approved for purchase.

"The purpose of the Farm Ownership Program," explained Mr. Brown, "is to help eligible tenant farmers become owners thereby decreasing the trend toward great tenancy, and help to stabilize the farming population."



IN EAST INDIES — Pvt. Glenn R. Loudermilk who has formerly been serving in New Guinea and has been transferred somewhere in the Netherland East Indies. He entered service September 3, 1943, and was stationed in the states until February 1944. Pvt. Loudermilk was a student of Murphy high school in 1941, after which he worked for the T. V. A. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Loudermilk of Murphy.



ON LEAVE — Billy Crane, Aviation radioman who recently spent 20-days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crane, entered the Navy Oct. 43 as an apprentice seaman. He took his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., where he was promoted to 2/c Seaman. He was sent to Jacksonville, Fla., where he completed a radio course, and there he was promoted to S 1/c. He took Ariel gunnery at Hollywood, Fla., and completed operational training at Miami, Fla., where he graduated and received his gunner's wings and was promoted to Petty Officer 3/c. He is now stationed on the West coast.

SERMON SUBJECT

"Our Crusade for Christ" will be the sermon subject of the Rev. Ralph Taylor at the First Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Wells Re-elected Chairman County AAA Committee

H. N. Wells has been re-elected chairman of the Cherokee county AAA committee; Lawson Lunsford of the Peachtree section was re-elected vice-chairman, and Victor Raxter of Marble, re-elected as regular member. H. B. McNabb of the Suit community was elected as first alternate, and H. C. Johnson of Ranger, as second alternate to the county committee.

The office personnel remains the same for the coming year; Ralph Shields, secretary and chief clerk; Mrs. Eva Nell Lauria, treasurer; and Mrs. Romie A. Trantnam, principal clerk.

Two Men Are Commemorated For Bravery

Clyde Charlie Mills, PhM 1/c of Murphy and Charles Williams, GM 1/c of the U. S. N., have been commemorated for their bravery shown on board ship in battle, by word received from their Commanding Officer. The message reads as follows: "Attention is invited to these men for the manner in which they acted during an emergency, when their vessel was struck by gunfire. In great coolness and calmness both men boarded their vessel while shelling was in progress and materially aided our crew in tending the wounded, without taking into consideration their own safety. It is the opinion of the Commanding Officer of this vessel that services rendered by them was above and beyond the call of duty."

Sunday Services Are Announced

The Rev. R. Lane Akins of Hayesville will preach at the First Baptist church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

At the evening service a pageant entitled "Gifts" will be presented by the Young Woman's Auxiliary and the Business Women's Circle of the Baptist missionary society. The public is invited to attend.

Taylor Speaker In McCayesville

The Rev. Ralph Taylor was guest speaker at the ladies' night program of McCayesville, Ga., Lions club Tuesday evening. He used as his subject, "Gratitude" others from Murphy attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis Jr. and Mrs. R. W. Easley, Jr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins, Miss Addie Mae Cooke and Dr. J. R. Bell.

Book Review

J. B. Gray will give a review of Walter Lippman's "U. S. Foreign Policy" at the Murphy Carnegie library on Thursday evening, December 14, at 7:30. This is the second in a series of such reviews. The public is invited.

Boy Scout District Court of Honor Is Held In Murphy Tuesday Evening

The Nantahala district court of honor of the Boy Scouts was held Tuesday evening at the Murphy school, with a large crowd attending. It was under the direction of Frank Swan, advancement chairman. The meeting was opened by the pledge to the flag led by Ray Padgett of Fontana Dam, followed by the invocation by the Rev. Clark W. Benson of Hayesville.

Whit Davis of Andrews was court clerk and called the following scouts for the tenderfoot investiture ceremony: Robert R. Owens, Robbinsville; Jerry Hill Padgett, Hayesville; Charles C. Robinson, Fontana Dam. These boys were inducted by F. E. Smith, assistant scout executive, Asheville.

H. A. Mattox of Murphy presented merit badges to the following scouts: Carl Ayers, Boyce



GETS BRONZE STAR MEDAL — Corporal Willard C. Clonts, 67th Armored Regiment, United States Army was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action against the enemy July 28-30 in France. During this period, Company "H", 67th Armored Regiment was assigned the mission of taking and holding a crossroads in the vicinity of Coutances. On the approach march to the crossroads, Corporal Clonts a tank gunner, destroyed five enemy vehicles. After the crossroads was taken, the tank in which Corporal Clonts was gunner, was placed in position as a tank gunner in accounting for four enemy vehicles and an anti-tank gun.

"Corporal Clonts' calmness and ability as a tank gunner during this period greatly contributed to the successful completion of the mission", said a citation. His initiative in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. He is the son of Mrs. Doccia Clonts of Murphy. He has been overseas two years and 21 months.

Youth Fellowship To Meet Dec. 15 In Robbinsville

The Youth Fellowship of this sub-district will hold its December meeting in Robbinsville on December 15. Under the leadership of Miss Toots Cook of Murphy as president and Rev. Marvin S. Boggs of Robbinsville as adult advisor, a broad program of work for the year has been planned. One of the projects of the group is a plan to adopt a child at the Methodist Orphanage.

The sub-district is made up of local Methodist Youth Fellowships from: Robbinsville, Andrews, Bellview, Hayesville and Murphy.

Pastors' Meeting Is Next Monday

The West Liberty pastors' conference will be held at Oak Grove Baptist church on December 11, according to announcement by Rev. Freed Townsend. The program will begin at 9:30 a. m. and continue through an evening session beginning at 7 o'clock. Among those on the program are: Rev. Everett Nichols, Rev. Ham Coffee, Rev. Thomas Truett, Rev. Grady Chastain, Rev. W. A. Hedden, Rev. Fred Stiles, Rev. P. H. Chastain, and Rev. P. H. Hooker.

E Bond Week Is Being Observed

Robbinsville Man Instantly Killed At Fontana

Porter Carringer of Robbinsville was instantly killed Monday night about 10 o'clock at Fontana Dam when the steam shovel he was operating got out of control and backed over him, crushing him.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Rock Springs Baptist church near Robbinsville.

He is survived by the widow and a two-year old son, Tony; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carringer of Santeeville; three sisters, Mrs. George Millsaps of Robbinsville; Mrs. Jim Parr of Santeeville, and Mrs. Willie Prince of Gay; and one brother, Wayne Carringer, a prisoner of the Japs for two and a half years.

Township funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Home Destroyed

The country home of L. M. Shields was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday night about 11 o'clock. The origin of the fire was unknown. The home was occupied by D. D. Dye. It was partially covered by insurance.

Crusade For Christ Starts Sunday At Methodist Church

Methodists of Murphy are being called by the Rev. Ralph Taylor, minister of the First Methodist Church, to take part in raising \$25,000,000 for world relief and reconstruction, the first phase of the denomination's nation-wide Crusade for Christ program of post-war service.

The local appeal, for which the goal is \$2500, will begin Dec. 10, Mr. Taylor announced. The Methodist congregation here is part of nearly 8,000,000 members of 41,000 churches in the United States who are participating in the four-year, five-fold Crusade.

Expenditure of the Crusade fund by the regular, general agencies of the Church will provide for "feeding the hungry, clothing the destitute, and freeing the minds and spirits of the ignorant, the underprivileged, the driven and the dispossessed," Mr. Taylor said. Three-fifths of the fund has been allocated for the "rebuilding and rehabilitation of human life" in foreign countries, nine-tenths in war-devastated areas and the rest in other mission fields. The balance will be used for emergency.

The local sub-district, composed of Cherokee, Graham and Clay counties is headed by the Rev. Taylor as director and Wade Reece of Andrews as lay director.

Andrews To Be Host To Eight NCEA Units

ANDREWS — A leadership conference of the North Carolina Education association will be held in Andrews on Monday, Dec. 11, from 3:00 to 10:00 o'clock. More than fifty people are expected to be in attendance. Representatives from the following eight NCEA units will attend: Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Macon, Clay, Jackson counties, and from Murphy and Andrews.

The conferences for the most part will be round table discussions. Invitations have been extended to the following persons and groups: all local units officers, superintendents, the legislative

chairman, the professional service chairman, the post-war planning chairman, and the head of any other organized groups in the various units.

Dr. Ralph McDonald, president of the NCEA, and Miss Ethel Perkins, newly elected secretary of the NCEA, are expected to be among those present.

The visitors will have a dinner in the home economics laboratory. This will take place at six o'clock. The dinner will be served by the home economics department under the sponsorship of Mrs. Ruthie Bristol.

Mrs. Leila Axley is president of the local unit.



ADULT ADVISOR — Rev. Marvin S. Boggs of Robbinsville, who recently was elected adult advisor of the sub-district Youth Fellowship work. The next meeting of the organization will be in Mr. Boggs' church in Robbinsville on December 15.



HEADS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP — Miss Toots Cook of Murphy, president of the sub-district of the Youth Fellowship, which has started a broad program of work for the new year.