



CHEROKEE BUYS 240 PERCENT OF BOND QUOTA

Town Contracts For Postwar Improvement

A contract for improving the sewer system, streets and sidewalks of Murphy presented to the town council at a meeting Wednesday night, by J. B. Medford of Chattanooga representing the J. B. McCrary Company of Atlanta, was signed by the council. This will be a post-war project.

There was a discussion of improving the water system, and Mr. Medford recommended enlarging the present filter plant on Hiwassee River.

It was reported that motorists are not obeying the stop light near the school building, and that it might be more effective if it were operated only in the morning when children are going to school, and at closing time instead of all day.

J. B. Gray recommended opening a street from the street running between Dr. Whitfield's and Mrs. L. E. Mauney's property by W. M. Axley and John Donley's property back to the Witherspoon property, then turning and running between the Tom Mauney property and the E. L. Alverson property, the former Gentry home to Hill Street or highway 19.

Those present at the meeting were: Mayor W. M. Fain, Attorney J. B. Gray, Chief of Police Frank Crawford, Head of Electric Department H. G. Elkins and Counselmen Ernest Haykins, A. T. Martin, Dr. Whitfield and J. B. Mulkey, and Mr. Medford.

Mrs. A. L. Simonds Dies At Age 81

Mrs. A. L. Simonds, 81 years of age, died at her home Wednesday evening, December 13, after a long illness. She had been a member of the Baptist church since early in life. The funeral services were held at Union Church, Rev. Fred Stiles officiating.

Survived by four daughters and three sons, Mrs. J. R. Atchley, A. M. Simonds, Mrs. W. G. Savage, Mrs. R. V. Stiles, O. J. Simonds, E. L. Simonds, and Bertha Simonds; three sisters, Mrs. J. P. Stiles, Mrs. Effie Roberts and Mrs. Wilburn Stiles, and one brother, N. H. Davis.

Townson funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

LIBRARY TO CLOSE

The Murphy library will be closed from December 23 until December 27.

Stiles Helps Kill 12 Japs In Practice Round On Leyte

With The First Cavalry Division on Leyte — When a practice round kills 12 Japs, that's pretty good shooting, thinks Private First Class William R. Stiles, son of Mr. C. A. Stiles, Robbinsville, North Carolina.

Stiles is cannoner in a battery of 105mm guns now fighting in the Philippines with the First Cavalry Division, the outfit that storms ashore on the beaches of Leyte on D-day, and pushed ahead the next day to capture Tacloban, present capital of the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines.

Guided by a forward observer, Stiles' Battery, perched on a

Oscar Jenkins Serves Overseas

MARBLE — Pvt. Oscar P. Jenkins, son of Mrs. Hattie Jenkins of Marble is now overseas for the second time, serving in France. After serving overseas for a year, he returned to the states and stayed for fourteen months, then was sent to France.

He has a brother, Harold W. Jenkins, S 2/c who has been in the navy about six months. He has been stationed at Camp Perry, Va., Miami, Fla., Wisconsin and New Orleans, La., where he is at present. He hopes to get a leave by Christmas.

William Hickey Funeral Is Held

Funeral services for William Hickey, 42, of Murphy, who died at a local hospital December 12, were held at Townson funeral home on the 13th with the Rev. Mr. Winkler officiating. Burial was in the old Baptist cemetery. He is survived by his father, S-hyler Hickey and three sisters.

Townson funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Whichard To Wed Miss Evans

The engagement of Miss Willietta Evans of Edenton to Dr. M. P. Whichard of Murphy has been announced, the wedding to take place on December 26 at high noon in Evans Methodist church, near Edenton.

Miss Evans, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Evans of Edenton, Route 1, has taught English in Gulf Park College, Gulfport, Miss., for several years. She is a graduate of Trinity College, Durham, now Duke University.

Dr. Whichard is district health officer in Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties.

IN ENGLAND

Pvt. Tommie Jenkins of Unaka who has arrived in England safely. He was in camp eight months before going overseas. He is the son of Jerry Jenkins of Unaka.

Master Sgt. Leon Axley left Monday for San Francisco, after a week's visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Axley.



MISSING IN ACTION — Word has been received by Mrs. Clyde Le Fevers that her husband, Cpl. Clinton J. Le Fevers, above, is missing in action. He entered the service in July, 1942, and took his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C. He went overseas in May of this year. He is the grandson of Mrs. H. M. LeFevers of Murphy Rt. 2.

Harland Cornwell Is Commended For His Efforts

An Air Service Command Depot, England — Recently commended by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general, U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, for pre-invasion production efforts, Cpl. Harland Cornwell of Murphy, and fellow soldier-technicians at an Air Service Command depot in England are now basking in praise from the British press.

The widely-read "Sunday Express", in a featured article pointed out that the base's output figures are "among world records," and lauded the soldiers for their part in keeping America's planes in control of the skies over Western Europe.

"It's good to know that other people think we're doing a good job," commented Cpl. Cornwell. "And just to prove that praise hasn't gone to our heads, we're going to keep those production figures high."

He is the son of Lester Cornwell.

Pastors' Meet To Be At Oak Grove Jan. 15

The Oak Grove Baptist church will entertain West Liberty Pastors' conference Monday after the second Sunday in January.

The same program that was outlined for the conference on December 11 which was postponed on account of rough weather, will be used. All speakers are urged to be present, and the public is invited to come and enjoy fellowship. The program follows:

Morning session — 9:30 — Devotional, Rev. Everett Nichols; secretary's report; "A Bible Pastor", Rev. Ham Coffee; Praise; Special prayer for Loved Ones in Service; Special message — "Holy Ghost", Rev. Thomas Truett; Lunch.

Afternoon session: Devotional, Rev. Grady Chastain; "Bible Sanctification", Rev. W. A. Hedden; "New Testament Church", Rev. Fred Stiles; "New Testament Steward", Rev. P. H. Chastain; Round Table discussions; Adjournment.

Evening session: "Unpardonable Sin", Rev. P. H. Hooker.

Pvt. Fanny Dewese of Greensboro, WAC in the overseas replacement depot, is spending a 15-day furlough here with her mother, Mrs. Bessie Dewese.

Prepares To Give Aid To War Veterans

A. W. McIver, Interviewer-In-Charge, of the U. S. Employment Office at the courthouse in Murphy, attended a meeting of Veterans' Representatives in Asheville last week. In the two-day meeting instructions were given in the provisions of the Serviceman's Readjustment Act (known as the G. I. Bill of Rights). Thirty-three veteran representatives from the U. S. Employment Offices of the Western Area of North Carolina attended the meeting which was conducted by R. C. Godwin, State Veteran's Employment Representative.

U. S. Employment office in Murphy has been designated as veteran information center for Cherokee and Clay counties, and every effort will be made to give veterans any aid and advice they may seek.

Mrs. Hamilton Is BWC Chairman

The Business Women's circle of the Baptist W. M. S. was the guest of Mrs. A. L. Buchanan at the December meeting and a Christmas party Monday night.

The house was attractively decorated, and candles were used for lighting. A manger scene decorated the coffee table, and a Christmas tree the dining table. A recorded played Christmas carols. Gifts were exchanged. The officers presented Mrs. Buchanan with a nice gift. A special offering for foreign missions was taken, it amounting to \$12.25.

Officers for next year were elected as follows: Chairman, Mrs. J. J. Hamilton; co-chairman, Mrs. Ruth Carringer; secretary, Mrs. R. B. Chandler; and treasurer, Mrs. John Denley.

The following program was rendered: Hymn; Bible study Mrs. Lloyd Hendrix; carol; "Season of Peace", Mrs. J. C. Ammons; "The Way to Peace", Mrs. R. S. Bault; prayer that the world may find the way to peace; "Missions and Peace", Mrs. J. J. Hamilton; "Christmas and Peace", Miss Margaret Curd; and carol.

Horace Hughes Dies At Age 34

Funeral services for Horace Hughes, 34, were held at Snow Hill Baptist church, Bellview, Monday, with the Rev. Will Hedden officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Mattie Moore, Mrs. Hattie Gibson, and Miss Julia Hughes; four brothers, Carl, Rollin, Dent and Frank Hughes with the army in Germany.

Leonard Ramsey Given Discharge

Leonard Ramsey, who was wounded in France a few months ago, has been given a medical discharge from the army. He served overseas a year before being wounded and returned to the United States. He has been receiving treatment at Kennedy General hospital, Memphis, Tenn., and is now home with his father, A. J. Ramsey.

Wounded

Pvt. Hugh T. Penland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Penland, Murphy, Route 2, was slightly wounded in Germany on November 27, according to information reaching his parents.



MISSING IN GERMANY — Mrs. Duell H. Burgess of Oak Park has received a message from the war department that her husband, Pvt. Duell H. Burgess, above, has been missing in action in Germany since November 22. He enlisted in the armed forces in March 1944 and received his training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He went overseas in August and has been in France, Belgium, and Germany during the four months. He has one other brother, Pvt. Luther Burgess, in Fla.

His wife and two children live at Hiwassee Dam and his mother, Mrs. Elden Allen, lies at Patrick.

Late News Bulletins

The German counter-offensive is increasing steadily in fury, supreme headquarters said late last night in lifting the blackout of news relating to the savage fighting on the U. S. first army front.

The German radio claimed last night that "several" allied divisions had been rushed from Aachen and Saar fronts to check Marshal Karl Gerdvon Rundstedt's counter-offensive and boasted that "according to incomplete data, three to four American divisions either have been destroyed or badly mauled."

The German daily war communique claimed that 10,000 prisoners had been taken in the Nazi counter-offensive.

Russian troops, advancing up to five miles in the Southern Czechoslovak hills, have seized 13 more towns in a drive toward the citadel of Losonc.

Two American divisions, the 77th and first cavalry, in nutcracker operations in the Ormoc corridor on northwestern Leyte, have completely destroyed the Japanese Yamashita line, and the battle for the Philippine island is "rapidly drawing to an end" Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

President Roosevelt and military leaders last night sent Christmas greetings to servicemen and women throughout the world and promised that new and powerful blows would be struck at the enemy in 1945 to bring the peace closer.

Banks To Close Monday, Tuesday

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Andrews, Murphy, and Robbinsville will be closed all day on Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26. Christmas day is a legal holiday, and Governor Broughton has proclaimed Tuesday December 26, as a legal holiday.

\$464,436 In Bonds Purchased In Drive

White Christmas To Be Observed Baptist Church

The Baptist Sunday School will observe White Christmas Sunday morning, December 24. All classes will assemble at 9:45 for a special Christmas devotional. The Birthday of the King. Those participating in the program will be: Peggy Savage, Alice Jane Dockery, Shirley Bates, Rosalind Stalcup, Billy Fain, Buddy Taylor and Bill Portwood.

The program will be interspersed with Christmas carols, with Miss Margaret Curd serving as accompanist, announces Mrs. H. Bueck, adult superintendent.

Carol Program To Be Given

The Presbyterian Sunday school will present a Christmas program of readings and carols at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Mrs. Harry Miller will be in charge of the program. Mrs. C. W. Savage and Mrs. Mary King Spainhour will direct the music.

Special Services Are Announced

Holy Mass will be offered at the Red Cross Building Welch Cove, Christmas morning at 8 o'clock C. W. T.: at St. Joseph's Church, Bryson City, at 8 and 10:30 o'clock; and at the Legion Hall, Franklin, at 10 o'clock. Confession will be heard before each Mass.

A Solemn High Mass will be offered at St. John's Church, Waynesville, on Christmas Eve at midnight. The choir will be under the direction of Sister Mary Anthony, Mus. D.

RETURN TO NEW YORK — Edward A. Collins, attorney of New York City, and B. I. Mirkin of New York City have returned home after a business visit here for several days.

Mrs. Mary Hazelbaker has arrived from Pleasanton, Kansas, to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Laura Freeman, superintendent of public welfare.

Workshop At Folk School Is Burned

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the workshop at the John C. Campbell Folk school last Friday afternoon.

Herman Estes, operator of the shop left the building about 4 o'clock. He checked the furnace before leaving and found it all right. About 4:45, Miss Fanny McClelland a member of the staff went to the building and found it on fire. Fire fighting equipment was not sufficient to bring the fire under control, and nothing was saved, according to Mrs. George Bidstrup.

A great deal of valuable lumber including walnut, cherry and maple was stored in the building, as well as a quantity of wood carving, and much valuable machinery. This is not only a great loss to the school but to the community as well, Mrs. Bidstrup said, since the workshop was used as a community workshop.

As in past drives, the people of Cherokee county far oversubscribed their war bond quota in the Sixth War Loan which ended Saturday. With a quota of \$194,000, people of the county purchased \$464,436.50 in bonds and stamps. The E bond quota was \$66,000, and \$67,897.50 in bonds were purchased.

The above figures were received from headquarters by County Chairman Percy B. Perebee, as of Saturday sales. It is thought that when all reports are in, a much larger figure will be reached.

Sale of E bonds on the Sixth War Loan will continue through the month of December, but the sale of others in this drive ended Saturday.

Fifth Sunday Meeting To Be At Fairview

The fifth Sunday meeting of the West Liberty Baptist Association will be held December 31 at Fairview church, Ranger. The program is as follows:

9 o'clock — Devotional, pastor; 10 — Sunday school, Rev. Grady Chastain; 11 — Sermon, Rev. Freed Townsend; 12 — Lunch. Afternoon: 1 o'clock — New Testament church, Rev. W. A. Hedden; 1:45 — Duty of a Deacon, Rev. Ham Coffee; 2:15 — Stewardship, Rev. P. H. Chastain; 2:45 Round Table Discussions.

Cooker Clinic To Be Held

A pressure cooker clinic will be held on January 9, beginning at 9 a. m., at the home economics laboratory in the local school. C. L. McCaslan, State College Engineer, will be here to check the cookers and make repairs necessary. There will be no charge for the check-up and the owners will pay only the expense of repair parts, states Miss Mary Cornwell, home agent, in urging all owners of cookers to bring them in to have them checked for safety and accuracy of heat.

TO OPEN DECEMBER 27

Murphy schools will reopen December 27, it has been announced by H. Bueck, superintendent of the city school unit.

Babson's Outlook For 1945 Is To Appear Next Week

The Cherokee Scout will publish Roger W. Babson's "BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1945" on December 28.

Mr. Babson, who has been forecasting business and financial trends since 1898, continues to enjoy an enviable reputation in his field. He was 91% correct in his predictions of conditions in 1944!

We are calling his 1945 OUTLOOK to our readers attention because we believe that every one will find it of interest and value.