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Mrs. Cover Defends School Teachers

Mrs. G. W. Cover, Cherokee's representative in the 1945 general assembly made her first speech from the floor of the house Tuesday, in behalf of three classroom teachers who, she said, had told her they were not welcome as lobbyists by their state legislature.

Mrs. Cover is openly on the side of North Carolina's teachers in their fight for better pay schedules. She is also in favor of legislation for the betterment of public health in this state, and was a sponsor for two major bills introduced in the assembly—one for equality for women and the other to retire the state's bonded indebtedness.

The first few days of the 1945 session of the general assembly were taken up for the most part with organizational matters—election of Senate and House officers, the adoption of rules to govern the procedure in both houses, the making of committee assignments, and in general the work of getting ready to do business.

One of the most important bills ever acted upon—HB-4—appropriated \$51,585,079 to a sinking fund for the purpose of retiring all of the state's general fund bonded indebtedness, principal and interest, as the bonds mature. As a result of this appropriation, approximately five million dollars per year for debt service was left out of the biennial appropriation bill. Mrs. Cover was one of those introducing this bill.

Another major money bill, which has already been ratified, continues the teachers and state employees' war bonus at the same rates until the end of 1944-45 fiscal year. The original war bonus measure expired by limitations on December 31, 1944, and the legislators acted promptly to prevent a reduction in payrolls.

A bill was introduced in the house which would submit to popular vote a constitutional amendment to make women eligible for jury duty. Another bill would give a widow with only one child one half the personal estate of her husband, instead of only one-third as at present. Mrs. Cover helped to introduce this bill.

Mrs. D. T. McNabb Taken By Death

Mrs. D. T. McNabb, 74, died at her home at Suit Saturday afternoon after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at Friendship Baptist church Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, with Rev. Columbus Conley and Rev. Fred Stiles officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with the Townson funeral home in charge.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Burton and Lonnie McNabb of Suit; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Sparks of Suit and Mrs. Howard Johnson of Copperhill, Tenn.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and one brother, W. T. Torrence of Niota, Tennessee.

Fire Destroys Henry Strange Home Thursday

Fire which broke out about 5 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of Henry Strange on Dillard street, completely destroyed the building and most of the household goods. Mr. Strange had built a fire in the kitchen and then gone to the living room and started a fire when he discovered the kitchen to be in flames. He thought that window curtains near the stove or wall paper caught fire from the stove. The house belonged to George Cope of Sylva. The damage is estimated at about \$2,000. It was not learned whether there was insurance on the house. Mr. Strange had no insurance on his household goods.

County Agents Planning More Demonstrations

County agents are planning to expand their work with field crops this year in spite of the extra work which war time conditions have placed on them, says Enos Blair, extension agronomist at State College.

Plan submitted from the 100 counties in North Carolina by the agents show that 2,452 field crop demonstrations are planned as compared with 1,034 last year. The increase will come with such crops as grains, legumes, and pastures.

Corn leads all other crops with a total of 575 demonstrations to show how average yields of corn in North Carolina may be greatly increased when a five-point program of improved practices is put into operation.

There will be 440 farm-wide rotations for increased yields, soil conservation, and control of diseases and insects.

In 4-H club activities the number of agronomy participants is put at 7,862 as compared with 5,596 in 1944. Here again corn leads with 4,421 demonstrations and tobacco in second place with 1,159 projects.

In addition to the 4-H club demonstrations, the county agents also expect to advise about 127,000 growers in connection with their plans for increased yields and better quality of field crops.

T. J. Sword, 88, Former Murphy Resident Passes

Funeral services for T. J. Sword, 88, former Murphy resident, who died at his home in Adel, Ga., Thursday, were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Murphy First Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. Ralph Taylor, officiating. Burial followed in Sunset cemetery. Townson funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

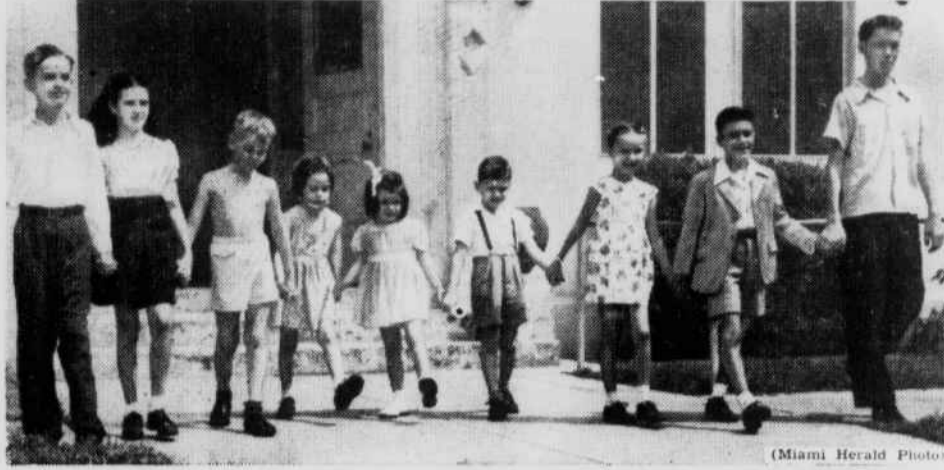
Active pallbearers were: Frank Dickey, Hadley Dickey, Ben Palmer, Tom Palmer, Jake Jordan and Toby Fain.

Honorary pallbearers were: J. D. Maloney, J. B. Gray, E. C. Moore, E. E. Stiles, J. H. Brendle, E. J. Darnell, P. C. Hyatt, C. W. Savage, W. A. Savage, J. A. Richardson, John Dockery, Willard Cooper, F. E. Palmer, W. B. Raper, Sheridan Dickey, Fred Moore, L. L. Mason, Clingman Hughes, Fred Scroggs, Jim West, R. A. Crisp, L. E. Bayless, L. M. Shields, J. W. Dyer, J. D. Warren, H. A. Hampton, T. S. Evans, E. S. Parker, W. M. Mauney, Dr. S. C. Helgway, B. C. Brumby, Jr., Hayes Dockery, H. G. Elkins, R. C. Mattox, John Axley, R. B. Ferguson, Neil Davidson and Joe Axley.

A native of Pikeville, Ky., Mr. Sword was married December 1, 1886 to Miss Nancy Gilly of Big Stone Gap, Va. They went to Asheville where they lived for about two years, coming from there to Murphy, where Mr. Sword operated a livery business and stock sales stable. About 15 years ago he moved to Adel and established a sales stable there, and also engaged in farming.

Surviving are the widow, one daughter, Mrs. L. D. Hunt of Adel, three brothers, P. H. Sword of Murphy, Frank and John of Pikeville, Ky., and one sister, Mrs. Nan Tracy of Pikeville, and several grandchildren.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hunt from Adel; Bill and Jack Hurst of Marietta, Ga.; Mrs. Neil Barton of Norton, Va.; Miss Alpha Addington of Wise, Va.; Frank Sword, of Pikeville, Ky., and E. P. Roycroft of Adel, and Miss Sara Sword of Fontana Dam.



Nine swell reasons to give to the March of Dimes. These youngsters walking out of Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital, won their battle over infantile paralysis last year, thanks to dollars and dimes given to the Fund-Raising Appeals of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The March of Dimes this year occurs January 14-31.

Dr. Parette Heads Graham Polio Drive

Dr. Nettie Parette, Robbinsville physician, has been named Graham County campaign director of the annual fund appeal and the March of Dimes to be conducted January 14-31 in celebration of the president's birthday by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

In 1944, under Dr. Parette's leadership, Graham county led the United States in the amount of money per capita raised during the appeal.

Commenting on the importance of surpassing the quota of \$1,499 set up for the county this year, Dr. Parette stated, "the serious epidemic of infantile paralysis in North Carolina last year, with over 850 cases reported, and with an expenditure of over half a million dollars for medical and hospital care, make it absolutely necessary that we meet our quota this year. Approximately eighty-three per cent of the cases treated during the 1944 epidemic will return to normal or near normal health. Treatment was given at the Hickory Polio emergency hospital, the Gastonia Orthopaedic hospital, and Charlotte Memorial hospital, with only 13 patients dying. This is the lowest death rates ever recorded for an infantile paralysis epidemic. It cost \$11.21 per day to care for each patient. Money to pay for treatment came from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, from counties in North Carolina, and as unsolicited gifts from people in all parts of the United States and from men and women in the armed forces in Europe and from places as far away as Australia."

Dr. Parette appointed the following committees to serve during the 1945 Infantile Paralysis drive: Robbinsville, Mrs. Vivian Chambers; Fontana, F. S. Schlenger; Tapoco, J. D. Allen; Rhymer's Ferry, Mrs. Jay Johnson; Stecoah, Mrs. Arthur Fisher; Stecoah program, Mrs. Frank Colvard and Mrs. W. D. Bennett; schools, Mrs. Oleta Wilson; Woman's Division, Mrs. J. D. Warrick; Mile O' Dimes, Mrs. Mary Hayhurst; and publicity, Miss Elizabeth Hope.

Mrs. E. S. Miller Receives Word From Her Son

Mrs. E. S. Miller received a card from her son, Capt. Edward S. Miller, January 12, which was dated May 6, 1944, at Philippine Military Prison Camp No. 1. The card reads as follows:

"I have received a letter and package from you this year. Am still in good spirits and healthy, and hope to see you all in the not too distant future. Give regards to all our friends. Tell Morris I will like to see him graduate." Love.

BILL MILLER

MASONS TO MEET

The Masonic lodge will meet Monday, January 22. Officers for the coming year will be installed.

Post Office Has Biggest Receipts In Its History

Postal receipts at the Murphy post office for 1944 amounted to \$24,697.26, the largest amount ever received at this office. Postmaster Howard Moody has announced. These receipts are from the sale of stamps, box rent and second class mail.

Receipts for 1943 amounted to \$21,989.18. This year's receipts represent a gain of \$2,708.08.

Tickets For Birthday Ball Are On Sale

The Infantile Paralysis drive in Cherokee county is proceeding according to schedule, Dr. W. A. Hoover, the county chairman announces.

Tickets for the ball to be held here January 30 under the sponsorship of the Lions club and the Junior Woman's club, with Robert Bault and Miss Magdalene Cooke co-chairmen, are being sold.

Coin receptacles have been placed in the banks, drug stores, cafes, barber shops, Brumby's mills, the wholesale houses, the Cherokee Lumber corporation, the Peachtree, Marble, Andrews and Hiwassee Dam schools. Hiwassee Dam is planning a subscription dinner and dance.

Dr. Hoover will meet with the Konnaheeta club and representatives of the Rotary club in Andrews tonight (Thursday) when plans will be made for the observance there.

Bill Gentry Is Reported Missing In Action Dec. 18

A message was received here Wednesday from the War Department, that William S. Gentry, son of the late P. C. Gentry and Mrs. Gentry, and husband of Mrs. Vivian Cearley Gentry, had been reported missing in action in Luxembourg since December 18, Mr. Gentry was in the medical corps and had been overseas since the first of last September. He entered the service in September 1943, and received training at Camp Barkley, Texas.

Pitzer's Team To Play Here Friday Night

J. H. Pitzer, former coach of Murphy high school, now coach of the Middleboro (Kentucky) high school, will bring his basketball team and play the local team in the gym Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Pitzer and his team are making a tour of Western North Carolina towns. The boys will be entertained in local homes.

Penny Removed From Jones Child's Lung

Barbara Anne Jones, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones of Murphy, who swallowed a penny last week while playing with her piggy bank, has recovered from an operation performed by Dr. Murdock Eguen, throat specialist of Atlanta.

It was thought the penny could be removed by a new surgical magnet, developed by Dr. Eguen. As doctors prepared to remove the penny which had lodged in the lung it was reported, probing instruments showed that it was a pre-war, all-copper coin, and could not be magnetized. An esophaguscope was used, instead, to remove the penny.

Dr. Eguen explained that pre-war pennies do not contain enough magnetized elements, while the aluminum nickel, and iron in wartime pennies respond to this magnet.

"The odd thing about it is," he added, "that the magnet won't remove wartime safety pins, but will work on the pre-war variety."

The magnet, used to remove foreign bodies from the stomach or esophagus without surgery, was explained at a recent medical meeting in St. Louis.

USES Office Is To Assist With Widow's Pension

On December 14, the President of the United States signed Public Law 483—78th Congress, making available certain pension benefits for widows and children of World War I veterans, and for other purposes.

In keeping with the general assistance program now being rendered war veterans by the local USES office, second floor court house, Murphy, it will assist any applicants who wish to apply for these benefits.

"Sec. 1. (A) The surviving widow, child, or children of any deceased person who served in World War I before November 12, 1918, or if the person who was serving with the United States military forces in Russia before April 12, 1920, and who was discharged or released from active service under conditions other than dishonorable after having served ninety days or more or for disability incurred in the service line of duty, or who at time of death was receiving or entitled to receive compensation, pension, or retirement pay for service-connected disability, shall, upon filing application and such proofs in the Veterans' Administration as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may prescribe, be entitled to receive pension as provided by this Act."

The local office of the United States Employment Service is also prepared to assist veterans in securing benefits to which they are entitled.

Red Cross Officers Are Re-elected For Coming Year

Civil Term Of Court To Convene On January 29

Cherokee County Superior court will convene January 29 for a civil term, with Judge J. Will Pless, presiding. Following is the list of jurors drawn for the second week, there being no cases the first week:

John Woody, Grandview; R. T. Bell, Culberson; B. H. Helton, Culberson, route 2; T. A. Lovin-good, Grandview; D. E. Pullium, Andrews; Cloyd Gladson, Murphy; Sam R. Ammons, Andrews; Virgil Bradshaw, Tomotla; S. M. O'Dell, Murphy, route 3; Mark Patterson, Andrews; J. T. Carren, Andrews; Jack Hall, route 2; Murphy; Virgil Jenkins, Culberson, route 2; Frank Ferguson, Murphy, route 1; W. J. Barton, Marble; W. L. Whitaker, Andrews; James A. Frazier, Andrews; Ben Palmer, Murphy, route 2; T. S. Evans, Murphy; A. J. Simonds, Copperhill, route 1; L. E. Chastaine, Culberson, route 2; Mont M. Rogers, Tomotla; A. J. Farmer, Grandview; Stanley Hamby, Unaka.

P. G. Ivie Is President Allied Church League

A meeting of the Allied Church League of Cherokee County was held at the Methodist church, in Murphy, on Saturday afternoon, at 3:30. Rev. Ralph Taylor, president of the league, was in charge, and called on Rev. L. P. Smith of the Baptist church, of Andrews, to open with prayer.

The following members were present: Rev. Ralph Taylor, Rev. C. C. Washam, Rev. L. P. Smith, Mrs. J. L. McCall, J. B. Gray, Cyrus White.

After a brief review of the previous meeting by the president, the following officers were elected for the year of 1945:

P. G. Ivie, president; J. P. Matheson, vice-president; Miss Addie Mae Cooke, treasurer; Miss Ruth Gruber, treasurer. Executive committee: Rev. Ralph Taylor, Rev. C. C. Washam, Rev. L. P. Smith, Rev. Everett Nichols, Rev. Alfred Smith, J. B. Gray, Cyrus White.

In discussing the purpose of the Allied Church League, it was voted to write Cherokee county's representative in the State Legislature, and the following letter was dispatched to Mrs. Giles W. Cover with copy to Senator A. L. Penland:

"The Allied Church League of Cherokee County has today gone on record requesting you to sponsor and procure passage in the present session of the General Assembly, of an act prohibiting the sale of wines and beer in Cherokee county.

"Would you please advise us your feeling concerning this proposal?"

"We feel certain that you will have any needed assistance from Senator Penland, if you will present this to the present legislature."

Murphy School Gets Citation

The Murphy school has received a citation from the Treasury department for work in the Sixth War Loan (Schools-at-War program) according to announcement by Mrs. J. W. Davidson, chairman of sales in the schools.

The school will have dedicatory panels placed on an army pursuit plane, a tank, and a field ambulance. The school's total sales amounted to \$89,200.75. Pictures for the paper of the equipment will be here soon.

At the annual meeting of the Cherokee County chapter of the American Red Cross held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Axley, all officers of the chapter were re-elected for the coming year.

The names were presented by a nominating committee composed of H. Bueck, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, and Mrs. W. M. Axley. The officers elected are: Addie Mae Cooke, chairman; Mrs. T. A. Case, vice-chairman; Frank Forsyth, treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Savage, secretary. Committees will be appointed later.

Harry Bishop was appointed chairman of the War Fund drive which will start the first of March. Mr. Bishop will name his committees.

Cherokee county has been given a quota of \$5,600.

Mrs. Robert Bault was elected home service secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., who has left Murphy.

Mrs. Axley, chairman of the Camp and Hospital council, reported articles sent to Moore General hospital, Lake Lure and Sand Hill during the year.

Reports were given by Mrs. De-weese, sewing chairman, Miss Dora Ruth Parks, production chairman, and Miss Addie Leatherwood, first aid chairman.

Mr. Bueck recommended that a life saving course in aquatics be sponsored next summer.

Plans for attending a Red Cross meeting in Hendersonville, January 22 and 23 were discussed.

It was voted to buy the film, "Seven Selling Keys to Red Cross" to be shown by the chapter.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Axley served refreshments.

Officers Are To Represent Local Red Cross At War Fund Meet

Harry Bishop, H. Bueck, and others are expecting to represent the Cherokee county chapter, American Red Cross, at the Disaster Institute and War Fund Conference which will be held at Hendersonville, on January 23, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, chairman of the chapter, announces.

Joining the local representatives as well as representatives of 16 other chapters in this area, will be persons from the Southeastern Area office of the American Red Cross, Atlanta. They will include:

Stone J. Crane, assistant area director of Disaster Service, one of the veterans in the handling of Red Cross disaster preparations and disaster relief, and Mrs. Caroline D. Hill, general field representative to the chapters attending the meeting, who will preside.

Regional Director Francis P. Simerville, Atlanta, will lead the discussions of War Fund planning and will be assisted by A. B. Murphy, assistant manager of the Southeastern area, who has been associated with the American Red Cross in various capacities for more than ten years, and the general field representative.

Charles L. Skarren, Jr., American Red Cross field director, who went into France on D-plus-six, and later into Belgium and Germany with the infantry unit to which he was attached, will recite some of his experiences at the War Fund planning session on the second day. Skarren attending Wake Forest college and at one time practiced law at Beaufort, North Carolina.

SINGING

The Third Sunday singing will meet with the Calvary Baptist church. Everyone is invited to attend.