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## Peachtree School Destroyed By Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the eight-room brick consolidated school building at Peachtree early Sunday morning. The blaze was discovered about 5 o'clock. The building was a total loss.

The building was constructed in 1927 and was valued at \$40,000 and was partially covered by insurance, according to Lloyd Hendrix, county school superintendent.

There had been no fire in the building since Friday, and the janitor had pulled the light switch according to Mr. Hendrix.

Bloodhounds were taken to the scene of the fire, but since cars can be driven to the door and since it had been raining, no clue was picked up.

Seven teachers are employed in the school. Clarence Hendrix, brother of Superintendent Lloyd Hendrix, is principal of the school.

About 1,000 books, and all the lunch room equipment, which was reported, was among the best in the county were destroyed.

Plans have been made to continue school in the Baptist church at Peachtree.

## Pre-Natal Clinic Held At Andrews

A pre-natal clinic was held at Andrews February 6 at 1:00 p. m. Patients were examined by Dr. W. C. Morrow, assisted by Miss Elba Sneed and Mrs. Ola H. Williams. This clinic is held the first Tuesday of each month, and any expectant mother is invited to attend.

## Dockery And Coleman At Keesler Field

Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., Feb. 2.—Two former residents of Murphy, N. C. have reported to Keesler Field from the Army Ground forces. They are stationed at the AAF Training Command post awaiting reassignment to new military duties. A review of their previous training, aptitudes, experience, and physical condition, together with consideration of the military needs of the army, will determine their new assignments. Soldiers here for reassignment include:

Pvt. John Ross Dockery, son of Mrs. W. C. Dockery, route 3; Pvt. Dock George Coleman, son of George Coleman, route 3, box 14.

## Missing

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiggins of the Atoah section of Graham county informed by the War department that her son, Edward Wiggins, has been missing in action in Belgium since January 15.

## TO PREACH SUNDAY

The Rev. R. Lane Akins will preach at the First Baptist church Sunday morning at 11:00. His sermon subject will be "Are You Washed in the Blood?" On Sunday night he will preach on "The Filling of the Holy Spirit."

## Townson Building Damaged By Fire

The three-story brick building situated on the north corner of the square and owned by E. L. Townson, was badly damaged by smoke and water when a fire broke out in an apartment in the rear of the building about 9 o'clock Saturday night.

The fire started in the third-floor apartment occupied by Miss Irene Ramsey, who was away at the time and although the flames were confined to the one room, the entire building was damaged by water and smoke.

Edwin Hensley, occupant of the apartment across the hall from

## McClure Preaches Here Next Sunday

Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of Asheville Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Following the morning service, a congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of electing additional church officers.

## Red Cross Needs More Knitters

Mrs. Dale Lee has been appointed chairman of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross, to succeed Miss Dora Ruth Parks, announces the chapter chairman, Miss Addie Mae Cooke.

Mrs. Lee has appointed Mrs. R. W. Easley as kit bag chairman.

Special classes for knitting instruction will be given by Mrs. Lee at her home each Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock, for those interested in learning to knit. Mrs. Harry Bishop will assist with instruction. Red Cross knitters are badly needed by the chapter, and anyone who will do some knitting is asked to contact Mrs. Lee.

## Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Withrow

Funeral services were held at Salem Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Tom Withrow, 51, who died at her home near Culberson Friday afternoon. The Rev. Freed Townsend officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

Mrs. Withrow had been a member of the Baptist church for more than forty years.

Surviving are the husband, two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Rudd, and Miss Alma Withrow; seven sons, Leonard, Ralph, Norman and Calvin with the army overseas; Dewey, Wilfer and Ray of Culberson; four brothers: Emory Scroggs of Robbinsville, W. L. of Winder, Ga., J. M. of Asheville, and H. P. Scroggs of Hurst, Ga.

## TO ASSIST IN FILING RETURNS

O. G. Dellinger, deputy collector of internal revenue, will be at the courthouse in Robbinsville February 21 from 9 to 5 o'clock and at the courthouse in Murphy February 23 and 24 from 9 to 5 o'clock to assist in filing income tax returns for 1944.

## SERMON SUBJECTS

"What Think Ye of Christ?" will be the sermon subject of the Rev. Ralph Taylor at First Methodist church next Sunday at the 11 o'clock services.

At the evening service, 7:30 the minister will preach on the theme "He Restoreth My Soul." Everyone is most cordially invited. Good music. Fellowship. "And the folks are friendly."



**GOES TO ARMY**—H. A. Mattox, local business man and civic leader, who will leave Monday for the army. His leaving creates vacancies in the following positions: which he now holds: President Murphy Lions club; chairman Murphy Carnegie library board; chairman county Democratic executive committee; member O.P.A. price panel; member county War Transportation committee, and member of Board of Trustees of Murphy schools.

## Coffey Baby Dies At Marble

**MARBLE** — Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Coffey who died Friday morning at 3 o'clock, were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Marble Baptist church with the Rev. Algie West officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

Palbearers were: Maurice Hall, Billy Mintz, Leroy Walsh, Charles Coffey, Robert Kilpatrick and Morgan Kilpatrick.

Flower girls were: Ruth Hall, Shirley Phelps, Lena Jenkins, Evelyn Wilson, Wilma Queen and Dorothy Mae Coffey.

Surviving are the parents, two brothers, Creed and Dale, and one sister, Marie, all of Marble.

## Promoted

Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Miss.—Private First Class Willis L. Ledford, son of Mrs. Lea Ledford, of Oak Park, N. C., has been promoted to the rank of corporal, announcement has just been made at this station, where he is assigned.

## Miss Parks Makes Final Report To Library Board

The Nantahala Regional Library board met in Arthur Jones' office in the Hayesville court house February 5 at 7:30 p. m. Members present were L. B. Nichols, W. A. Adams, Mrs. F. A. Case, Arthur Jones, E. S. Christenbury was also present.

Chief business was: Acceptance of resignation of Miss Dora Ruth Parks, regional librarian, appointment of committee to complete arrangements for employment of new librarian, purchase of old PWA bookmobile from U. S. government, and plans for effective continuation of service.

In her final report to the board Miss Parks summarized accomplishments of the regional library since the beginning of state aid in July 1941, which included:

Completion of organization of region—board completed, regular meetings of the board, by-laws adopted, regional board incorporated and treasurer bonded in accordance with the state law; service to T.V.A. employees; assistance during 1942-44 in organization for regional service in Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties, increase of book stock; increase in points of service, stations, branches; stimulation to school libraries; active participation by 9 of the 10 regional board members; increase in appropriations from Clay county, Murphy, and Andrews.

In her recommendations for the board, Miss Parks included: More local support, more state support, more books per capita, more trained librarians in the region, and definite coordination of library activities with those of community agencies and needs.

## Reeses Bound Over To Court

At a trial before Mayor W. M. Fain Wednesday morning, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Reese were bound over to court under \$200 bond each. Mrs. Reese charged with assault with a deadly weapon and Mr. Reese charged with assault as the result of an affray at the Smoky Mountain Bus station Tuesday night.



**TAKES NEW POSITION**—Miss Dora Ruth Parks, who will leave Friday of this week for Morgantown, West Va., where she will become director of the West Virginia Library commission. She has been librarian of the Nantahala Regional library here for the past three and a half years. Besides directing a progressive library program for this area she has been a civic leader. She has served as production chairman of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross; chairman of the local women's division of the fifth and sixth war loans, is on committees for extension division and county and regional section of the American library association and North Carolina representative of the Southeastern library association.

Until her successor is secured, Miss Julius Amis of the North Carolina Library commission will take over Miss Parks' work here.

## Andrews Red Cross Quota Is \$2400

**ANDREWS**—Wade A. Reece, local Red Cross chairman, attended the District Red Cross meeting held in Hendersonville on Tuesday, January 23. He reports our quota for the coming drive to be \$2,400.00.

## HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Pfc. Wayne C. Roberson has arrived home from overseas and is spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberson. He has served overseas 18 months and was awarded the good conduct medal. Before entering the army he was employed with the TVA.

## Bills Affecting Fishing In This Area Introduced

Assuming that the labors of the present General Assembly and the compensation thereof will terminate simultaneously—an assumption which is not supported by the history of General Assemblies of the past and which may not be relied upon with too much confidence this session—the present Assembly stands at approximately half-way mark with respect to its allotted span of life, but to date has turned out only a third (very rough approximation) of its work. There are some significant but intangible signs that there will be a rather definite effort to bring about an adjournment sine die at the end of, or as soon as possible after, the sixty-day period. This means that from now on the Legislature will move at an accelerated pace, and that the next thirty days will see the enactment of those changes in the law under which we will live for the next biennium, at least, and perhaps for the next generation.

Among the bills introduced during the past week were clever separate but related bills which would make extensive revisions in insurance laws. These bills are the tangible results of the work of the Commission on Revision of the Insurance Laws of North Carolina which was appointed by Governor Broughton last August, some sixty days after the Supreme Court of the United States had handed down two decisions of potentially far-reaching effect. The first decision held that the business of insurance is commerce, and that when it is con-

ducted across state lines it is subject to the provisions of the Federal anti-trust laws—a reversal of decisions over the past seventy-five years. The second decision held that a fraternal benefit society which was operating in number of states, the District of Columbia and Canada, was subject to the National Labor Relations Act. These decisions confronted insurance interests with the prospect of federal supervision and regulation—a prospect which for some reason is not too pleasing to the larger business interests. The only alternative appeared to be effective state regulation; and so the Commission appointed by Governor Broughton, composed of representatives of the insurance companies, the public, and State officials, put in several months of intensive work in reviewing the insurance laws of this and other states and of revising, drafting and intergrating our laws on the subject. The resulting eleven bills are admittedly short of the complete new insurance code needed, but if enacted they will bring about a very substantial improvement, will provide a number of important safeguards and benefits to the public and, it is hoped by the sponsors, will go far toward heading off federal intervention.

The insurance bills are not recommended for light reading. They are rather lengthy and, as might be expected of legislation dealing with such a subject, make considerable use of technical language. Taken as a whole the new laws should result in substantial

reductions in insurance rates, particularly for fire and similar types of insurance. Space will not permit even a summary of the bills to be given types of insurance. Space will not permit even a summary of the bills to be given here, but the following are the purposes or subjects covered, general regulations fire insurance; regulation of agents; life insurance; fire insurance rating bureau and the regulation of casualty and miscellaneous insurance rates; workmen's compensation and automobile liability insurance rates; embezzlement by insurance agents; department of insurance; foreign and alien insurance companies; accident and health insurance; and organization and regulation of insurance companies (a 58-page bill).

The Senate this week passed and sent to the House three public bills dealing with the subject of libraries. In line with a trend toward joint county-city enterprises, SB 53 authorizes counties and cities to combine for the purpose of providing library facilities for their citizens. SB 54 was described by one of the senators as "streamlining" library elections. It permits a new registration for a library vote if held at a special election and allows the petition for such an election to be filed by 10 percent of the total votes cast for gubernatorial candidates at the last general election. SB 55 was explained by the Senator who introduced it as giving communities an opportunity to embark upon library services in a

## \$50,000 Fire Occurs Wednesday Morning

### Frank Forsyth Library Chairman

At a special meeting of the trustees, February 1, the wives and husbands of the members were invited. This meeting was called due to the leaving of the chairman, H. A. Mattox, for the army, February 12 and Miss Dora Ruth Parks, regional librarian, who leaves February 9 for a position as director of the commission in West Virginia. A gift was presented to each of them by the board in appreciation of their service. At this meeting Frank Forsyth was elected chairman to fill Mr. Mattox's place. A bond of \$18.75 was given by a friend to the library to purchase an easy chair in memory of M. W. Bell.

### State College Alumni Hear Dr. J. R. Ludington

Dr. John R. Ludington, of the industrial arts department of State College, was principal speaker at a meeting of the Tri-County States College Alumni Association held at the Henry House Wednesday evening of last week. H. Bueck, president, presided over the meeting.

The speaker stated that North Carolina has been a raw materials producing state in the past and it is time for the state to manufacture its own raw materials instead of shipping them away and buying them back. He emphasized the need for practical education in the schools of the state, stating that pupils should be taught to think, to work with other people, and to meet the everyday problems they face.

Bob Schoffner of State College was also a visitor at the meeting, which was attended by the following from Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties: A. Q. Ketter, R. S. Bault, H. S. Webster, Dor Allison, H. Bueck, and Addie Mae Cooke, Murphy; Georg Bistrup, and H. B. Estes, Brasstown; W. F. Elzey, D. W. Bennett, and Roy Stalcup, Robbinsville.

### Lloyd Crisp Is Killed In Action

Lloyd Crisp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crisp of Tuskegee, was killed in Germany on January 15, his parents have been informed by the War department. His wife, Mrs. Etta Lindsey Crisp, resides at Robbinsville.

### Mark Phillips Is German Prisoner

**ANDREWS**—Mr. and Mrs. Pitt Phillips received a letter January 22, from their son, S/Sgt. Mark Phillips, who is a German prisoner. The letter was written from a German hospital for the wounded, on October 17, the day following his capture. S/Sgt. writes that the plane he was in exploded in mid-air but he was thrown clear of the wreckage.

## Cherokee Polio Drive Successful

Final figures in the Infantile paralysis drive give Cherokee county a total of \$2,180.35 which more than doubles the quota of \$964. Dr. W. A. Hoover, county chairman, announces.

Of this amount, \$262.30 was raised at Hiwassee Dam; and \$596.45 at Andrews, including the theater.

The two theatres in Murphy and the Henn theatre at Andrews con-

tributed \$455.18, which is 46.9 percent of the quota. Marble school contributed \$18.66; Peachtree, \$11.25; John C. Campbell Folk school, \$16.00; Murphy schools, \$110.33; Texana, \$7.55.

The Business Woman's circle of First Baptist church contributed \$10. The amount collected in Murphy, including schools, theatres, coin boxes and dance totals \$1,268.11.

Although the fire had gained considerable headway before the fire department could start to work, the firemen were able to confine it to the Murphy Supply store, preventing adjoining buildings from catching. The grocery department of Murphy Supply was not badly damaged.

Mr. Frankum was burned slightly on his right shoulder as the family were leaving the building. Reese was asleep and the Frankums awoke him, they said.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankum are employed at the Hitchcock Corp. talc mine. They estimated their loss to be approximately \$2,000. Mr. Reese's loss was heavy and it was partially covered by insurance.

### Baptist Hour Speaker Sunday

James L. Kraft, Baptist layman of Chicago, will be the Baptist hour speaker for next Sunday morning, February 11th, as announced by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, S. F. Lowe, Director, Atlanta, Georgia.

For a dozen years, Mr. Kraft has been a well known and popular speaker for layman's meetings throughout the South, according to Mr. Lowe, having appeared also on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South, according to Lawson H. Cooke, Secretary of Memphis, Tennessee, is leading a movement to have one million men at their radios to hear Mr. Kraft; and, Mr. Lowe of the Radio Committee says that indications are the Brotherhood will be successful in this movement.

Fan mail received, as announced by the Radio Committee, indicates that the Baptist Hour audience is the largest this year in the history of the Baptist Hour.

The program can be heard in this state over radio stations: WBIG, Greensboro; WPTF, Raleigh; WSJS, Winston-Salem, and WWNC, Asheville at 8:30 A. M. EWT.

Mrs. W. G. Dickey returned to her home in Knoxville Monday after a week's visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Griffiths at Hotel Regal.

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