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Town Requires Permit For All Building

Murphy town councilmen, in regular business session Monday night, put teeth into the law that permits must be secured for all building, remodeling and repairing in the city limits by appointing a building inspector and instructing him to see that the law is observed; elected a policeman; discussed fighting and other distasteful occurrences at the local bus station; made provision for soon obtaining the fire truck purchased in the fall for delivery in January; voted to support a rat-eradication campaign, and transacted other business of importance to the citizenship.

H. G. Elkins was appointed temporary building inspector until a full-time fire chief is employed. He is publishing the law as it applies to Murphy in this week's issue of the paper. He also was appointed electrical inspector.

Vaughan Rieks was appointed night policeman. Chief of Police Frank Crawford, who left Monday for the army, was granted a leave of absence. Ezra Price is on duty as day policeman.

As an outgrowth of the Reece hearing before Mayor W. M. Fain last week, resulting from a fight at Smoky Mountain bus station, and reports of other disorder at the station, a lengthy discussion on demanding a more orderly place was engaged in.

Peter Pirsch and Sons Co. of Atlanta, from whom the town purchased a fire truck September 26, for delivery within 90 days, had written Mayor Fain to ascertain whether the town were willing to accept a Chevrolet chassis instead of a Ford and a single phase instead of a double-phase pump, in order to get earlier delivery. The council voted to accept the changes, with other features of the contract being strictly adhered to, if delivery can be made at an early date. Fire Chief Loren Davis announced that two masks and some new wrenches for the fire department had been ordered. It also was announced that some long ladders, adequate to reach the top of any building in Murphy, are to be purchased.

Clerk E. L. Shields was appointed secretary and treasurer of the firemen's relief fund, and it was ordered that all funds belonging to this department be placed together and deposited in the bank in the name of the Firemen's Relief.

Loren Davis presented a plan for a rat-killing and eradication campaign and asked the town to help sponsor it. The sum of \$75 was appropriated for this cause. Details of the plan will be announced later.

A general discussion on eliminating fire hazards in town was held, and fireproofing roofs, cleaning of second floors and all premises, fire extinguishers and fire escapes were discussed.

H. E. Bishop was appointed as a member of the Murphy Carnegie Library board, to succeed H. A. Mattox, who has left for the army.

The question as to who is to receive witness fees for city officers arose, and the state law that such fees revert to the town when policemen are on salaries was recalled.

Fontana Teams Play Here Friday

The Murphy basketball teams will meet the Fontana Dam high school teams on the local court this Friday night at 7 o'clock. Some mighty fine basketball is in store for you. Your continued support is asked.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Pictures of D-Day, invasion of Europe, will be shown at the evening service at Free Methodist church Sunday, announces the Rev. L. E. Latham, pastor, who will preach on the subject, "May We Expect World War III in our generation in the light of the Bible Prophecy?"

Services will be held at 11:00 o'clock a. m., and Young Peoples' meeting will be at 7 o'clock p. m.



WINS BADGE—Cpl. Woodrow Miller, who has been awarded the Infantryman's combat badge. His division is now with the First Army in Germany. Corporal Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller of Murphy, Route 2, and the husband of Mrs. Blanche Thompson Miller of Murphy. He entered service in August 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C. In November 1942 he was assigned to the 78th "Lightning" division which was stationed at Camp Butler and later at Camp Pickett, Va.

Recuperating In Thomasville, Ga.

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—Corporal Frank V. Taylor of Charlotte, N. C., is receiving treatment at Pinney General hospital for illness contracted overseas. He is the son of Dr. F. V. Taylor of Murphy, N. C., and Dr. Lois E. Taylor of Charlotte, N. C.

He entered the service Feb. 19, 1943 at Camp Croft, S. S., and from there served at Kessler Field, Miss., Fort Jackson, S. C., Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and Fort McDowell, Calif., before going overseas in November of 1943. He served with the air corps in Tarawa and Guam.

Cpl. Taylor was graduated from Central high school, Charlotte, N. C., and attended the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N. C. His wife, the former Miss Eleanor Jane Boorz, resides at 1821 Sunnyside avenue, Charlotte, N. C.

Clay FSA Families Have Annual Meet

The Clay county annual check-up meeting of tenants who are purchasing farms through the Farm Security Administration was held in the Hayesville FSA office February 10. The Farm Security Administration personnel of the Cherokee-Clay unit, the local county committee and farmers who are purchasing farms through the Farm Security Administration attended.

Special charts were prepared showing itemized statements of each individual farmer's income, farm-home operating expenses and repayment schedules. These charts were made up from the record books kept by the farmers.

The meeting was informal, giving farmers opportunity to compare results of their 1944 cash income and expenses accounts with their neighbors' and an opportunity to discuss ways and means of increasing in 1945 their net cash income by producing more of the food and feed they have been buying, the growing of additional crops increased production per acre the use of better seeds, more fertilizer and proper cultivation.

All enjoyed a social hour at noon, at which time the women prepared and served lunch.

At present there are 110 families in Clay taking advantage of opportunities afforded them by the FSA during 1944. The homemakers not only help produce the food but made a

Centennial Is Discussed At Executive Meet

An executive committee meeting and workers' conference of the Western Carolina Baptist association was held at Marble Baptist church Sunday afternoon, the Rev. R. Lane Akins, associational worker, presiding. The theme was "Pushing the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade in the Association." Among other objectives, plans were made to cooperate in the simultaneous associational Southwide Sunday School Day in March, in an effort to rally the Sunday school forces to meet the challenge of the centennial year. A program of the meeting will be sent to each of the churches.

Other plans were adopted for promoting the Lord's Acre Project in the association and for holding a vacation Bible school workers' training course in Murphy First Baptist church in April. Each church will be invited to send workers for a five-nights' session in Bible school instruction taught by Mr. Akins. The aim is a Bible school in every church this summer.

A discussion of the proposed associational School of Missions to be held in July was also given.

Murphy N.C.E.A. Unit To Meet

The Murphy unit of the North Carolina Education Association will meet Tuesday evening, February 20, at 7:30 o'clock in the home economics building. The program will be under the direction of the public relations committee.

E. S. Christenbury of Andrews, T.V.A. education officer, will show moving pictures of the "School of Today."

All patrons of the school and the public are invited to attend.

EASTERN STAR MEETS

The Murphy chapter of the Order of Eastern Star held a social meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Jack Taylor on Rector St. Refreshments were served to the 15 members present.

RECUPERATING

AKRON, O.—Onabee Johnson Hickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson of Hiwassee Dam, is recuperating at her home after a major operation at the City hospital in Akron, Ohio.



SERVING IN THE PHILIPPINES.—Pvt. Frank W. Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gilbert of Murphy and husband of Mrs. Johnnie Keener Gilbert of Newport News, Va., is now serving some place in the Philippines. Private Gilbert entered service in August 1944. He received his training at Camp Gordon, Johnston, Fla. He is a graduate of Almond high school.

Lions Hear Reece On Boy Scout Campaign

Boy Scout week was featured at the meeting of Murphy Lions Club in the Methodist church Tuesday evening. Wade Reece of Andrews, district scout finance officer, spoke briefly on the present campaign to raise \$1250 for Boy Scout work in this district. He stated that Murphy's quota is \$380. P. G. Ivie, Murphy chairman, assigned lists of names for the Lions to contact.

Dr. B. W. Whitfield was welcomed into the club as a new member and was presented Lions button by J. B. Gray.

"Seven Keys to Red Cross Contributions," a motion picture, was shown by H. Bueck for instruction to solicitors for the 1945 Red Cross war fund, which starts on March 1. The Cherokee chapter's quota is \$5,900, and Harry Bishop is war fund chairman.

Rev. Ralph Taylor spoke on "Lionism," stating that the word Lion stands for courage, strength, activity and daring and that these principles will be exemplified in the life of every man who is a true Lion.

Doyle Burch, who has been first vice-president since election of officers last July, has stepped up to president, succeeding H. A. Mattox, who has gone to the army. He presided over this meeting.

The following guests were presented by their hosts: W. A. Reece by Frank Forsyth; Oscar Derberry of Nashville by Dr. J. R. Bell; M. V. Biles of Charlotte by Loren Davis; and Dr. W. W. Glazier of Hendersonville by A. Q. Ketner.

Year's Red Cross Committee Heads Are Appointed

Committee chairmen for the year's work of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross recently appointed by the chapter chairman, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, are as follows:

War fund, Harry Bishop; first aid, Miss Addie Leatherwood; home service, Mrs. H. G. Elkins; home service secretary, Mrs. Robert S. Bault; disaster, H. Bueck; production, Mrs. Dale Lee; sewing, Mrs. Bessie Dewese; surgical dressings, Mrs. J. H. Wilson; knit bags, Mrs. R. W. Easley, Jr.; knitting, Mrs. Lee, assisted by Miss Josephine Heighway and Mrs. Harry Bishop; home nursing, Miss Elba Sneed; nutrition, Miss Mary Cornwell; camp and hospital council, Mrs. W. M. Axley; and Junior Red Cross, Mrs. H. Bueck.

ELECTED ELDER

Edward H. Brumby was elected an elder in the Presbyterian church here at a congregational meeting held last Sunday by the Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of Asheville Presbytery.

Miss Scroggs Has Fractured Skull Result Falling From Pick-up

Miss Wanda Scroggs, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Scroggs of Brasstown, is in a critical condition at Murphy General hospital as a result of falling out of a pick-up truck Tuesday night about 10 o'clock, near the home of Scott Laney on the Hayesville highway. According to Dr. B. W. Whitfield, who is treating her, Miss Scroggs has a fractured skull and up to Wednesday afternoon had been conscious only a few minutes since entering the hospital Tuesday night.

Cecil Taylor of Martin's Creek, driver of the truck from which Miss Scroggs fell or was pushed out, is being held in jail without bond. He once stated that she fell from the truck, according to Policeman Ezra Price, but later decided not to talk. Taylor brought the girl to Murphy and entered her in the hospital.

62 Men Leave For Military Service



WIRT D. RAGSDALE, Jr.

W. D. Ragsdale, Jr. Receives Wings At Texas Base

Hondo Air Field, Hondo, Texas. —One of the largest classes in the history of this AAF training command airbase won navigator's wings and AAF commissions last week during impressive graduation ceremonies at the Hondo AAF post theater. Among the graduates is 2nd Lt. Wirt D. Ragsdale, Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ragsdale, of Murphy.

1st Lt. Daniel G. Miller of Chicago, Ill., veteran combat navigator recently returned from the Mediterranean theater of operations, was principal graduation speaker. He was introduced by the post commander, Col. Charles H. Dowman.

The navigation school's graduates, representing almost every state in the Union have just completed 16 weeks of strenuous air and ground training at Hondo Field, first U. S. airbase built exclusively for training navigators.

The new graduates received commissions as either flight officers or second lieutenants. They now await assignment.

Sixty-two men left Murphy Monday morning by bus for Fort Bragg for induction into the armed services. Frank Crawford was leader of the group. Others leaving were:

Julius R. McClure, Ray W. Barton, Neil W. Hughes, Edgar R. Johnson, Walter W. Radford, Willex A. Jones, Harvie E. Hamilton, James T. Hughes, Grant T. Siles, William C. Hogan, Henry L. Carver, D. L. Swanson, William C. Allison, Whitt G. Barton, Hosea A. Mattox, Hubert J. Barnett, Weldon E. Davis, Howard Killian, John J. Swan, Grover White, Herman K. Brauer, Roscoe Lamb, Frank B. McDonald, Herbert M. Collett, William Arnold Derberry, Clyde B. Cornwell, Andy C. Stiles, James E. Barnett, Ab Gentry, Fred M. Sneed, Cecil W. Verner, Frank H. Byers, Ernest W. Reighard, Sam G. Rose, Ralph L. Lovingsood, Boyd N. Martin, Arthur W. Jones, Odies White, James C. Rice, John C. Mulkey, Ralph R. Wilcox, Claude H. Hurt, Jess C. Betts, Joe W. Brannon, Joe Frank Sales, Will L. Handy, Charles W. Crawford, Kenneth L. Wheeler, Gerald C. Parker, Boyce V. Stiles, Randall W. Mundy, Herman R. Pace, Bronce H. Patterson, Charles F. Bates, Jr., Enloe N. Carpenter, Luther B. Roberts, Harold Brown, Thomas Willard Crowder, Robert C. Marcus, Willard L. Burgess and Albert Russell Loudermilk.

Red Cross Workers To Meet Feb. 26

Harry Bishop, chairman of the 1945 Red Cross war fund, announces that committees for the drive are practically complete. Chairman and committees for the rural section, for Murphy and the special gifts have been named. A workers' dinner meeting will be held at the home economics building in Murphy on February 26 at 6:30 p. m., when materials will be distributed and a special program will be presented.

Committees were not completed in time for this week's paper. They will be announced this week.

Penland Introduces Bill For Election On Sale Wine, Beer

At the end of the fifth full week of the session, the 1945 General Assembly was still running considerably behind the record of the 1943 body with respect to the number of bills introduced.

SB 147 concerning this area was introduced by Penland, February 7.

"To authorize an election in Graham, Macon, Swain, Cherokee, and Clay Counties on whether wine and beer may be sold in said counties." (Would direct the county board of elections of any of the counties named, on request of the board of commissioners or upon petition signed by qualified voters constituting at least 15 per cent of the total vote cast in the last election for governor, to hold an election as to the sale of wine and beer in that county. If vote adverse to the sale of wine and beer, the laws permitting the sale of wine and beer shall become inapplicable to that county 60 days after the vote is canvassed. 20 days' notice of the opening of the election books to be given, but a new registration not required. The election not to be held at or within 60 days of any biennial election for county officers.)

Major Frank J. Justice, husband of Mrs. Kathryn Miller Justice, of Murphy, has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, according to announcement by the public relations section of the European theater of operations, United States army. He is serving in the medical corps.

Cooperative Meeting At Folk School

The Mountain Valley Cooperative held its annual meeting at the Folk school Saturday night. Wayne Holland, the manager, presented the financial statement which showed a great gain in business and that the organization is in better financial standing than ever before in its history of seventeen years. During the past year the cooperative paid to the farmers for produce approximately \$175,000. Discussion centered on plans for the coming year and problems raised by the war and probable war conditions. George O'Neill and Herman Estes were elected to the board of directors, to replace outgoing members, and W. J. Martin was re-elected.

Among invited guests were John Barr, administrator of T.V.A., and Mr. Neale, auditor of that organization. Mr. Barr gave a talk in which he analyzed the progress of cooperatives in this section and discussed conditions likely to arise at the end of the war.

Mrs. John C. Campbell spoke for the board of directors. In brief, she pointed out the power of united effort with a definite objective, as shown by armies, and the union of different national armies.