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# Murphy's New Fire Truck Is Delivered

ordered by the Town of Murphy in September, arrived Monday, A representative of the company was here Wednesday to demonstrate the use of the truck and instruct the local firemen on running the pumper. The equipment is mounted on

E Chevrolet chassis and has a single stage 500-gallon-a-minute pumper. The city has bought a thousand feet of new hose, which increases the amount owned by the city to approximately two thousand feet. Two ladders, a roof ladder and an extension ladder, came with the truck, and the city is buying a 42-foot aluminum ladder which has not yet arrived.

A representative of the South eastern Underwriters is expected here soon to inspect and test the truck to determine if it meets the Underwriters requirements. If the truck meets the Underwriters specifications and a full time fireman is employed by the city, the fire insurance rates in Murphy will be reduced considerably.

# W.N.C. Baptist **Association** To **Meet On Sunday**

The Western North Carolina Baptist association will hold a conference at Marble Baptist church Sunday, March 4, at 2 c'clock, for the purpose of discussing and stressing the Centennial Crusade of the Southern Baptist convention.

Rev. Paul Lovingood, moderator of the association, wi? preside. Pastors, associational officers and teachers, and all other church workers are expected to attend. Rev. Dumont Clark of the Farmers Federation will be at the Cook Sunday afternoon about 3:30 meeting to speak on the value of the Lord's Acre to the country church.

this meeting for the school of number of clothes, linens, blankmissions to be held in the asso- ets, and a bedroom suite were ciation during the summer. Foreign missionaries will speak during the period.

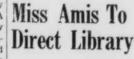
and training schools will be dis- Miss Grace McClure was asleep in the living room.

Christenbury Heads

ANDREWS-At a recent meet- | by this time most of the mem-

of the town and community of ent, an election of officers was

**Recreation** Group



The North Carolina Library Commission has loaned the Nantahala Regional Library the services of Miss Julius Amis, supervisor of rural libraries. Miss Amis arrived Monday. She will remain with the library until a new librarian is employed.

During the time Miss Amis is serving in the region she states that she is looking forward to seeing the progress the library program has made over a period of years.

West Liberty **Pastors To** Meet March 12

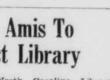
The West Liberty pastors' conference will be held at Hopewell Baptist church on March 12, announces the Rev. Freed Townsend. The program will open at 9:30 a m. with a devotional by Rev. Everett Nichols, Reports will be heard, following which a song period will be held. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. John Stansbury.

Following lunch, Rev. P. H. Chastain will preach on "Baptists' Greatest Need". Rev. W. A. Hedden will preache on "The Mission of the Church"; and Rev. Fred Stiles on "A Pastor's Need" Rev. P. H. Hooker is alternate.

### **Fire Damages** Edwin Cook Home

Fire which did approrximately \$600 damage occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin o'clock. It was discovered that the fire started in a wardrobe in a back bedroom, but it was not Final plans will be made at known what started it. A large

destroyed. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Sallie Queen only a few minutes At this meeting, enlargement after the Cooks left the house to campaigns, vacation Bible schools, visit Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cook.



MISSING IN ACTION -- Mr and Mrs. Lee Sneed have been notified by the war department that their son, Pfc. Henry Sneed, above, has been missing in action in France since January 9. Pfc

Sneed entered service in April 1942. He received training in the Panama Canal Zone for 22 months and at Camp Gruber. Oklahoma, for six months. From Camp Gruber he was sent over

> **Woods Workers** Asked To Bost **Chestnut** Timber **Output Here**

> > Farmers and woods workers of Cherokee, Graham and Clay counties are being asked to go into the woods with their axes and saws and produce chestnut extract wood so our fighting men will not run low on shoes. Lack of woods workers produc-

ing acidwood is proving a serious bottleneck in the output of extract plants, tanneries and shoe factories, the U.S. Forest Service points out in an appeal for woods labor

The Forrest service and tanners declare that chestnut extract wood is absolutely essential in making leather for shoe soles and the decrease in acidwood receipts at the extract plants seriously threatens leather production.

Woodsmen say that the old chestnut trees, standing like silent ghosts on the mountains can't stand for many more years. Killed by a devastating blight in the 1920's, the trees are decaying in the center. Probably in 10 years most of them will be gone. They may have little or no commercial value in five to seven more years.

Today, these old trees can be salvaged. They can help make leather for the shoes of men who will some day defeat Japan whence came the chestnut blight. Shortage of woods labor keeps many of the old chestnut trees

from joining the fight against Japan and Germany. The woods ing of the Recreation Committee bers of the committee were pres- labor deficit in the production of vegetable tannin is emphasized in Andrews the meeting was called held. Those elected were: E. S. some extract plants that period- L. Martin.

#### **Meet To Form** Organization

MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1945

Approximately 50 business and professional men and women, interested in the progress of Murphy and Cherokee county, will attend a dinner meeting at Hotel Regal tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock to discuss plans for forming an organization to further the interests of this section.

### Stockholders **Of Farmrers** Federation Hold Meeting

James G. K. McClure, president

of Farmers Federation, was speak er at the meeting of stockhold ers of the Farmers Federation in Murphy Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He stated that the Murphy warehouse did a business of \$91,000 last year, the best year the store has had yet, and the Federation as a whole did a business of \$3,674,801.08, more than in any other year in its history. Mr. McClure told how the Federation fostered a burley tobacco market in Asheville, starting 15 years ago, and that it now ranks first place in the burley tobacco markets in America. He also spoke of his desire to see Cherokee county farmers make money with their poultry business

J. H. Hampton was elected a member of the general Federation from the Cherokee-Clay-Graham district, W. A. Adams already is a member of this committeee. The following local committee men were reelected :: W. A. Adams, chairman; Clyde McNabb, Murphy; U. S. G. Phillips, Unaka: John Tatham, Andre I. B. B. Palmer, Marble; J. H. Hampton, Murphy; Ernest Burnett, Murphy; Mrs. John Shields, Culberson; C. L. Smith, Hayesville; C. G. Reese, Warne; B. N. H7de. Robbinsville; and R. O. Sherrill, Robbinsville.

Clarence Hendrix of Peachtree was elected a member of the committee to success the late Don Witherspoon; and H. B. McNabb

of Suit was added as a member of the committee.

Max Roberts, educational director, offered prayer at the opening of the meeting, which was attended by 42 people besides the employes of the store. Bob Brown editor of Farmers News, and Professor S. C. Clapp of the Asheville office made a few remarks Rogerr Ammons, manager of the local store and warehouse, and Relations Committee, a deacon his co-workers, J. A. Hampton. Wade Ashe, and Jewel Spivey, wer introduced.

Twenty-five baby chicks were | firm grip on the Christian veripresented to Fred Payne, son of ties as they apply to world affairs Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Payne; and as well as to personal living, and Mrs. Carl Thomas, Culberson; 15 is eminently qualified to speak to J. L. Hall; and 10 to Dewey on the subject, "The Foundations Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. of Freedom."



NOW IN NAVY UNIFORM.-Frank Crawford, former chief of police of Town of Murphy, who Bryson. is now taking his boot training at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland.

Kit Bags To Be **Made In Homes** 

Mrs. R. W. Easley, Jr., Red Cross kit bag chairman, announces that the kit bags which a group of women cut last week will be made in individual homes instead of in a joint meeting at the school. Mrs. Easley will deliver a bundle of 10 bags to any one interested in making them. She asks the cooperation of the women of this section in getting this work done.



BAPTIST HOUR SPEAKER. States Senator from Georgia, will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour next Sunday morning March 4th, according to S. F. Lowe, director of the Radio Committee, SBC, Atlanta, Georgia.

United States Senate for twenty years, chairman of the Foreign in the First Baptist Church of Vienna, Georgia, and a Christian scholar of the first order, has a

a top radio speaker

ruary 10th is 6,254.

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# Mad Dogs Are **Becoming Menace**

Three people were bitten by a mad dog at Marble on February 21, according to Dr. M. P. Whichard, health officer, who is treat-

Sisum, Junior Sisum, and Billy Dr. Whichard states that 20

people bitten by dogs with hydrophobia have been treacted in this newspaper, unless otherwise desig district during the past fiscal nated. year. They are distributed as follows: Topton 5, Marble 3, Shooting Creek 4, Andrews 2, Nanta hala 3, and Murphy 3. He says that the situation is a serious matter and unless something is

done to prevent rabies it will spread to other domestic animals and wild animals, causing a great deal of trouble.

Everyone is urged to have his dog vaccinated.

### Series Services **Starts Sunday**

Special revival services will begin Sunday at Free Methodist church, Dr. C. F. Johnston of Atlanta will preach at 11 a.m. Services will be each evening at 7:30. Dr. Johnston comes to Murphy with wide experience as a minister, having served for a number of years as pastor, district superintendent and coast-to-coast evangelist with marked success. The church invites the public to attend the services.

## Mrs. Fisher Is Shop Manager

City Beauty Shop has reopened. and is located now next to Johnson's market. Mrs. Margaret Cross work. Fisher is manager of the shop, Hon, Walter F. George, United which is owned by L. M. Shields.

With approximately \$1,200 already in hand from initial gifts collected during the past few days, the 1945 War Fund of the Cherokee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is off to a good start. Special Gifts Chairman Frank Forsyth has set a goal of \$3,000 from the initial gifts, the minimum of which is \$25 ing them. They are Mrs. Lola each. Many are giving larger amounts. When the special gifts committees complete their work. a list of everyone giving \$25 or more will be published in this

**KEEP FAITH** 

with us-

War Fund Chairman Harry E. Bishop presided over a workers' meeting held at the home economics building in Murphy Monday evening and gave instructions on the campaign which starts today (Thursday), in the residential and general business districts.

A Red Cross erected on the public square, built| by R. S. Bault, contains a thermometer, on on which the progress of the campaign from day to day will be indicated. C. E. Weir has distrirbuted posters and other advertising materials to many public places in Murphy and elsewhere in the county, and many merchants and business people are using advertising in the Scout to publicize the drive.

At the dinner meeting Monday, approximately 60 workers were present. Receiving their materials and instructions from Mr Bishop, they then saw three Red Cross pictures, "At His Side", "A Red Cross in Every Window", and "Seven Keys to Red Cross Con-tributions", shown by H. Steck.

It was announced that Loren C. Davis, one of the special gifts committeemen, had received for the Red Crross, a \$100 bill annoymously, with a note attached saying that it was in honor of the person's boys in the service and in apprciation of the Red

The dinner was served by Mrs (Continued on page four)

# McClure Is Speaker Mr. Lowe stated that Senator George, an honored leader in the At Lions Meeting

James G. K. McClure of Ashe-| ville. He said that he would like to see Cherokee county grow a ville, president of Farmers Fedmillion dollars worth of tobacco eration, guest of Roger Ammons. in this area. was the principal speaker at the

In addition to encouraging the meeting of Murphy Lions club growing of tobacco, Mr. McClure Tuesday evening, using as his subject, "Creation of Wealth in emphasized the necessity for in-North | Carolina". He creased poultry and egg production, declaring that the outlook stressed the importance of burley tobacco growing in Western is that good money will be realiz-North Carolina, describing how a ed from these two products this urged courage the establishments of small industries in this county. giving employment to the large far mfamilies who live here. His address ended with comment on the development of the spiritual side of life and explaining the Lord's Acre movement.



TEN PAGES THIS WEEK

to order by Acting Chairman E. S. Christenbury, chairman; Boyd B. ically are forced to shut down Christenbury, and as background Robinson, vice-chairman; Mrs. for lack of wood and by other information, the suggestions of Zeb Conley, secretary; and John plants that are running below Harold D. Meyer, executive direc- Stanley, treasurer; inventory capacity. tor of the State recreation association, regarding "What Should Mrs. Hermann Brauer, Mrs. John Constitute a Real Recreation Stanley. This committee will de-Program" was read and discussed. velop a talent inventory chart The following activities of the and plan the procedure for the committee were suggested and inventory. Resource inventory discussed as steps that should be committee: Mrs. Starr Pullium, taken in beginning the recreation Zeb L. Whitaker, Edwin Loprogram; (1) The making of a baugh. It was proposed that talent inventory of the town and this committee determine apcommunity for the purpose of proximately how much money (a) discovering good leaders in will be necessary to carry on a the various fields of recreation, recreational program during the (b) finding out the people that three summer months. To make would be participating in the various fields of recreation. (2) The making of resource inven- for a recreation program. Plan a tories of the town and community as to inside facilities for recreation, such as, buildings and equipment, and outside facilities for recreation such as tennis Mrs. Starr Pullium, Mrs. Herman courts, vacant lots for tennis Brauer, courts, volley ball, shuffle board, etc. Also the availability of materials for building playground equipment, and source of funds. The possibility of securing TVA's Recreation Director to direct and institute for the training of recreation leaders for the town and community.

Officers Are Elected

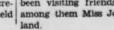
Following the discussion, since sometime in March.

an inventory of the possible sources of funds and facilities program for raising the funds to operate the recreation program. Arts and Crafts Committee is composed of Mrs. Edwin Bristol, It is understood that the Sou thern Highlanders Guild plans to

located at Andrews.

committee; Miss Vivian Moore.

HOME ON ITALY-Cpl. Hillocate an Arts and Crafts center llard Rogers, who is spending a somewhere in Western North 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. Carolina, It was proposed that and Mrs. Will Rogers of Robbinsthe above committee check on the ville. He spent 27 months in Afpossibilities of getting this center rica and Italy. Cpl. Rogers en- mary trainer plane, \$15,000. tered service April 1942. He has The next meeting of the Recrebeen visiting friends in Murphy,



#### UNDER \$300 BOND

Ernest Bowers of Marble was bound over to Superior court under bond of \$300 in Mayor's court Monday morning on a charge of larceny of \$45.51 from Smoky Mountain Bus station.

#### TO PREACH HERE

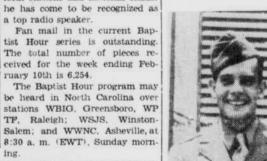
The Rev. Ottis J. Haigler, chapstations WBIG, Greensboro, WP lain at Oteen hospital, at Oteen, TF, Raleigh; WSJS, Winstonwill preach at both the morning Salem; and WWNC, Asheville, at and evening services at First Bap- 8:30 a. m. (EWT), Sunday morntist church Sunday. ing.

# Schools In This Area Buy Ambulances, Planes and Jeep With War Bond Sales

The schools of Cherokee county | \$50,000; medium tank, light, \$34, eported total fail sales War 500; field ambulance, \$1,950. Bonds in the amount of \$16,431.90 as result of their fall schools-at- cluding the Murphy unit, had a recovering in an English hospital field, with \$57.50. war program, and the schools total of \$104.532.65, and have al- where he was taken after being purchased and had named for ways had a very active part in the wounded in action November 27 Peachtree, field ambulance, gram sponsored by the War Mrs. W. L. Penland, of Murphy, \$1,950; Hiwassee Dam, army pri- Finance Committee.

The schools of Murphy, as a

market has been built up in Ashewide experience in speaking over local stations and national chains



Western

RECOVERING IN ENGLAND -

Cherokee County schools, in- Pvt. Hugh Penland, who is now important Schools-at-War pro- in Germany. His parents, Mr. and have received his Purple Heart

Graham County schools as a award. Hugh entered service in of Farmers Federation News; Max unit did not report total of fall May 1944 and received his basic combined unit, sold \$88,100.75 sales. However, individual cam- training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., ation Committee will be held among them Miss Josephine Pen- and purchased and had named paign as follows was sponsored: and was then transferred to Ft. C. Clapp of the Farmers Federafor them: Army pursuit plane, Fontana school, 1 jeep, \$1,165. Meade, Maryland,

Mr. McClure was presented by R. S. Bault, program chairman.

W. F. Forsyth announced that on March 12 a group of directors of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce will visit Murphy on a tour of inspection of the possibilities for this area. J. B. Gray, R. S. Bault, and C. E. Weir were appointed by President Doyle Burch to make arrangements for entertainment of this delegation while in Murphy.

F. G. Ivie announced that \$93.50 had been raised for the Boy Scout fund, and the town's quota was \$380. The high man in securing contributions was Dr. B. W. Whit-

Guests at this meeting included: John B. Bennett of Asheville. field representative of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission; Bob Brown, editor Roberts, educational director of the Farmers Federation, and S. tion.

them equipment as follows: