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TEN PAGES THIS WEEK

Murphy's New Fire Truck Is Delivered

The new Peter Pirsch fire truck, 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 a Chevrolet chassis and has a single stage 500-gallon-a-minute pump. 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 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing and stressing the Centennial Crusade of the Southern Baptist convention.

Rev. Paul Lovingood, moderator of the association, will 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 meeting to speak on the value of the Lord's Acre to the country church.

Final plans will be made at this meeting for the school of missions to be held in the association during the summer. Foreign missionaries will speak during the period.

At this meeting, enlargement campaigns, vacation Bible schools, and training schools will be discussed.

Christenbury Heads Recreation Group

ANDREWS—At a recent meeting of the Recreation Committee of the town and community of Andrews the meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman E. S. Christenbury, and as background information, the suggestions of Harold D. Meyer, executive director of the State recreation association, regarding "What Should Constitute a Real Recreation Program" was read and discussed.

The following activities of the committee were suggested and discussed as steps that should be taken in beginning the recreation program: (1) The making of a talent inventory of the town and community for the purpose of (a) discovering good leaders in the various fields of recreation, (b) finding out the people that would be participating in the various fields of recreation. (2) The making of resource inventories of the town and community as to inside facilities for recreation, such as, buildings and equipment, and outside facilities for recreation such as tennis courts, vacant lots for tennis courts, volley ball, shuffle board, etc. Also the availability of materials for building playground equipment, and source of funds. (3) 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

Miss Amis To Direct Library

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 preach 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 approximately \$600 damage occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cook Sunday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. It was discovered that the fire started in a wardrobe in a back bedroom, but it was not known what started it. A large number of clothes, linens, blankets, and a bedroom suite were destroyed.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Sallie Queen only a few minutes after the Cooks left the house to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cook. Miss Grace McClure was asleep in the living room.

by this time most of the members of the committee were present, an election of officers was held. Those elected were: E. S. Christenbury, chairman; Boyd B. Robinson, vice-chairman; Mrs. Zeb Conley, secretary; and John Stanley, treasurer; inventory committee; Miss Vivian Moore, Mrs. Hermann Brauer, Mrs. John Stanley. This committee will develop a talent inventory chart and plan the procedure for the inventory. Resource inventory committee: Mrs. Starr Pullum, Zeb L. Whitaker, Edwin Lobaugh. It was proposed that this committee determine approximately how much money will be necessary to carry on a recreational program during the three summer months. To make an inventory of the possible sources of funds and facilities for a recreation program. Plan a program for raising the funds to operate the recreation program. Arts and Crafts Committee is composed of Mrs. Edwin Bristol, Mrs. Starr Pullum, Mrs. Herman Brauer.

It is understood that the Southern Highlanders Guild plans to locate an Arts and Crafts center somewhere in Western North Carolina. It was proposed that the above committee check on the possibilities of getting this center located at Andrews.

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be held sometime in March.



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 overseas.

Woods Workers Asked To Boost 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 producing 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 labor deficit in the production of vegetable tannin is emphasized in some extract plants that periodically are forced to shut down for lack of wood and by other plants that are running below capacity.



HOME ON ITALY—Cpl. Hilliard Rogers, who is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers of Robbinsville. He spent 27 months in Africa and Italy. Cpl. Rogers entered service April 1942. He has been visiting friends in Murphy, among them Miss Josephine Penland.

Meet To Form Organization

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 Farmers Federation Hold Meeting

James G. K. McClure, president of Farmers Federation, was speaker at the meeting of stockholders 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 committee.

The following local committees were reelected: W. A. Adams, chairman; Clyde McNabb, Murphy; U. S. G. Phillips, Unaka; John Tatham, Andrews; B. B. Palmer, Marble; J. H. Hampton, Murphy; Ernest Burnett, Murphy; Mrs. John Shields, Culberson; C. L. Smith, Hayesville; C. G. Reese, Warme; B. N. Hyde, Robbinsville; and R. O. Sherrill, Robbinsville.

Clarence Hendrix of Peachtree was elected a member of the committee to succeed 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 employees of the store. Bob Brown editor of Farmers News, and Professor S. C. Clapp of the Asheville office made a few remarks. Roger Ammons, manager of the local store and warehouse, and his co-workers, J. A. Hampton, Wade Ashe, and Jewel Spivey, were introduced.

Twenty-five baby chicks were presented to Fred Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Payne; and Mrs. Carl Thomas, Culberson; 15 to J. L. Hall; and 10 to Dewey Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Martin.

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. Otis J. Haigler, chaplain at Oteen hospital, at Oteen, will preach at both the morning and evening services at First Baptist church Sunday.

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

The schools of Cherokee county reported total fall sales War Bonds in the amount of \$16,431.90 as result of their fall schools-at-war program, and the schools purchased and had named for their equipment as follows:

Peachtree, field ambulance, \$1,950; Hiwassee Dam, army primary trainer plane, \$15,000.

The schools of Murphy, as a combined unit, sold \$88,100.75 and purchased and had named for them: Army pursuit plane,



NOW IN NAVY UNIFORM.—Frank Crawford, former chief of police of Town of Murphy, who is now taking his boot training at the Naval Training Center, Baltimore, 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 anyone interested in making them.

She asks the cooperation of the women of this section in getting this work done.



BAPTIST HOUR SPEAKER.—Hon. Walter F. George, United 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.

Mr. Lowe stated that Senator George, an honored leader in the United States Senate for twenty years, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Vienna, Georgia, and a Christian scholar of the first order, has a firm grip on the Christian verities as they apply to world affairs as well as to personal living, and is eminently qualified to speak on the subject, "The Foundations of Freedom."

And, further, that from his wide experience in speaking over local stations and national chains he has come to be recognized as a top radio speaker.

Fan mail in the current Baptist Hour series is outstanding. The total number of pieces received for the week ending February 10th is 6,254.

The Baptist Hour program may be heard in North Carolina over stations WBIG, Greensboro, WP TF, Raleigh; WSJS, Winston-Salem; and WWNC, Asheville, at 8:30 a. m. (EWT), Sunday morning.

Workers Meeting Launches Red Cross War Fund Campaign

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 treating them. They are Mrs. Lola Sisum, Junior Sisum, and Billy Bryson.

Dr. Whichard states that 20 people bitten by dogs with hydrophobia have been treated in this district during the past fiscal year. They are distributed as follows: Topton 5, Marble 3, Shooting Creek 4, Andrews 2, Nantahala 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 Fisher is manager of the shop, which is owned by L. M. Shields.

McClure Is Speaker At Lions Meeting

James G. K. McClure of Asheville, president of Farmers Federation, guest of Roger Ammons, was the principal speaker at the meeting of Murphy Lions club Tuesday evening, using as his subject, "Creation of Wealth in Western North Carolina". He stressed the importance of burley tobacco growing in Western North Carolina, describing how a market has been built up in Asheville. He said that he would like to see Cherokee county grow a million dollars worth of tobacco in this area.

In addition to encouraging the growing of tobacco, Mr. McClure emphasized the necessity for increased poultry and egg production, declaring that the outlook is that good money will be realized from these two products this year. He urged the Lions to encourage the establishments of small industries in this county, giving employment to the large farm families who live here. His address ended with comment on the development of the spiritual side of life and explaining the Lord's Acre movement.

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. Whitfield, with \$57.50.

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

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 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 newspaper, unless otherwise designated.

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 which the progress of the campaign from day to day will be indicated. C. E. Weir has distributed 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 Contributions", shown by H. Stock.

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

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



RECOVERING IN ENGLAND.—Pvt. Hugh Penland, who is now recovering in an English hospital where he was taken after being wounded in action November 27 in Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Penland, of Murphy, have received his Purple Heart award. Hugh entered service in May 1944 and received his basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and was then transferred to Ft. Meade, Maryland.