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CHEROKEE COUNTY IN LINE FOR AN AIRPORT

Red Cross Chapter Yet Has \$2,400 To Raise In Its War Fund

\$3,500 Reported Thus Far In The War Fund Drive

With half the month gone, the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross has not yet reached its quota of \$5,900 in the war fund drive which started March 1. Through Wednesday a total of \$3,500 had been reported, leaving a balance of \$2,400 to be raised.

War Fund Chairman H. E. Bishop urges all committees to complete their canvass as early as possible and turn in their reports to Treasurer Frank Forsyth or leave them at the Scout office.

Special gifts, \$25 or more, reported since last week's list was published, are as follows: \$25 each: Jim Gibbs, Ed Brumby, H. G. Elkins, Allison and Duncan; \$50, C. L. Alverson.

Business Men's Club Is To Organize Tuesday

The Murphy Business Men's club will hold an organization meeting at Regal hotel on Tuesday evening, March 20, at 7:30 o'clock, when dinner will be served. The temporary board of directors met last Thursday night and outlined a program of organization with by-laws and listed nominations for officers and directors to serve the club for the next year. Election will be held on Tuesday evening.

Revival Is In Progress Here

An old fashioned revival of religion is in progress at Free Methodist Church, with Dr. C. F. Johnston of Atlanta, Ga., preaching. Many have already professed Christ and the interest is deepening nightly. The campaign will continue through Sunday, March 18. Dr. Johnston's topic for Sunday are: "The Word Symbolized" at 11 a. m., and "The Kingdom of God", at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited.



IN HOSPITAL — Lt. Selby G. Benton, a University of Georgia graduate, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Benton of Cornelia, Ga., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Savage of Murphy, who is now receiving medical treatment in a hospital in Thomasville, Ga., after action on the western front.

Lt. Benton holds the purple heart for wounds received last September near the German border. He also fought in the hedgerows of Normandy and was in the heavy fighting at St. Lo. He served under Gen. Patton during the breakthrough in France. Among his awards are the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star for leading his men to success in France after his superior officer had been killed.

Dakin Couple Freed From Jap Prison

Charles A. Dakin, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sneed, Murphy, R. F. D. 2, has been freed from a Japanese prison camp, according to a message received last Wednesday by Mrs. Sneed. She had received a message earlier in the week that her daughter, Mrs. Bess May Sneed Dakin, had been liberated by American troops in the Philippines. Mr. Dakin's physical condition was reported to be fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Dakin left the United States October 18, 1939 to go to the Philippines where Mr. Dakin was engaged in the operation of a gold mine on Masbate Island. They remained there until the Japanese attacked that island and then moved to Ilo Ilo Island where they were interned.

They were first held in Santa Thomas camp and later transferred to Los Banos camp from which they were liberated.

Mrs. Dakin was superintendent of nurses at the Norris dam hospital while the dam was under construction.

The last news Mr. and Mrs. Sneed had had of Mr. and Mrs. Dakin was in 1943 from Mrs. W. A. Wallace of California, who had been interned with them, and who was freed and returned on the Gripsholm.

Woody Succeeds Schaap Here As Forest Ranger

C. E. Woody who has been in Franklin since January as timber management assistant to the supervisor of Nantahala National Forest, arrived in Murphy last week to take over the office of Forest Ranger of the Tusquitee district of Nantahala National forest to succeed L. P. Schaap who has been transferred to Raleigh.

Mr. Woody who had spent a year and a half in Franklin was transferred last May to Lufkin, Texas, to salvage ice-damaged timber in that section. He worked 1600 German prisoners on the job.

Mrs. Woody and their two daughters, Emma Lou and Barbara Jean, will join Mr. Woody here soon.

Oplinger Is To Preach Friday

The Rev. N. E. Oplinger of Woodleaf will preach at Murphy Presbyterian church Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Murphy, Robbinsville Win In Tournament

ROBBINSVILLE — In the finals of the Western Carolina Basketball Tournament here Saturday night, the Murphy boys' team defeated a fighting Robbinsville quint, 25-20, and the Robbinsville girls defeated the hitherto unbeaten Hayesville sextet, 23-20, in a hard-fought game.

Following the game all conference and all tournament teams were named. The all-conference team is as follows:

Girls, Crawford of Hayesville, Reed of Hiwassee Dam, Ammons of Murphy, Hyde of Robbinsville,

Legislature Is Swamped With Volume Of Bills

The ninth full week of the 1945 General Assembly saw both the Senate and the House go over the high water mark of the 1943 session with respect to the number of bills introduced. In 1943, 365 bills were introduced in the Senate and 858 in the House, for a session's total of 1223 bills. Already this session the Senate has received 403 measures and the house 886, for a total so far of 1289. Of this total, 178 came in during the past week. The great majority of them, of course, are local bills, but there are included in last week's introductions a number of State-wide bills of considerable importance. From the volume and importance of bills still coming in, one would think the legislature was scarcely past mid-term. Unless the number of new bills falls off sharply the first of next week, one of three things must happen: adjournment must be further postponed, many bills will fail to be acted upon, or many bills will have to be acted upon in too great haste and with too little consideration. It is probable that all three of these things will happen to a certain extent.

Of interest to this county were: SB 147 — Introduced by Penland, Feb. 7 (Beer and wine election) March 6, re-referred to Senate Finance committee; March 10, reported fav. by Senate committee, as amended to postpone the election until at least 12 months after the war.

HB 437 — Introduced by Cover, Feb. 16 (Murphy mayor and commissioners' term) March 6, reported fav. by Senate committee on Counties, Cities and Towns; March 7, passed 2nd and 3rd readings in Senate; March 8, ratified as to House committee substitute.

HB 760 — Introduced by Cover, March 6, "To amend Chapter 528 of the Session Laws of 1943 relating to the appointment of trustees for the Andrews City Administrative Unit in Cherokee County." (Would extend the term of the trustees for two years from and after first Monday in April 1945, and provide that they shall meet and organize on that date.) To Counties, Cities and Towns.

SERMON SUBJECT

"Satan's Weapon" will be the topic of the sermon by the Rev. Ralph Taylor at the First Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Evening service will be at 7:30 o'clock.

George Wilson Dies On Leyte

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Murphy, Route 1, have been notified by the war department that their son, George J. Wilson, who was wounded on Leyte December 20, died three days later on December 23.

The Wilsons have two other sons in the service — Samuel H., who is in England and has been slightly wounded, and Pfc. Clarence, who is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Bellview Shop Is To Be Opened On March 29

The Bellview community workshop which was established in cooperation with the Farm Security Administration will be formally opened Thursday, March 29.

The days' program will be announced later by Ernest F. Arnold and Miss Susan J. Beck. All farmers are invited, whether they are on the Farm Security Administration program or not. Everyone is expected to bring a basket lunch and spend the day.

The farmers in the community repaired the old Bellview school building and have installed the electrical shop equipment. Power has been connected by the REA and all equipment is ready for use. Practical use of this machinery will be demonstrated.

Bible School Conference To Be Held Here

A vacation Bible school conference for Western North Carolina and the West Liberty association will be held at Murphy First Baptist church, Saturday, March 24, at 7:30 p. m., it has been announced by the Rev. R. Lane Akins, Western North Carolina association worker.

Mrs. H. J. Winn and Mrs. Clifton Beck of the Vacation Bible school department in the Baptist Sunday School board, Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Myra Motley of the Sunday School department in Raleigh will be present to direct the conference, to which all pastors, superintendents, teachers, other church workers, and every one interested in Bible School work or in having a Bible school in their church, are invited. Plans will be developed for having a school in every church that desires one this summer. A large attendance is expected.

E. A. Wood, Jr. Wins His Wings

Edgar A. Wood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Wood, Andrews, N. C. recently won his silver wings of a pilot and was promoted to the rank of flight officer in the Army Air Forces at Turner Field, Albany, Georgia, Col. C. U. True, commanding officer, has announced.

Turner Field, an Army Air Forces Pilot School (Advanced Two-Engine) is one of a group of air bases, which compose the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command. It is here that aviation cadets, student officers and aviation students are sent for their final phase of training which culminates in their receiving their much coveted wings, commissions or rank of flight officer in the AAF.

SINGING

The Third Sunday singin will be held at Rogers Chapel Baptist church Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m.



FORGETS INJURIES — Pfc. William (Bill) Wilson of the First Marine Division, forgets about the injuries he received in the invasion of the Palau Islands, in the Central Pacific, as Second Lieut. Doris M. Gardner, ANC, of the hospital ship, U. S. S. Comfort, offers him a cup of water in the above picture. Lieut. Gardner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gardner, 925 69th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Pfc. Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson of Andrews.

Lions Club Entertains At Ladies' Night

Murphy Lions club entertained their Lionesses and other guests at a Ladies' Night banquet Tuesday at 6:30 p. m., in the dining room at the Methodist church.

After the singing of "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms", the Rev. Ralph Taylor offered the invocation, and President Doyle Burch welcomed the 75 people present. Mrs. Frank Forsyth responded.

The program of entertainment was presented by Robt. S. Bault, program chairman. C. E. Weir entertained as a magician, with the assistance of Rev. Ralph Taylor, Dr. L. T. Russell, Jr., Dale Lee, and Harve Elkins. Negro spirituals were sung by a Texana quartet composed of: Argel Bowman, Charles Suddeth, Edward Allen and Kenneth Kincaid. Two

piano solos were played by Miss Eureka Plemmons, who also accompanied the following trio in several numbers: Misses Carolyn Head, Dorothy Plemmons and Mildred Hendrix.

As the guests arrived they were presented cards on which they had 25 people sign. With these cards bingo was played at the conclusion of the above part of the program. Harve Elkins called the names, and Robt. S. Bault checked.

The tables were decorated with jonquils, forsythia and spirea, and candles were used for lighting. Place cards were shamrocks and pipes, and programs were in booklets carrying out the St. Patrick's motif.

The ladies were presented with bottles of hand lotion, and at each one's place was a corsage.

Graham Superior Court Starts Mar. 19

The following jurors have been drawn to serve for the March Term of Court at Robbinsville, which convenes March 19th, with Judge Will H. Pless presiding:

FIRST WEEK

G. E. Ayers, Robbinsville; J. H. Collins, Robbinsville; John H. Ditmore, Yellow Creek; Ronald Holland, Robbinsville; John W. Stewart, Robbinsville; William H. Harden, Robbinsville; Arnold Hooper, Robbinsville; Carl Garland, Tuskegee; McKinley Farr, Santeetlah; D. G. Ledford, Tapoco; P. M. McKeldrey, Robbinsville; Ed Buchanan, Robbinsville; Caro Williams, Yellow Creek; Frank Carringer, Robbinsville; A. V. Elliott, Cheoah; John D. Waldroup, Robbinsville; Grant Hardin, Robbinsville; Virgil Phillips, Robbinsville; Jim Carver, Robbinsville; Poe Turpin, Yellow Creek; Thomas Roy Farley, Tapoco; J. W. Shope, Santeetlah; John R. Cooper, Robbinsville; Floyd Phillips, Robbinsville; John M. Cook, Robbinsville; James H. Jenkins, Stecoah; Pearlle Farley, Robbinsville; Noah Ledbetter, Robbinsville; J. B. Collins, Robbinsville; John McRae, Robbinsville; Monroe Sawyer, Stecoah; F. S. Hooper, Robbinsville; Marvin Grant, Robbinsville; C. Cole Gormley, Robbinsville; Charles Carringer, Robbinsville; Harley

3 Local People Admitted To U. S. Citizenship

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Frasch and B. S. Kolker have received their final citizenship papers and are now naturalized American citizens. "I experienced the happy feeling of being admitted into a big family of friends", said Mr. Frasch upon his return Tuesday from Asheville, where the papers were presented to him and his wife and brother-in-law at the United States district court. They were accompanied to Asheville by Mrs. R. H. Foard.

This trio came to the United States in 1939 from Danzig, having left Russia in 1922. They have been in Murphy for the past three years and operate Cherokee Lumber Company.

Wounded

Mrs. Ida Slaughter of Robbinsville has received word that her son Pvt. Lacey Slaughter was slightly wounded in Manila on February 8th.

Lions Working To Complete The City Park

There are prospects of Cherokee county's getting an airport, if recommendations of the Civil Aeronautics Administration to Congress are accepted. The CAA has asked that Congress make an appropriation of \$100,000 for an airport in Cherokee county, the federal government to pay half and the county half. A report on this matter was brought to the attention of the town council at its regular meeting Monday night by Councilman Robert V. Weaver, who, with Mrs. Winifred Wells, had been to Raleigh to confer with authorities.

Dr. B. W. Whitfield, councilman, suggested that a meeting of the county commissioners, town officials of Andrews, and town officials of Murphy be called immediately for the purpose of discussing the project and working out a cooperative plan to present to the CAA from this county. Mayor W. M. Fain asked that such a meeting be postponed until the town hears from two airport construction engineers who were here recently in interest of the project.

Frank Forsyth, chairman of a committee representing the Lions club, asked the town council for its cooperation with a county agricultural fair to be sponsored by the Lions club this fall. The council voted to lend its cooperation to the sponsors.

Doyle Burch, speaking for a committee from the Lions club, asked that the town have the streets named and marked. This matter was deferred until a later date.

Others representing the Lions club at this meeting were: Dr. W. A. Hoover, Edward Brumby, Loren Davis, and Robert S. Bault.

Mr. Burch also requested permission for the Lions club to put on a street carnival in town in the spring, which was granted. He also reported that the recreation committee is making plans for building a caretaker's home at the city park and is hoping to have most of the materials donated. The street carnival will be for the purpose of raising funds to start construction on a swimming pool at the park.

The meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the mayor sometime before the next regular meeting.

Mrs. Joe Hamilton will leave the last of the week for Winston-Salem to attend the wedding of her brother, Capt. William Merle Davis, and Miss Martha Mock Butner which will take place at the First Baptist church there Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.



ON FURLOUGH — Pvt. Felix McClure of Camp Hood, Texas, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McClure, is home on a furlough. He entered service June 18, 1944, and will report back to Texas on March 17.

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