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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK



WITH U. S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS — Pfc. Daniel O. Davis, above, left, of Murphy, holds mirror while Pfc. Joe Gillis of Charlotte, right, shaves. The boys are drivers for the 1st U. S. Army. They are near Wied River, Germany.

Officials See Possibilities For Development In This Area

Governor R. Gregg Cherry and party touring this tri-county area Thursday and Friday of last week gathered much information to be used in promotion of recreational and industrial developments in the post-war period.

After leaving Asheville the first stop made by the party was at Bryson City. This was followed shortly by the visit at the Nantahala Power and Light company plant, where members of the tour were taken through the plant. The party was welcomed by J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the company; Guy Houk, Franklin attorney; George B. Patton, Franklin attorney; John Archer of the power company; Harmon Gruse, chief engineer of the company; and Allen Brooks power company group.

After leaving the Nantahala plant, the group was welcomed by school children in a brief stop at Asheville.

At Murphy at noon the party assembled at the city park for a picnic lunch, served under the direction of Mrs. J. H. McCall for the Town of Murphy. Mayor W. M. Fain welcomed the visitors and told of this section's assets and potentialities. D. Hiden Ramsey, president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly on the purpose of the visit. George McDonald, state highway engineer of Georgia, promised improved highways leading to Murphy from Georgia. A. D. Rieger, property manager of the TVA, Chattanooga, told of his pleasure in coming to Murphy and this section and his desire to see the area developed. F. B. Ferebee, district highway commissioner who assisted in arranging the trip, presented Governor Cherry. The Governor lauded this area and praised the many workers from this section who have gone to the textile industry in the Piedmont and contributed much to that industry.

The party visited Hiwassee Dam, Hayesville, Lake Chatugee, Andrews, Robbinsville, Fontana Dam, and Bryson City during the remainder of the two-day tour. The group attended the dinner meeting of Andrews Rotary club Thursday evening, at Terrace hotel. The meeting was also attended by several out-of-town guests and a number of Andrews citizens who are not members of the Rotary club.

E. S. Christenbury, president of the club, presided, and the program began by the assembly standing for one moment of silent prayer in reverent memory of the passing of our beloved president. The assembly sang "America" and the invocation was by Rev. C. C. Washam.

Following the dinner President Christenbury recognized P. B. Ferebee, Mr. Ferebee told the gathering of the many advantages of Western North Carolina from an industrial and recreational standpoint. He stated that within a radius of fifty miles of Andrews there are thirteen power lakes whose dams were capable of generating a tremendous amount of electric energy. Following the address of welcome D. Hiden Ramsey was recognized. Mr. Ramsey stated that his delegation from Asheville was on a trip of "exploration and education". He further stated, "Our Chamber wants to help you so that we can help ourselves."

Presented by Mr. Ramsey the Governor expressed his extreme interest in developing a program in this part of the state to promote industry and recreation. The governor's tour party was arranged by Mr. Ramsey and members of the chamber of commerce board and staff. Members of the board on the tour, in addition to Mr. Ramsey, were: John Spicer, chamber of commerce first vice-president; Grady G. Byrd, second vice-president; Charles Parker, treasurer; Gene Ochseneiter, manager of the chamber and secretary to the board; Joel Wright, president of the Smoky Mountains Trailways company; J. Fuller Brown; Joseph Dave; J. E. Divilbiss, Jr., vice-president.

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ROOSEVELT TAKEN BY DEATH, TRUMAN SUCCEEDS HIM— President Harry S. Truman, left, who took office as the 33rd president of the United States Thursday evening, only a short time after the death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, right. President Roosevelt died at 3:35 o'clock Thursday afternoon, following a cerebral hemorrhage which he suffered earlier in the afternoon, at his Warm Springs, Ga., home. Funeral services were held Saturday at the White House in Washington and burial Sunday at Hyde Park, New York. His death came as a shock to this community, as well as the whole world. Special services were held in the schools Friday morning, and the classes dismissed for the day. On Saturday afternoon from three to four o'clock local business places were closed.



Cherokee's 7th Loan Quota Is \$226,000

The Treasury will open the Seventh War Loan Drive on May 14, with a goal of 14 billion dollars. One objective of this drive will be the sale of \$7,000,000,000 worth of Government securities to individuals. This is the largest quota ever set for individuals in a war loan drive.

F. B. Ferebee of Andrews is Cherokee county chairman of the drive and announces that the county's over-all quota is \$226,000, of which \$126,000 is E bonds. The drive will continue from May 14 through June 30.

On June 1 or 2, "Here's Your Infantry" will be presented in Murphy by one of 28 units touring the United States during the Seventh War Loan, to give the first close-up of the combat infantryman and the tools with which he fights.

Veterans of overseas service are being trained for these demonstration teams at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

More detailed announcements will be published later relative to the plans for presentation of "Here's Your Infantry" here.



CONDUCTS SERVICE — The Rev. Ralph Taylor, pastor of First Methodist church, Murphy, who on April 24 at 7:30 p. m., will conduct a service at the church to which the public is invited, to pray for Divine guidance at the San Francisco conference, which opens April 25.

Directors Chosen By Business Club

Wind Storm Does Damage To Local Power System

The wind and rain storm Monday night caused approximately \$500 worth of damage in Murphy it was reported by H. G. Elkins, head of the city electric department.

An apple tree was blown across the wires on Cherokee street; two western union poles were blown down at the Southern Railway trestle; a number of transformers and fuses were blown out. Transformers near Regal hotel were burned out, which put the elevator and other power lines out of commission.

Trouble first started when a pole at the fair grounds was discovered to be on fire and the power was all cut off, leaving the town in darkness, until the transformer could be repaired.

GETS PURPLE RIFLE — Pfc. Carney R. Crisp, Rifleman, son of Mrs. Zenia M. Crisp of Stecoah, has been awarded the purple heart for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany. Pfc. Crisp also participated in the Normandy campaign, Northern France, and German campaigns.

Rev. J. C. Ammons Dies Suddenly Thursday Morning At Murphy Home

The Rev. J. C. Ammons, 61, retired Baptist minister and former pastor of Murphy First Baptist church, died suddenly at his home here at 3 o'clock Thursday morning. He had been in ill health for several years, but remained active until his death.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at First Baptist church with the Rev. G. J. Davis, D. D., of Atlanta, a friend since college days at Mercer, officiating.

Pallbearers were: W. S. Dickey, W. C. Kinney, Noah Lovingood, Ross Lovingood, Joe Hamilton, Arden Davis, Cyrus White and R. D. Chandler. Interment was in Sunset cemetery.

Mr. Ammons was a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He had held pastorates in Davisboro, Ga., Cornelia, Ga., Conyers Ga., Nashville, Ga., Leaksville and Murphy. Mr. Ammons came to Murphy as pastor of the First Baptist church in 1937 and remained as pastor until four years ago, when he resigned because of ill health. He was born near Sylva, but moved with his family to Morganton, Ga., when a small boy. Survivors include the widow; one daughter, Mrs. Berlon Lovin-

Murphy Business Men's club which now has about 60 members on Tuesday evening elected a permanent board of directors. Those elected were: To serve three years, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, P. J. Henn, Mrs. Duke Whitley, and T. A. Case; two years, Doyle Burch, J. H. Hampton, Loren Davis, and J. D. Elrod; and one year, E. H. Brumby, J. W. Davidson, Dr. J. R. Eell and C. L. Alverson.

The club voted to have dinner meetings monthly on the third Tuesdays, the place not being decided upon.

Members of the club were urged to attend the meeting in interest of an airport when the members of the new state board of aeronautics meets here May 14.

Mayor W. M. Fain announced that within two weeks the city will have met requirements of the Underwriters for fire insurance in Murphy and that rates will be lowered accordingly.

The club voted to assist in entertaining a group of soldiers who will put on an infantry show here in June in interest of the Seventh War Loan drive.

Dr. W. A. Hoover presided over this meeting.

TO PREACH SUNDAY — The Rev. R. Lane Akins, pastor of Hayesville Baptist church will preach at Murphy First Baptist church Sunday.

Ernie Pyle Is Killed By Japs

Ernie Pyle, best known of all war correspondents, member of the Scripps-Howard staff, was killed Wednesday morning by a Japanese machine gun bullet on an island just off Okinawa Island.

President Truman said this morning "The nation is quickly saddened again by the death of Ernie Pyle."

Resting 20 Years Fountain Operates

Resurrected after twenty years of dormancy, the fountain in the bull pen on the square is now working and increasing the beauty of the center of Murphy. Gold fish are wanted for the pool.

Cooperating with the town in a beautification project for the square, the Woman's club assisted in arranging to have the fountain put into working condition with the proper repairs. Additional work for improvement of the appearance of the square is announced in the report of the Woman's club meeting.

Vice Joins USGS Survey Staff

Mrs. R. B. Vice and son, Jimmy, have joined Mr. Vice here, and they will occupy the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Donley, who have moved to the Cooke apartments.

Mr. Vice, with the U. S. Geological survey, joined Harry A. Carlton here about the first of March. Mr. Vice and Mr. Carlton have charge of the stream gauging stations in the Little Tennessee, Hiwassee and Nottely river valleys.

Cancer Campaign Workers Announced

Harry B. Bishop has been appointed county chairman of the cancer control program in this county.

Mrs. B. W. Whitfield is co-chairman and represents the Woman's club. Others assisting in the campaign are: Mrs. Charles Worthen, representing the Junior Woman's club; Miss Mary Cornwell, home demonstration clubs; W. B. Thomas, Hiwassee Dam; Mrs. Paul Jordan, Andrews, and others. On the Murphy committee to work with Mrs. Whitfield, Mrs. Worthen and Mr. Bishop are: Mrs. T. A. Case, Miss Clara McCombs, Mrs. Robert Cox, Mrs. E. H. Brumby, Mrs. Robert Bault, Mrs. R. W. Easley, Jr., and C. E.

Service To Be Held On Eve Of San Francisco Conference

A service will be held in the First Methodist Church Tuesday, April 24, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of invoking Divine guidance upon the delegates at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, beginning April 25, announces Rev. Ralph Taylor pastor.

All parents with sons and daughters in uniform and the wives of service men will be recognized at the service.

Mr. Taylor, says: "Every family and every member of the family who is at home should come to this service together while they humbly and reverently pour out their hearts to God for a just and lasting peace among all men. Everyone is invited and urged to attend this service."

Rev. W. B. West Preaches Sunday

"A New Day Is Dawning" is the sermon subject for the 11 o'clock service Sunday at First Methodist church.

The Rev. W. B. West, D. D., superintendent of the Waynesville district, will preach at 7:30 o'clock. The second quarterly conference will be held immediately after the evening service, the Rev. Ralph Taylor, pastor, has announced.



ON HOSPITAL SHIP — Lt. Gladys Craig Wright, above, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Craig of Knoxville, Tenn., is now stationed on a hospital ship in the Atlantic. Lt. Wright is a graduate of Murphy high school and Fort Sanders hospital, Knoxville, Tenn. Before entering service she was a commercial nurse for Aluminum Company of America at Alcoa.



SERVING IN GERMANY — Cpl. Homer Gladson, above, son of J. R. Gladson and the late Mrs. Rosie Gladson of Culberson, is now serving with the 334th Engineers Regiment somewhere in Germany. He has previously served in Iran. Cpl. Gladson has been overseas for two and one-half years. He took his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala.



IN ARMY HOSPITAL — Pvt. Bascom V. McClure, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McClure of Marble, is now recuperating at an army hospital at Camp Carson, Colo., after serving three months overseas. He was previously in hospital in England. Pvt. McClure entered service in 1944 and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. Pvt. McClure has one brother in service, Sgt. Oscar McClure, who is in a hospital in Nashville, Tenn.



RETURNS TO CAMP — Pvt. Sibil Bryson, son of C. J. Bryson of Murphy, has returned to his base after spending a few days here with his wife and family. Pvt. Bryson has been with the Army Air Forces nine months and has received training at Sheppard Field, Texas; Truax Field, Okla., and is now stationed at the Army Air Base in McCook, Nebraska.

Hendrix Chairman Board of Deacons

At a meeting of the First Baptist church board of deacons recently, Lloyd W. Hendrix was elected chairman; Alvin Buchanan, vice-chairman, and Clarence Arnold, secretary.

Hulme To Assist Veterans

Richard S. Hulme, assistant state service officer of the American Legion, will be in Murphy on Tuesday, May 8, to assist veterans or dependents in filing claims they might have with Veterans Administration. He will be found either at Regal hotel or the office of the employment service in the courthouse.

Promoted

Murray Whichard son of Dr. M. P. Whichard, recently was promoted from Chief Pharmacist's mate to Pharmacist, warrant officer, in the Navy, at Norfolk, Va., where he has been stationed several months. He recently left for a three-months' training course in California.

TO SPEND SUMMER HERE

Rev. T. H. Gibson, native of Cherokee county, who has been pastor of a Baptist church in Miami for the past nine years, is spending the summer here. He recently bought Hennessee Cove apple orchard from J. L. Hall.

Mrs. L. F. Haslett and daughter, Kay, of Atlanta are visiting Mrs. Haslett's brother, Peyton G. Ivie, and family this week.