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EIGHT PAGES TODAY

JAPAN SURRENDERS

Wayne Townson Is Killed; Dr. M. P. Whichard Is Under Bond

Townson Funeral Held Thursday At Methodist Church

Wayne Townson, 31, prominent business man of Murphy, was shot and killed almost instantly Monday night, in front of Town Funeral home. Dr. M. P. Whichard, about 56, district health officer, is under bond of \$7,500 for appearance at the November term of Cherokee county superior court on a charge of murder in connection with the death.

It is understood that Dr. Whichard, whose daughter married William Townson, brother of the deceased, had gone to his daughter's home, next door to the funeral home, to assist in moving some of her furniture. An argument occurred between John Carringer, 17, and Dr. Whichard, and an affray resulted. Engaged in the affray were Carringer and Clyde Townson, brother of the deceased. Wayne Townson is said to have appeared on the scene just a moment before the gun was fired, killing him.

Dr. Whichard, who had several lacerations about the head and face, was given treatment at a local hospital, after he had gone to the jail and given himself into the hands of officers. He was then taken to Waynesville by J. L. Hall, Jr., local policeman, escorted by Chief of Police W. H. Brandon and others most of the way.

Funeral services for Mr. Townson were held at 2 o'clock today (Thursday) at Murphy First Methodist church. The Rev. Ralph Taylor, the Rev. J. Alton Morris and the Rev. L. E. Latham officiated. Burial followed in Sunset cemetery, with Ivie Funeral home in charge.

Active pallbearers were Richard Parker, Robert Weaver, Frank Forsyth, Sheridan Stiles, Verlin Crisp, Dr. Harry Miller, Robert Hughes, Harold Hatchett. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. R. S. Parker, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Dr. F. V. Taylor, Dr. J. R. Bell, J. D. Mallonee, W. M. Fain, E. P. Hawkins, Henry Hyatt, Lee Shields, Randolph Shields, E. L. Shields, E. C. Moore, Dave Carringer, Neil Davidson, Wesley Garrett, T. S. Evans, Claude King, W. C. Kinney, Frank Ellis, C. L. Alverson, E. C. Sims, Pope Wood, Clyde Jarrett, Frank Bristol, P. B. Perebee, Sheriff Brewer of Robbinsville, Clint Ehler, Howard Moody, Ed Jones, Cody Clayton, Sheridan Ramsey, Morris Moore, E. O. Christopher, E. A. Browning.

Surviving are the widow and one son, Eric; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Townson, two brothers, Clyde Townson and W. D. Townson, Jr., and one sister, Mrs. D. L. Wells. Mr. Townson was associated with his father and brothers here in the lumber business, the auto supply store, and the operation of the Townson funeral home.

A. F. Patterson Dies In Clay

Funeral services for A. Fernando Patterson, 84, who died at his home at Shooting Creek at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, were held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Ledford's chapel at Elf, with the Rev. D. B. Alderman officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Ivie funeral home in charge.

Surviving are one son, Ed Patterson, and a grandson, Ed Patterson, Jr., with the navy in the South Pacific.

Donley To Make Restitution In Amount of \$7000

In the cases of the state against John Donley, former clerk of Cherokee county superior court charged with embezzlement and misapplication of funds which were tried at the August term of court, the defendant entered a plea of nolo contendere on one count, with judgment of two to four years, sentence suspended on condition that restitution be made as to certain alleged items of misappropriation in the amount of \$7,000.

Harley Davenport of Union county, Ga., charged with manslaughter and reckless driving in connection with the death of John Burton Davis which occurred when the truck Davenport was driving to a decoration at Hanging Dog cemetery last May plunged down an embankment, was acquitted, of manslaughter, but the jury failed to agree on the second count of reckless driving and this was continued.

McAfee Awarded Bronze Medal

The bronze star medal has been awarded Pvt. Edward W. McAfee of Murphy for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy as a rifle man of the 353rd Infantry, on April 5, near Eisenach, Germany, according to information received here.

When the two leading squads of his platoon were subjected to heavy machinegun fire, he moved forward alone to engage the position. Although enemy fire was directed at him, Pvt. McAfee shot the gunner and forced the two remaining crew members to surrender. As a result, the platoon was able to complete its mission without casualties or further delay.

Pvt. McAfee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAfee.

Memorial Books Given Library

Recent gifts of memorial books to Murphy Carnegie Library, announces the librarian, Miss Josephine Heighway, have been: "The Life of George W. Truett", by T. W. James, given by the Fidelis class of First Baptist church, in memory of C. M. Wofford; "The Apostle" by Asch, given in memory of the Rev. J. C. Ammons; "The Emperor's Physician" by J. R. Perkins, given in memory of Mrs. W. H. Griffiths, by Miss Josephine Heighway; and "Lebanon" by Caroline Miller, given in memory of Mrs. Griffiths, by Miss Addie Mae Cooke.

GETS DISCHARGE

ANDREWS — Ruth Barnard, WAC, arrived home last Tuesday. She has received an honorable discharge and will teach in the Andrews City schools this year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Vestal attended the Asheville district meeting of Telephone Pioneers of America at Bent Creek near Asheville last week. The meeting featured a picnic which was attended by 105 members, each of whom had from one to three guests.

Combat Surgeon, Robert Brown who spent two years in England and one year in France, has returned home and been discharged from service. Dr. Brown visited his grandmother, Mrs. R. H. Hyatt here last week.



THREE BROTHERS IN SERVICE — Above are three sons of Mrs. Fimmie White of Murphy, Route 3. From left to right, they are: Pvt. Dee White, who is in the Philippine Islands, having entered service in August, 1941, and took his training at Fort Bragg and Fort Jackson; Pvt. Virgil White,



who is at Camp Crowder, Mo., having entered service in May of this year and trained first at Fort Bragg; and Pfc. Lawson White, who entered service in October, 1942, trained at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and is not at Jackson Station, Maine. Pvt. Dee White is married and has one child.



All-Stars To Play Saturday

The Murphy All-Stars defeated the Cumming Georgia baseball team by a score of 4 to 3. The game going into the last of the 9th inning with Cumming leading 3 to 2. Murphy loaded the bases, with Ford, leading off with a single to left field, King came up and singled, Portwood hit a long fly to left field but the fielder dropped the ball. Smith came up and grounded out to first, but sacrificing Bill Portwood in for the winning run. Atkinson pitched the full 9 innings, struck out 15 batters, and allowing only six scattered hits.

The All-Stars will play Hayesville here Saturday afternoon at the fair-ground park. Game will start at 3 p. m. All-Stars will meet the strong Beacon Mills club from Asheville Sunday afternoon here. Game will start at 3 p. m. The Beacon Mills club is one of the best clubs in Western North Carolina. They have batted at pitchers like "Spud" Chandler, ace New York pitcher, hitting him rather heavily. A close contest is anticipated.

Elkins Being Sent To Pacific

Assembly Area Command, France — A Signal Heavy Construction Company which installed and operated communications at Sixth Army Group Headquarters has arrived in Camp Washington, Assembly Area Command, for deployment directly to the Pacific.

These Signal Corps men installed an repaired 3,865 miles of single, and 4-circuit communications lines — linking the Sixth Army Group Headquarters with the American Seventh and French First armies, and Supreme Headquarters.

Activated in Italy on September 4, 1944, original members of the outfit had had months of communications experience with the Fifth Army.

Included in this Signal Heavy Construction Company is S/Sgt. Harvey G. Elkins, Jr., 220 Tennessee Street, Murphy.

ASSOCIATION MEETS

The WNC Baptist association will hold its annual meeting at Meadow Grove Baptist church in Clay county next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Jean Nichols of Murphy recently visited Silver Springs, Fla.

Rationing Of Canned Foods And Gas Ends

Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced Wednesday that rationing of gas was ended effective immediately. So did the rationing of all blue point foods but rationing of meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes and tires will continue until lowered military requirements and increased production bring civilian supplies more nearly in balance with civilian demands.

Shortly after Bowles' announcement, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, as petroleum administrator, said ample quantities of civilian gasoline will be available immediately. The Petroleum administration said only a few days would elapse before better grade than the low octanes civilians have been using will be available.

"Hitherto" of community missions, the "How" and the "Heart" of community missions was given by Mrs. Ben Palmer, followed by prayer by Mrs. Lloyd Hendrix.

Mrs. Clae Moore discussed the "Hour" of Community missions and the "Henceforth" of community missions.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. J. C. Ammons, Mrs. T. S. Evans, vice-president, presided over a short business session, and the meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. J. Alton Morris. Twenty members were present.

Miss Susan Beck spent the week-end with her parents in Spencer.

Japs Who Chose to Surrender



Here is one group of the large number of Japs on Okinawa who chose to surrender rather than to be killed or to commit hara kiri. Those who surrendered were poorly garbed and emaciated, but the fact that so many chose to give up indicates a possible change in the Jap viewpoint on surrender. (U. S. Marine Corps Photo)

President Announces Victory On Tuesday

Next Of Kin May Send Messages To Far East

Miss Addie Mae Cooke, chairman of the Cherokee County Chapter of the American Red Cross, has received the following telegram from Southeastern Area Manager John C. Wilson, relative to messages to the Far East:

"Special Far East message plan similar to that utilized in liberation of Philippines effective now through August 25. Letter from National Headquarters dispatched to you today explaining in detail operating plan. One message with photograph of next of kin may be accepted on form 1616 civilian message form from next of kin only. Should be forwarded air mail to home service national headquarters. Message limited only by available space on form. Photograph should be lightweight and not exceeding size of form."

Mrs. Van Gorder Taken By Death

Mrs. Blaine Beaver Van Gorder, 55, died at her home in Andrews at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Surviving are the husband, H. A. Van Gorder; three daughters, Mrs. Aubrey Stowur of Sentinel, Okla., Miss Anne Van Gorder, nurse at Murphy General hospital; Mrs. D. E. Doyle of Andrews; Capt. C. O. Van Gorder of Mineral Park, Calif., one grandson and one granddaughter, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services under direction of Ivie funeral home are incomplete, pending arrival of the son and daughter from the west.

Crowds Gleeful As News Of Surrender Is Received Here

SERMON SUBJECT

"ADVENTURING FOR PEACE" will be the sermon topic of Rev. Ralph Taylor at 11 o'clock Sunday in First Methodist Church.

VISITORS HERE

Mrs. O. Kyle of New Orleans and D. Sam Cox of Hendersonville, author of "Blackie Bear", were in Murphy Tuesday and Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. L. Yancey and daughter, Mrs. James Hurst, and son, Lewis, of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Yancey's sisters, Mrs. W. S. Dickey, Mrs. J. B. Hall, and other relatives this week.

Mrs. Charles E. Turner of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Frank Green of Villa Rica, Ga., spent last week here with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fain.

Pvt. Bill Whichard of Ft. Benning, Ga., spent the week-end here with his father, Dr. M. P. Whichard, and Mrs. Whichard.

Announcement was made Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, Central War Time, by President Truman, that World War II, bloodiest war in all history, had ended with Japan's unconditional surrender. The formalities of the official signing of surrender terms and a proclamation of V-J day are yet to be carried out.

To reporters crowded into the president's office, he disclosed the fact that Japan, without ever being invaded, had accepted completely and without reservation an allied declaration of Potsdam dictating unconditional surrender.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur had been designated supreme allied commander, the man to receive surrender.

There is to be no power for the Japanese emperor, Hirohito, although the allies will allow him to remain their tool. The war lords will no longer reign through him nor any successor; they will take orders from MacArthur.

Allied forces were ordered to "suspend offensive action" everywhere. To a Japanese government which once boasted it would dictate peace terms in the White House Mr. Truman dispatched orders to "direct prompt cessation of hostilities", tell MacArthur of the effective date and hour and send emissaries to the general to arrange formal surrender.

Congress was summoned back to work on Sept. 5, more than a month ahead of schedule to get busy on unemployment compensation, surplus property disposal, full employment, government reorganization and the continuation of abolition of war agencies.

With the announcement of the Japanese surrender, one of the biggest celebrations ever to be put on in Western North Carolina was staged.

When the announcement came over the radio at six o'clock Tuesday evening that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, cars started running around town with horns blowing, factory whistles blew, crowds rushed onto the streets yelling, and the fire siren was sounded continuously for about 30 minutes celebrating victory over Japan. When the noise had subsided, crowds soon filled the Baptist and Methodist churches where impressive services of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving were held for an hour.

HUDSON PREACHES ANDREWS — Rev. S. F. Hudson, Lillington, preached at the morning and evening hours at the Baptist church last Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. L. P. Smith.

McCLURE TO PREACH ANDREWS — Rev. R. E. McClure will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday, August 18, at 11 o'clock a. m. The public is invited to attend this service.