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## Couple Killed In Auto Wreck In Atlanta

Announcement has been made here of the death of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ben Gartrell, Jr., of 454 Venable Street, N. E., Atlanta, as a result of an automobile accident last Tuesday night.

Double funeral services were held at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at Spring Hill. The Rev. Coleman D. Clark officiated and burial was in West View cemetery.

Mrs. Gartrell died Wednesday morning, a few hours after the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a telephone pole on Peachtree road, and Mr. Gartrell died Thursday at Grady hospital from a fractured skull. One little daughter, Signe, about three years old survives the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ben Gartrell, Sr., Ben Jr., and his sister, Mary, formerly lived in Murphy and have many friends here who are grieved to hear of the tragedy.

Charles Hyatt, childhood friend and schoolmate of Ben, Jr., attended the funeral services.

## Murphy To Play Le Tourneau Club Here On Sunday

Murphy All-Stars will play the strong Le Tourneau club from Toccoa, Ga. Sunday afternoon on the local diamond. Murphy will be out there seeking a victory as the Toccoa club defeated Murphy on their field. The game will get underway at the regular starting time 3 p. m. Murphy is anticipating a strong line up for the game with a number of new players from Blairsville, Ga.

Murphy All-Stars defeated the Hayesville club Saturday afternoon by a score of 6 to 5. Hayesville was leading going in the 7th inning, when Murphy loaded the bases with one out, Atkinson getting a hard hit scoring three runs and stole 3rd base the catcher made an overthrow and he scored making it 4 to 3. Hayesville then came back with two runs, but Murphy didn't stop they kept right on hitting, making two more runs before the game was over. Hughes pitched seven innings. Burch relieved Hughes for two innings retiring the side for the final close of the game.

Murphy All-Stars were defeated by a hard hitting Beacon Mills club Sunday afternoon by a score of 10 to 1. Atkinson making the lone score. However, it seems that Murphy just can't get by the 1st inning; but if they do, they really go to town. Nicholson pitched for Murphy. He was unable to get his control during the first half of the 1st inning walking two men. After that he settled down and pitched to the hard hitting Beacon players, letting them down with 8 scattered hits. It was Beacon's day, so it seems. Every time the All-Stars hit, there was a Beacon player there waiting for it.

## Dr. G. W. Dickey Dies In Oklahoma

Mrs. T. S. Evans received word last week of the death of her brother, Dr. G. W. Dickey, at his home in Westville, Okla., following a stroke. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, with burial in Westville cemetery.

Surviving are the widow; three daughters, Mrs. Jack Miller of Westville, Miss Ahnawake Dickey, a nurse in Fort Smith, Ark., and Mrs. Lyle Martin of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; and one son, John Dickey of San Diego, Calif., one brother, C. M. Dickey, and one sister, Mrs. Evans, both of Murphy, and two grandchildren.

Dr. Dickey was a native of Cherokee county. He went to Oklahoma when it was Indian Territory and had practiced his profession there for forty one years.

**TO PREACH SUNDAY**  
The Rev. T. G. Tate of Oakland, Fla., will preach at the Presbyterian church here Sunday at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to attend the service.

## Rev. Algie West Is Baptist Moderator

The Rev. Algie West of Marble was elected moderator of the Western North Carolina Baptist association at the 61st annual session held Tuesday and Wednesday at Meadow Grove Baptist church near Hayesville. P. G. Ivie of Murphy was elected vice-moderator; Miss Dale Sudderth, clerk-treasurer; Rev. L. P. Smith of Andrews, assistant clerk-treasurer; Rev. Robert Barker, historian; J. J. Hamilton, B. T. U. director; Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor advisor for the B. T. U.; Frank Walsh, Sunday School superintendent; and Miss Kate Robinson, vacation Bible School leader.

The association voted to employ a full time associational missionary, and the following committee was appointed to secure one and to contact the churches in the matter of financing: P. G. Ivie, chairman, Murphy; Rev. F. B. Garrett, Hayesville; Mrs. Chas. Carringer, Hayesville; Mrs. C. T. Almond, Andrews; Lawson Lunsford, Peachtree, and Rev. Pat Elliott, Hangingdog.

## Murphy Schools To Open Monday

H. Bueck, superintendent of the Murphy City Administrative unit, has announced the opening of schools for the term 1945-46, Monday, August 27. The school lunch room will open on Thursday, August 30. There will be a faculty meeting at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

The compulsory school age for this year has been raised from 14 to 15 years.

Children, to be entitled to enrollment in public schools, must be six years of age on or before October 1 of the year in which they enroll and must enroll during the first month of school. It is required by law that all children be vaccinated against diphtheria before entering school.

Following is the faculty:  
Elementary — Miss Clara McCombs, Miss Frances Dickson, Miss Nell Wilson, first grade; Mrs. Evelyn Patton, second grade; Miss Kate Holliday, second and third grades; Mrs. Dair Shields, third grade; Miss Emily Sword, fourth grade; Miss Kate Hayes, fourth and fifth grades; Mrs. Martha Adams, fifth grade; Miss Addie Leatherwood, sixth grade; Mrs. J. W. Davidson, seventh grade.

Murphy high school and eighth grade:

Mrs. John Berry, English; Mrs. Louise Jenkins, Math; Miss Jane Hill, home economics; Mrs. Anne Ward, history and civics; Mrs. Emily Miller, librarian; Miss Lucy Winston, physical education; J. D. Page, math; Miss Josephine Sullivan, commercial; Miss Catherine Morton, biology and English; Mrs. Ola Vinson Duggan, science and physics; Mrs. Margaret LeMay Mauney, math; Miss Anna Jean Dickey, commercial; Robert S. Bault, woodworking; Miss Margaret Curd art; C. A. Smith, physical education.

Grape Creek — Mrs. V. M. Sales, grades 1-3; Miss Frances Capps, grades 4-6.

Bates Creek — Miss Ella McCombs, grades 1-3; Mrs. Nora Lee Amos, grades 4-6.

Tomotla — Miss Bertha Mayfield, grades 1-2; Miss Leila Hayes, grades 3-4; Mrs. Willie Lou Shields, grades 5-6.

Texana (colored) — Miss Ella Belle Beatty, grades 1-3; Miss Elma Rai Dennis, grades 4-8.

**SERMON SUBJECTS**  
Subjects of the sermons at First Methodist Church, Sunday, by the minister, Rev. Ralph Taylor, are: 11 a. m. "Will A Man Rob God?"; 8 p. m. "Capitalizing Our Calamities".

A cordial welcome awaits you at these services.  
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Spratlin of Hull, Georgia spent last week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chandler.

## Board Of Health Accepts Dr. M. P. Whichard's Resignation

The Cherokee County Board of Health met Tuesday and accepted the resignation of Dr. M. P. Whichard as health officer for the district health department. Dr. Whichard tendered his resignation to the board on August 9.

Dr. W. C. Morrow of Andrews has been employed to act in an advisory capacity in the Andrews vicinity, and Dr. W. A. Hoover in Murphy.

Members of the board, who were present at the meeting, are: E. A. Wood, Chairman; Dr. W. A. Hoover, Dr. J. R. Bell, Dr. W. C. Morrow, Lloyd Hendrix, and W. M. Fain.

## Early Mailing Of Overseas Gifts Is Urged

Overseas gift packages for the fighting men of the Navy, Coast Guard and Marines may be mailed all year round. Rear Admiral Jules James, USN, Commandant of the Sixth Naval District and Charleston Navy Yard, reminded families and friends of the fighting men today.

There is no deadline by which Christmas mail must be posted, but the Navy urges packages be mailed NOW to insure delivery by Christmas since the fleet is operating 5,000 miles beyond the Fleet Post Office, San Francisco. Gift packages must be not over five pounds in weight, no more than 15 inches in length, no more than 36 inches in length and girth combined.

In mailing gift packages to Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel, Admiral James called attention to these recommendations: Use a strong box, use shredded paper inside the box, use strong wrapping paper, and use strong wrapping cord.

## Murphy Soldiers Pacific Bound

Assembly Area Command, France — Among the "early settlers" of this mammoth redeployment center are members of a general hospital unit, which is now being processed here for direct shipment to the Pacific. The unit, of which Pfc. James B. Hall, Murphy, Rt. 2, is a member, spent its entire European career in this area, establishing and operating one of the first hospitals in what was once a famous French military encampment.

Also a Quartermaster Railroad Company is now being processed at Camp Cleveland, Assembly Area Command, preparatory to being shipped to the Pacific. The unit, of which Pfc. Hoyt A. Arrowood, Rt. 1, Murphy, N. C., is a member, at times served over a quarter of a million rations daily to allied elements during the Battle of the Bulge.

## Chaplain Watts To Speak Here

The Rev. Lawrence A. Watts, chaplain of N. C. Prison Dept. Central Prison, Raleigh, will be the guest minister at the midweek service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the First Methodist Church.

## Gills V. Luther Has Purple Heart

With the 32nd Infantry Division in Northern Luzon — Suffering shrapnel wounds during an enemy artillery bombardment in the recent fighting along the Villa Verda Trail, Private First Class Gills V. Luther of Andrews, North Carolina, has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Pfc. Luther who serves in a mortar crew of the famed 32nd (Red Arrow) Infantry Division, has now recovered from his injuries and is back on the job. Red Arrow Infantrymen are now engaged in mopping up operations in the Cagayan Valley.

Serving in Company D of the Division's crack 128th Infantry Regiment, Pfc. Luther has been in action against the enemy for 29 months. He has participated in four major operations and is entitled to wear, in addition to the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge and Philippine Liberation Medal. His mother, Mrs. Effie Luther lives in Andrews.

## Vernon Martin Gets Bronze Star

With the Fifth Army, Italy — Private First Class Vernon R. Martin of Murphy, North Carolina, recently was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat during the Italian campaign.

He served on the Fifth Army Front in Company E, 349th "Krautkiller" Regiment of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division.

His mother, Mrs. Mollie L. Martin, lives on Route 3, Murphy.

## Payne Rites Held Friday

Funeral services were held Friday, August 17, at 2 o'clock at River Hill for Mrs. Sarah Eveline Picklesimer Payne, age 75. The Rev. Ernest German of McCaysville, Ga., officiated.

She is survived by her husband, George Payne, three boys, Isum and William of Patrick, George of Copperhill, and six girls, Carda Hamby of Oak Park, Vesta Hamby of Kerville, Ga., Ada Adams, Millie Williamson, Gillie Williamson and Agnes Hamby of Patrick, two brothers, Jim Picklesimer and Tom Picklesimer, one sister, Clerenda Coleman, all of Patrick, 71 grandchildren and 53 great grandchildren.

## Henry M. Lusk Dies At Age 82

Henry Milnor Lusk, 82, died Tuesday at 9 p. m. at his home at Topton. Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Thursday morning (today) at Topton Baptist church, with the Rev. Ronald Holland of Robbinsville, officiating. Interment was in Andrews cemetery. Ivie funeral home was in charge.

Surviving are the widow; three sons, Max Lusk of Topton, Cecil Lusk of Helen, Ga., Guy Lusk of Richwood, West Va., two daughters, Mrs. Kathleen McGraw of Topton, and Mrs. Pauline Morrow of Andrews.

Mr. Lusk was native of Roaring Branch, Pa. He married Mrs. Lula Wright of Topton.

## Street-Teaching Tour To Be Here

The Catholic Evidence Guild of Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., will conduct its fourth annual street-teaching tour in St. John's Parish in Western North Carolina this summer. Three undergraduate girl students, accompanied by two Dominican nuns, faculty members of Rosary College, will deliver public addresses in Cherokee next week, Monday through Saturday, August 27 through September 1, each night at 7:30 at Main street.

The girl students who have been chosen for the tour this summer are Mary Constance Woods, Webster Groves, Mo., Helen McGrath, Akron, O., and Marjorie Malay, Gas City, Ind.

## State Commander Of American Legion Visits Murphy

Victor R. Johnson of Pittsboro, state department commander of the American Legion of North Carolina, with Mrs. Johnson and their daughter, Miss Eleanor Winfrey Johnson, spent Sunday night in Murphy and met members of the Joe Miller Elkins Post of the American Legion here. They were entertained by John O'Dell chairman of the membership committee of the 20th district of the Legion.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and their daughter attended a picnic in the afternoon for members of the 20th district at Cherokee at which Clarence Bales, of Robbinsville, district commander, was host. Other officials attending the picnic were Roy McMillan, national representative of the American Legion, and Burgin Pennell, chairman of the veteran's commission for North Carolina.

The 20th district is composed of the counties of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon and Swain, and every post in the district was represented at Cherokee Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Johnson is state president of the American Legion auxiliary, the only wife of a state commander to hold this position.

This was their first visit to Murphy, and they expressed themselves as being delighted with the town and this section.

## Nine Men Leave For Induction

Nine Cherokee county men left Murphy Thursday morning for Fort Bragg for induction into the armed services. They were:

Burton Benjamin Cornwell, Jr., leader; Charles Piercy, Homer Green, Fred William Watts, Bill Raper, Verlon Ray Allen, J. B. Powell, Luther Lee Garland, Nandoe Lee Brown.

## Pvt. Wilcox Awarded Expert Infantry Badge

Camp Blanding, Florida — Pvt. Ralph R. Wilcox has been awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge after completing a rigorous course of training in the Infantry Replacement Training Center here.

Award of this badge, which calls for additional compensation above base pay, means that Pvt. Wilcox is an expert in the use of several of the Infantry's weapons and has done a more than satisfactory job of learning the other military skills required of a doughboy in this war.

He is the husband of Mrs. Ruby L. Wilcox, who lives at Marble, N. C., Rt. 1.

The new Expert Infantryman entered service in February. Before entering service he was employed by T. V. A. in Fontana, N. C.

## Cherokee Asked For \$300 For Symphony Fund

Mrs. Zeb Conley of Andrews announces that the quota for Cherokee county for the North Carolina Symphony orchestra fund is \$300. Of that amount she has assigned a quota of \$150 to Andrews and \$150 to Murphy.

Various civic clubs and individuals are being solicited for the funds to meet the above quotas.

Among those in Murphy serving with Mrs. Conley are: Mrs. B. W. Whitfield, Mrs. T. A. Case, Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Mrs. Martha Adams, Miss Addie Mae Cooke and others.

Mrs. Conley and Miss Jean Christy of Andrews met with Mrs. Whitfield, Mrs. Case and Mrs. Cooke Saturday to discuss the program.

When the county meets its quota it will be entitled to a concert to be given by a 12-piece orchestra. Persons contributing as much as a dollar will be entitled to a ticket to the concert.

## Conservation And Development Board To Meet In County

### All Manpower Controls Lifted

All manpower controls in North Carolina were automatically removed at the moment last week when President Truman announced the end of the war with Japan. Dr. J. S. Dorton, State director of the War Manpower Commission, said in a statement issued at that time. He discussed the State's future in this statement:

"Lifting all manpower controls means that all ceiling and employment stabilization regulations, including the 48-hour workweek, are removed and all employers may hire as many workers as they want and can get. Workers are permitted to accept any job they may choose and to change jobs as they wish.

### People Urged To Be Vaccinated For Diphtheria

Recently there have been a number of cases of diphtheria reported in Cherokee county. "The public should be reminded that this is a disease easily prevented and every child between the ages of six months to ten years should be properly immunized," states the health department.

The department says: "Contact your private physician or your local Health Department and be sure your child is safe. The Health Department in Murphy is open every Wednesday from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., and every Saturday morning. Each Thursday from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. the health office is open in Andrews."

### Capt. W. H. Davis Is Commanding Officer, Ft. Lewis

Madigan Hospital Center, Fort Lewis, Washington — Captain William H. Davis, of Murphy, North Carolina, is the new Commanding Officer of the Receiving and Holding Company at Madigan Convalescent Hospital. It was revealed by Col. M. G. Keeler, Commanding Officer of Madigan Hospital Center.

Commissioned at Camp Berkeley, Texas, in October, Capt. Davis had previously served in Hawaii as chief-clerk in the division surgeon's office.

During civilian life Capt. Davis was employed as Sanitarian, Davidson County Health Department at Lexington, N. C.

### Murphy Clubsters Win In Contest

"Using Dairy Products in a Simple Luncheon" was the title of the demonstration winning first place in Cherokee County's Dairy Foods demonstration contest which was held in the Murphy Home Economics Laboratory on Tuesday, August 21. Mildred Hendrix and Robbie Barton, teammates representing the Murphy Senior 4-H club, demonstrated the preparation of a simple and nutritious meal based on Dairy products. This team will represent Cherokee county in the district contest which will be held in Franklin on August 24.

Dorothy Shields and Mary Famer, also of the Murphy 4-H Club and Lorene Taylor and Darline Aiken of the Ranger Junior 4-H Club are to be commended for the excellent demonstration which gave.

Judges were Mrs. Edwin Bristol and Mrs. W. G. Lail of Andrews and Miss Jane Hill of Murphy.

Murphy Business Men's club is planning to assist in entertaining the members of the State Board of Conservation and Development when it meets in Cherokee county in the latter part of September. Announcement of the meeting was made by Mayor W. M. Fain. The secretary, W. D. King, was requested, at the meeting held Tuesday evening at Hotel Regal, to contact P. B. Ferree, member of the board, and ascertain the plans for the meeting so that local entertainment can be provided.

Dr. B. W. Whitfield announced that E. A. Wood had promised that he will make available enough land for an airport for the county, if J. C. Townson, on whose property a large portion of the proposed airport site is, does not want to dispose of his property for the airport.

It was announced that the Wood for War motorcade scheduled to come to the county in September has been cancelled.

Dr. J. R. Bell announced that a committee had contacted service stations of the town and secured an agreement whereby one station will remain open each Sunday, for service to tourists. Exact hours have not been determined, but it is thought they will not be open during Church services.

J. L. Shields was welcomed by President W. A. Hoover as a new member.

The club voted to ask Governor Cherry for a highway patrolman to be stationed here, since traffic has greatly increased, and accidents are on the upgrade.

President Hoover announced that very little material on Murphy and vicinity is on file with the State Board of Conservation and Development, and he asked that the advertising committee gather some information on our resources, weather, industrial possibilities, and other attractive features and send it to the Board.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, September 13, since the Cherokee county fair opens on the regular date for the meeting.

Former Secretary R. W. Easley, Jr., reported that only a few hotels and tourist homes listed their accommodations and rates with the club recently when an effort was made to secure that information.

### Deputy And Matron Are Arrested

MORGANTON — A man identified by Burke County Sheriff R. C. Chapman as Deputy Sheriff F. A. Fain of Cherokee county, was released from the Burke county jail Wednesday on a \$500 bond following his arrest Monday night on a charge of public drunkenness and resisting arrest, Sheriff Chapman said.

A woman identified as Mrs. Fain Bingham, also of Murphy, whom officers said was arrested at the same time on a charge of interfering with an arrest, was released under \$25 bond.

Sheriff Chapman said he understood the Cherokee Deputy, with Mrs. Bingham as matron, was en route to Raleigh with three white women prisoners and one negro woman prisoner at the time of their arrest. The four prisoners were placed in jail here and held until another deputy arrived to take them on to Raleigh.

Burke county officers arrested Fain and Mrs. Bingham at Valdese after they stopped there and reported that Fain's gun had been stolen at a roadside place between Morganton and Valdese.

**ASSISTS IN REVIVAL**  
Rev. Ralph Taylor has been assisting the Rev. V. N. Allen of Franklin in a series of evangelistic services this week.