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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Parents' Days To Be Observed November 27-28

Parents' Days will be observed in Murphy school Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, November 27-28. All parents and friends are invited to visit any of the grades or classes and have lunch in the school lunchroom.

On Monday night, November 26, the Parent-Teacher program scheduled for last Tuesday will be given in the home economics building at 7:30 o'clock. The Revs. Ralph Taylor and Alfred Smith will be the speakers. This is the regular North Carolina Education association unit meeting for November.

County Red Cross Chapter To Be Saluted On Radio

The Cherokee County Chapter of American Red Cross will be saluted Saturday, the twenty-fourth of November at 6:15-6:30 P. M. over radio station WWNC from Asheville, N. C. in the first of a series of five broadcasts on the roll played by the Western North Carolina Chapters in the American Red Cross program at home and abroad.

This recognition is for outstanding work in veterans claims rendered by this chapter.

Two other chapters of Western North Carolina, Haywood County Chapter and Transylvania County Chapter, also will be cited on this program.

The salute to the Cherokee County Chapter is the initial program in this series of round table discussions of Red Cross services to Veterans. The Cherokee County Chapter and other Red Cross chapters are prepared not only to give these services but are happy to serve the veteran.

The broadcast will also emphasize that due to the veterans already discharged and the increasing numbers leaving separation centers daily, there is a greater need for workers in these chapters to successfully continue the Red Cross program.

James Picklesimer Dies At Age Of 77

James A. Picklesimer, age 77, of Patrick died Sunday morning November 18, at Petrie hospital where he had been for sometime. He had been in very ill health for a long time.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age.

He is survived by one brother, Thomas Picklesimer and one sister, Mrs. Clarinda Coleman, both of Patrick, and a large number of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Hill Baptist church by the Rev. S. M. Wolfe of Farmer, Tenn. Interment was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery with Ivie Funeral home of Murphy in charge.

Guy Derreberry Gets Discharge

ANDREWS — Pfc. Guy Derreberry arrived home Tuesday of last week after being discharged at Ft. Bragg. He was with the 101st Air Borne Division which went into Normandy the night before D-Day and parachuted into Holland, and was in the Battle of the Belgium Bulge. His division received the Presidential Citation for their work on D-Day, the Oak Leaf Cluster for action in Holland and the Belgium Forreague. He also has four battle stars and the Purple Heart.

Cpl. Roscoe James Is Discharged

Cpl. Charles Roscoe James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa James of Murphy, Rt. 3, has received his discharge after being in service three years, 18 months of which he served in the European theatre of war. He wears the following decorations: Good Conduct Medal, Silver Star, Distinguished Service Medal, and five Bronze Battle Stars.

Capt. Miller Is Home From Jap Prison Camp

Capt. Edward S. (Bill) Miller arrived in Murphy Thursday of last week, with his wife, for a 10-days' visit with his brothers, Dr. Harry Miller and Mr. Morris Miller, and his sister, Mrs. Frank Justice, and their families. He was a prisoner of war in Japan.

Weaver Home From Pacific

William Rex Weaver, S. F. 2/c U. S. Navy, has been spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Weaver, Murphy, Rt. 2.

He has been in the South and Southwest Pacific for almost two years and was in eleven invasions, from Southern New Guinea to the Northern Philippines, including Borneo. His campaign ribbons include American area, Asiatic Pacific, with three bronze stars, and Philippine area with two bronze stars. Weaver served aboard the U. S. S. — L. S. T. — 397, which was one of the first twelve L. S. T.'s to see action in the Pacific.

He is now on his way to Raleigh to be assigned to a new post.

Clyde Reid Is Back In States

Clyde Reid, seaman, first class, Patrick, N. C., and other men serving on the tanker USS Escalante have returned to the States after traveling more than 55,000 miles in the Pacific during which time she and her crew took part in the final phases of the war with Japan.

The Escalante took part in the operations at Luzon, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, and the final strikes against the Japanese home islands. Her records show she discharged more than 47,000,000 gallons of fuel into 3rd and 5th Fleet ships.

At the end of hostilities, the tanker entered Tokyo Bay with her sister auxiliaries.

Robert Martin On Okinawa With Seabee Unit

OKINAWA—(Delayed)—Robert Patten Martin, machinist's mate, second class, Route 2, Murphy, N. C., who served with the 125th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion, played an important part in the final drive that helped bring Japan to her knees.

The outfit was one of the Seabee units responsible for the rapid development of the Ryukyus island into a formidable base. The 125th arrived just one day after the fighting had been officially declared ended and, within a few days, its members were helping complete the Awashi airstrip.

Two weeks later the battalion moved to Yonabaru to begin work on the airfield originally started by the Japs.

The Seabee group previously had spent 14 months on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands.

Attend NCEA Meet At Hiwassee Dam

Those from Murphy attending the N. C. E. A. county unit dinner at Hiwassee Dam last Friday were:

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hendrix, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck, Robert Bault, Mr. Page, Miss Eina Geiseking, Miss Addie Leatherwood, Misses Kate and Leila Hayes, Miss Margaret Curd, Miss Farnes Dickson, Mrs. Ola Duggan, Mrs. Evelyn Patton, Mrs. Duke Whitley, Mrs. Dair Shields, Mrs. Willie Lou Shields.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

"Unceasing Praise" will be the subject of the sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and "None Other Name" is the topic for the evening service at 7:30 o'clock, as announced by the pastor, the Rev. T. G. Tate.



TVA'S MIGHTIEST—and fourth highest in the world—is Fontana Dam, located in a remote section of the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. Size of the dam may be surmised by the large power building seen at the foot. The lake it backs up is fringed with mountains, and pokes numerous fingers back into the coves. Part of the lake will front on the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Start of the inclined cable tramway which will ride sightseers over 400 feet from top of the dam to the power house may be seen in this spectacular view.

Willard Hembree With Wing Fleet

CHICAGO, ILL.—Willard Hembree, aviation machinist's mate, first class, USNR, 22, Route 3, Murphy N. C., can claim a share in one of the most outstanding records of the war while serving with Fleet Air Wing One, whose record in the final phases of the conflict now is being released by the Navy.

The newly announced details of the wing's record show that it sent more than 175,000 tons of Jap shipping to the bottom with its Mariner, Corsair and Privateer planes, damaged at least that much more tonnage, and shot down more than 40 enemy planes.

Units of the wing still were harassing the Japanese from their base at Okinawa when the news of the surrender was received. It was at Okinawa that the Japs made their most frantic effort to disrupt the operations of the air wing, turning loose an almost continuous stream of suicide fliers at its base there.

The Navy's records have disclosed that, from Korea to China and Formosa—even to Japan, itself, the air wing helped keep the Japs in confusion, while other Fleet units pounded the enemy from Okinawa to Tokyo. Her planes teamed up with Army airmen to rain destruction on the Jap homeland.

Medlin Serving On USS Helm

Holland McCall Medlin, seaman, first class, USNR, 20 Murphy, N. C., and other crewmen serving the destroyers USS HELM, had helped take her through 11 major operations in the Pacific by the time the Japs decided to accept surrender terms.

The HELM was caught in the Pearl Harbor attack. She returned the Japs' visit by taking part in the Guadalcanal and Tulagi landings, the eastern New Guinea operations, the Bismarck Archipelago, Marianas and Carolines actions, and the Leyte operations.

Early this year the HELM participated in the Luzon operations, and later figured in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa engagements.

George Luther Gets Discharge

George J. Luther, Boatswain's Mate 2/C, became a civilian after discharge ceremonies at the U. S. Naval Separation Center in Charleston, S. C. on Wednesday November 7.

He has had convoy escort duty in Atlantic and Mediterranean Seas. He wears the following decorations: Presidential citation with one star, American Theatre, European Theatre with one star and Victory bar.

Venson Watts Is Out Of The Army

ANDREWS — Pfc. Venson G. Watts arrived here last week with his discharge after serving in the armed forces for 39 months, 35 of which were spent in Europe. He saw action at Naples, Rome, southern France, Rhineland, and central Europe. He has the American Defense ribbon, Eamet Campaign Medal with a bronze arrowhead and five service stars, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. His brother, S 2/c Fred, is also home this week on a day furlough from Balbridge, Md.

Three Resign At Local School

Supt. H. Bueck of the Murphy schools, announces the following resignations in the Murphy city unit: Mrs. Blanche Miller, office secretary; Mrs. Emma Louise Jenkins Minor, eighth grade English and ninth grade math; and Mrs. Anne Ward, history and civics and 11th grade sponsor.

SERMON SUBJECTS

"Anchors of the Soul" will be the sermon subject of the Rev. Ralph Taylor at First Methodist Church Sunday at 11 o'clock. Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock.

NAVY'S HEDGEHOG A U-BOAT KILLER



A VERITABLE SHOTGUN CANNON firing 24 bombs in little more than a second, the Navy's Hedgehog gun is shown at top (above) with all projectiles in place. A secret until now, and with some of its features still unrevealed, the rocket-principle weapon replaced the depth charge against submarines, and is credited with a share in the sinking (as in lower picture) of 300 U-boats. U. S. Navy photo. (International)

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Speaker Says Club Needs Full-Time Business Office Here

Mrs. Savage Is Chairman Of T. B. Seal Sale

The 1945 tuberculosis Christmas seal sale, sponsored by Murphy woman's club, began Wednesday. It has been announced by Mrs. C. W. Savage, chairman. The seals will be sold through the schools as has been the plan for a number of years. Mrs. George Mauney is chairman of sales in the high school, and Miss Addie Leatherwood is chairman in the elementary school.

The county's proceeds from the sale of seals are used through the county health office for chest X-rays of tubercular patients and suspects, and for medicines and other services for the relief of sufferers of the county.

Hudson and Cooke On Baptist Board

At the meeting of the Baptist State convention last week Miss Addie Mae Cooke of Murphy was re-elected as a member of the general board for the next two years, and I. B. Hudson of Andrews was elected as a new member, to serve four years.

Mildred Wells Is Member Of Club

Created for the purposes of preserving a southern art and of providing recreation for students, Square Dance club at The Woman's College has resumed its activities for the year. Eighty-four new members have been taken into the club and officers chosen for the 1945-46 session.

Among the new members is Miss Mildred Wells, Murphy.

E. G. Postell Is Discharged

Camp Lejeune, N. C.—Marine Corporal Ernest G. Postell, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Postell, live in Andrews, N. C., has been discharged from the Marine Corps at Ibis Separation Center. Postell served on Tarawa and Saipan and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal. His outfit received the Presidential Unit Citation with stars.

Hatchett On LCS For 20,000 Miles

Aboard The LCS (L) 121, Leyte, Philippines (Delayed)—Albert W. Hatchett, seaman, first class, Route 2, Murphy, N. C., who, with other members of the crew of this vessel, turned her into a supply craft by day — "Flycatcher" and "Skunk" patrol boat by night, and helped put 20,000 miles of sea travel under her belt by the time V-J Day found her at this Philippines harbor, undergoing repairs.

The LCS (landing craft, support) had her "Flycatcher" and "Skunk" patrol work at Okinawa, assigned to an area near the harbor on combined air defense and enemy suicide boat lookout. The craft remained in the Okinawa area from May 10 to July 10, during which her chief assignment was picket duty.

She went to "general quarters" 56 times to meet enemy air attacks during that period, and suffered one near-miss when a bomb exploded off her starboard quarter, spraying the deck with shrapnel. She is credited with shooting down two Jap planes.

GETS DISCHARGE

Pvt. James R. Roberts, Rt. 3, Box 57, Murphy, was discharged at the Post Public Relations Office, Fort Knox, Ky., November 9.

J. C. Baskerville, secretary-treasurer of the Lenoir Chamber of Commerce, told members of Murphy Business Men's club at a meeting at Dickey hotel dining room Tuesday night that the most essential need of any organization working for the good of a town is to have a central office with a full-time trained and well-informed person in charge. A person with a thorough knowledge of the conditions in town and one who knows how to answer the questions of prospective industries should be in charge of the office, he stated.

Discussing the prospects for tourist business here, Mr. Baskerville stated that Murphy is in a "favored position" and that if local people furnish the essential, "courtesy, comfort and coffee", for good tourist business there is nothing to keep people from coming here and staying long periods of time. He also said that there is great prospect for industry, as the larger industries are finding it practical to break up into smaller units and are moving south where they find the highest type of labor in the country.

The speaker commended Murphy people for developing a city park and on their interest in the proposed golf course. He declared that recreational facilities are essential for home people and visitors, that if something is available for tourists' entertainment and pleasure they will stay longer and the town will profit thereby. He said that statistics prove that the average tourist spends \$8 a day while on a trip.

Dr. B. W. Whitfield and Dr. W. A. Hoover presided over the meeting. W. A. Goodson of Charlotte and Mrs. J. C. Baskerville, visitors, were presented. The golf course was discussed by Dr. J. R. Bell, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, W. M. Fain and Dale Lee, the latter two taking the stand that before the golf project is started the city park should be developed.

Dr. J. R. Bell, chairman, T. A. Case and B. W. Whitfield, were appointed on a committee to work on the golf course, after the club had voted to sponsor the project.

R. S. Bault was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange classes in vocational training to be held in January and February. He named Miss Addie Mae Cooke and J. W. Davidson to serve on the committee.

C. L. Alverson reported that the advertising committee had investigated the Murphy road signs at various points and had had two re-painted and repaired.

W. M. Fain reported on a recent meeting in Asheville when local men and a delegation from Unaka urged the surfacing of the Joe Erown highway to the Tennessee line. He stated that if enough interest in the project is manifested it is likely the county will be able to get this project approved.

Clyde Wheeler Given Discharge

ANDREWS — Pfc. Clyde Wheeler received his discharge and arrived home last week. He spent two years in the Dutch East Indies, central and southern Philippines, and Honshu, Japan. He received the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense ribbon, Pacific-Asiatic ribbon with three stars and arrowhead, and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with two stars. Pfc. Wheeler is the son of the late Sammy Wheeler, and Mrs. Sammie Wheeler.

Miller At Oliver General Hospital

Augusta, Ga. — Major Edward S. Miller, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller of Murphy, N. C. has been returned to the Oliver General Hospital here from overseas for further medical treatment. He was a prisoner of the Japanese. He is 32 years old and has been in the Army 7 years.