



## Funeral Held For Dr. And Mrs. Cox, Hotel Fire Victims

A crowd which filled the auditorium of the church attended the funeral services for Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Cox of Murphy, who lost their lives in the fire which destroyed the Winecoff hotel in Atlanta last Saturday morning, which were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church here.

The Rev. T. G. Tate, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which Dr. and Mrs. Cox were members, officiated, assisted by the Rev. R. L. Young, pastor of the Methodist church and the Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Dr. Cox joined the staff of Petrie hospital in October, 1943, after having been with Tennessee Valley Authority during the construction of dams in this area. He was a member of the Lions club, in which he took an active interest, and had recently been elected chairman of the Cherokee county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and was chairman of the campaign for funds to be put on here January 15-31.

Mrs. Cox was a teacher in the primary department of the Presbyterian Sunday school, was a member of the Woman's auxiliary of the church and a member of Murphy Woman's club. She assisted in the organization of the local Girl Scout troop and was its first leader.

The bodies were taken to Mount Vernon, Ky., where a funeral service was conducted at the Christian church, with the Rev. H. T. Young of Lexington, Ky., officiating. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery in Mount Vernon.

Pallbearers at the service here were: Harry Bishop, Charles Worthen, Frank Pasquith, C. E. Weir, Jim Gibbs, Dale Lee, Walter Mauney, C. W. Arnold, Edwin Hyde, H. A. Mattox, Dr. L. T. Russell, and Duke Whitley.

Dr. Cox is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox of Mount Vernon; two brothers, Vernon Cox of Mount Vernon, and Charles Cox of New Albany, Ind.; three sisters, Mrs. C. K. Fisher of McDonald, Kans., Mrs. Herman Peyton of Liberty, Ky., and Mrs. Roy Turner of Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Cox is survived by three sisters, Miss Ruth Crawford of Knoxville, Mrs. Harry Cain of San Antonio, Tex., and Miss Louise Crawford of Austin, Tex. She was the former Miss Billie Crawford of Morristown, Tenn., and was reared by an aunt, Mrs. L. S. Jones of Morristown. She is also survived by other aunts, Miss Mary Carson of Morristown, Mrs. Charles Bell of Cornelia, Ga., Mrs. George Rankin and Mrs. R. A. Coffman of Knoxville, and Mrs. Will Humpston of White Pine, Tenn.

Also surviving Dr. and Mrs. Cox is their little three-year-old son, Bobby, whose life was saved after he had fallen from his father's arms and landed on an awning bouncing off into the street where

## Harry Mauney Is Scholastic Leader At Baylor

Harry Mauney, who attends the Baylor School for Boys at Chattanooga, is listed on the Dean's List, denoting better than average scholarship for the current six weeks' grade period, according to an announcement by Headmaster Herbert Barks. Young Mauney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mauney.

## Murphy College Team Has New Uniforms

Murphy College ball team has new uniforms, royal blue and white, and are wearing them at the games now being played.

On Friday they defeated the Young Harris team at Young Harris 36-27. Carter and Kephart were outstanding players, making 15 points each. Young Harris played here on Saturday, being defeated 53-24, when Carter starred with 28 points and Kimsy with 13. The coach was Red Raper.

The team played Hiwassee Wednesday and will play Hayesville All-Stars there Friday afternoon.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Lloyd W. Hendrix, superintendent of schools, announces that the schools in the Cherokee county unit will close December 20 for the holidays and re-open January 2.

### SINGING

The third Sunday singing is to be held at Calvary Baptist church, Sunday, December 15, at 2 p. m. The officers will be elected for the coming year. The public is invited to attend.

he was caught by a bystander. All stores and places of business in town were closed during the funeral services.

Relatives who attended the funeral of Dr. and Mrs. Cox were: Charles Cox of New Albany, Ind., his brother, and W. H. Cox of Mount Vernon, Ky., his cousin.

Relatives of Mrs. Cox who attended were: her aunts, Mrs. L. S. Jones of Morristown, Tenn., and Mrs. Charles Bell of Cornelia, Ga., and her sisters, Miss Ruth Crawford of Knoxville, Mrs. Harry Cain of San Antonio, Texas, and Miss Louise Crawford of Austin, Texas.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover and Miss Louise Crawford attended the funeral service in Mount Vernon Wednesday.



DR. ROBERT H. COX



MRS. ROBERT H. COX

## Carringer To Give Recital At Woman's Club

Mrs. R. H. Foard, chairman of the music committee of the Woman's club, will present Walter Carringer, tenor, of Murphy and Cullowhee, in a song recital at the December meeting of the club Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 18, at 3:15 o'clock. Mrs. J. W. Davidson will serve as accompanist.

Following is the program: Where e'er You Walk — Handel; Passing By — Purcell; Thanks Be To Thee — Handel. The Blind Ploughman — Clarke; Sing Me To Sleep — Greene; Mah Lindy Lou — Strickland. Dedication — Franz; Since We Parted — Allitsen; Cloud Shadows — Rogers.

## First Methodist Services Listed

"Where Should Christ Be Born?" will be the theme of the sermon by the Rev. Russell L. Young, Sunday morning at First Methodist Church. His evening topic will be "Looking Up". The services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school will be at 9:45 a. m. Two classes have been recently formed for returned veterans and young men and young women. The Methodist Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30 p. m.

At 7:30 p. m. Tuesday the Wesleyan Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. W. A. Hoover, Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Circle No. 3 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet with Mrs. R. L. Young at the parsonage. Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. the prayer service will be one of special interest, the pastor announces.

### INFANT DIES

Ronald, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Rasco Lamb, died December 11 at 5 a. m. at his home. Funeral services were held in the home December 12 at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Clifton Eggers officiating and Townson Funeral home in charge of arrangements. Interment was in Peachtree cemetery.

The infant is survived by the father and mother, three small sisters and one small brother.

### TOBACCO MARKETS OPEN

Western North Carolina's two burley tobacco markets located at Asheville and Boone began sales for this season on Monday, December 2. On the Asheville market, Monday's sales averaged 45.34, while Wednesday's sales dropped to 39.75. However, prices picked up during the latter part of the week and Friday's sales averaged 44.05.

## Lay & Co. Lots Sold To Various People In Murphy

Lay and Company, owners and operators of a chain of five and ten cent stores in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina, sold at auction last Thursday, nine lots from the plot fronting 107 feet on Peachtree street and 203 feet on Central avenue, formerly owned by the Harshaw heirs.

Dr. R. S. Parker was the purchaser of the first corner lot facing Peachtree street on one side and Central avenue on the other.

Walter Coleman bought the second lot facing Peachtree, and Lay and company reserved the next 50 feet facing Peachtree street and extending the entire length of 203 feet to Fain street.

Parker and Coleman bought a lot together, facing Central avenue. Hadley Dickey bought two lots facing Central avenue and Frank Fain bought one lot facing the same avenue.

E. A. Browning bought three lots fronting on Fain street on which he plans to build a factory it is reported.

The amount received for the property was \$18,425. The property including a lot reserved by the company, was purchased by the Lays about a year ago from the Harshaw heirs for \$22,000.

Seven Lay brothers own and operate stores in Cleveland, Dayton and Cookeville, Tenn., Stevenson and Scottsboro, Ala., Calhoun and Cartersville, Ga., and Murphy, Andrews and Bryson City in North Carolina.

P. B. Lay is president of the company, and the head office is in Cleveland. W. M. Lay manager of the Murphy store, announces that the company plans to construct a building on the 50 by 203 foot lot here at an early date.

### ANNOUNCES SUBJECTS

The Rev. Fred R. Horton, pastor, announces "Growing in Grace," as the subject at morning worship at 11 a. m. Sunday at First Methodist church. The subject at evening service will be "David Hears from Heaven," at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school will be at 10 a. m., young people's service at 7, and prayer meeting, Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Miss Willie McKinney spent last week-end in Andrews with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker.



E. B. McGukin

SPEAKS SUNDAY — Dr. E. B. McGukin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, will be the speaker on the Presbyterian Hour, next Sunday morning, December 15, at 8:30 A. M., E. S. T., over an independent network of southeastern radio stations.

Born in Georgia, Dr. McGukin entered Davidson College and graduated there in 1922. He got his theological training at Union Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and for his first pastorate went to the Lafayette Presbyterian Church in Norfolk, Virginia in 1929. Later he was pastor for several years in the Presbyterian Church in Winchester, Virginia. From there he went to his present pastorate in Knoxville ten years ago. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was awarded Dr. McGukin by King College in 1938.

The subject of Dr. McGukin's address next Sunday morning will be "The Strategy of Satan."

The program can be heard in this section over: WNCN Asheville; WPTF, Raleigh; WSJS, Winston-Salem; WSB, Atlanta; WNOX, Knoxville; and WRVA, Richmond, at 8:30 a. m. EST.

## Four Cherokee People Killed, Others Hurt In Winecoff Fire

### To Check Cars

The sheriff's department and the state highway patrol will start making a check of all automobiles for brakes, horns, taillights, and other equipment, as well as dimming lights, on Monday of next week, according to Patrolman Charles Galloway.

### TVA Aids In Fuel Shortage With More Power

TVA is now supplying the power needs of its own service area from its hydro power resources. In addition TVA is using the full capacity of its transmission interconnections to make its power resources available in reducing the drain on utility coal reserves. TVA has made arrangements for supplying about 35 million kwh per week over its interconnections to the North and East for delivery to utilities which depend principally upon fuel-burning plants for energy production. This energy, which represents over 11 percent of the energy generated by TVA, is being generated in TVA steam plants and is being delivered to help maintain utility coal reserves in such states as Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia.

Major interconnections involved include a high capacity line extending from Nashville, Tennessee, to Louisville, Kentucky, where it connects with systems in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. Another line extends from Norris Dam to Pineville, Kentucky, where it connects with systems in Kentucky and West Virginia. At Waterville, North Carolina, the TVA system is interconnected with systems in that state over which energy can be transferred to Virginia. These connections are normally utilized to interchange power for improved economy of operation of the interconnected systems.

TVA has on hand about 285 thousand tons of coal at its steam plants and is using about 20,000 tons a week.

TVA will comply with any further fuel conservation measures which may be determined upon by the responsible agency.

### Student Aid Fund Started

H. Bueck has received an initial \$500 for the establishment of a "Student Aid Fund" for assistance to students desiring to go to college and are unable to go because of lack of finances. The donors are anonymous and do not want their names revealed. They expect to add some to the fund in the future, making it of sufficient size to be helpful to those who especially need it. Mr. Bueck states that he hopes others will become interested in this project and add something.

### AT FATHER'S BEDSIDE

S. H. McGuire of Atlanta was called here Tuesday night by the serious illness of his father, J. M. McGuire of Peachtree, who is in Petrie hospital suffering with pneumonia. His condition was reported to be improved Wednesday.

### Christmas Seals



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### Stewardship Conference Is Held Wednesday

A Stewardship conference for Presbyterian churches of Andrews, Robbinsville, Hayesville and Murphy, which comprise this district, was held Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at a dinner meeting at Hotel Regal. Officers and representatives of all the churches attended.

Dr. James B. Patton, Jr., of Atlanta, secretary of stewardship of the Southern Presbyterian church, addressed the meeting.

Following the address, the Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of Asheville Presbytery, conducted a conference on the church budget.

This was one of a series of stewardship conferences being held in Asheville Presbytery.

Dr. Patton spoke at the monthly meeting of the Cherokee county Ministers' association at 12:30 o'clock today (Thursday) at Hotel Regal.

### Mary Cornwell Is President District Agents

Miss Mary Cornwell, Cherokee county home demonstration agent, was elected to the presidency of the Western District Home Demonstration Agents' association at a quarterly meeting of the association held at the George Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville last week-end.

Miss Betty Ross Matheson, of Boone, was elected vice-president; Miss Maude Searey, of Bakersville, secretary; and Miss Eva Higdon, of Buncombe county, treasurer.

Highlight of the meeting was the report by Miss Cornwell, who was the association delegate to the recent annual convention of the National Home Demonstration Agents' association in Chicago.

Miss Lena Brown also attended from here.

### SERMON TOPICS

"Such A Time As This" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. J. Alton Morris at the First Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. At the evening service at 7:30, Mr. Morris will speak on "The Woman Whose Son Was Greatest."

## Lions Presenting Show Two Nights

"Cornzappoppin'", local talent show sponsored by Murphy Lions club will be presented in the school auditorium here Thursday and Friday evenings, starting at 8:17, under the direction of Miss Betty Kelly of Burlington, Ky., who has had much experience in this play directing.

Sister Virginia Hetherington plays the part of Elviry Judkins who "rules the roost" in the Judkins household, including her husband, Henry, played by John Moore, and daughter, Sue, played by Mrs. Maureen Weiss.

Elviry has her heart set on Sue marrying Squire Hicks, Ed Brumby, who is the town sheriff and lawyer combined. However, Sue says that the Squire is old enough to be her father and she is much more interested in Bob Sandrock, played by Frank Dickey, who lives down the road.

Something must be done about the situation everyone agrees, and that is when Leon Axley, as Elmer and Billy Adams, as Mazie Mae, discover that Skunk Creek water smells like perfume. Immediately Paw and Bob decide to bottle it and make a fortune. If they do that — then Paw can regain his rightful position as head of the house and Bob can marry Sue.

But where to get the money? Maybe Aunt Bessie, played by Gladys McCleskey, will loan it to them. But no — Aunt Bessie is too worried about her pet bear cub

In the most disastrous hotel fire in the nation's history, four Murphy and Cherokee county citizens lost their lives when the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning, and several others were injured.

The dead were: Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Cox of Murphy, Miss Lena Harris of Copperhill, Tenn., and her sister, Mrs. Irene Tollott, of Atlanta.

Natives of Cherokee county, Miss Harris was employed in the Copperhill bank, and Mrs. Lollott was employed in Atlanta. Miss Harris had gone to Atlanta on a shopping trip and she and her sister were at the hotel.

Double funeral services were held Monday at the Methodist church at Ducktown, and the bodies were brought to Hopewell church in Cherokee county where a second service was held with interment in the church cemetery.

The sisters are survived by their mother, Mrs. R. L. Harris, and a sister, Miss Madeline Harris of Cherokee county, and Mrs. Tollott is also survived by a son, Bobby Tollott, a student at the University of Georgia.

Mrs. Glenn Bates and her ten-year-old son, Gene of Murphy, Bobby Cox, three-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Cox, and his nurse, Josephine Delilah Chambers escaped without injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Bault, after a harrowing experience of hours, were led to safety, suffering from smoke and shock, but without serious injury. They were treated at Grady hospital where they remained until Monday when they were brought home by H. G. Elkins and Mrs. W. A. Bell of Asheville, mother of Mrs. Bault.

Mr. and Mrs. Bault are loud in their praises of the work of the American Red Cross and the treatment they received by citizens of Atlanta and the personnel of the hospital.

Nolan Russell, a lineman for the Nantahala Power and Light company and his fellow employe, John M. McFalls, of Andrews registered in the hotel at 12:15 a. m. that fateful morning, and were assigned to room 326. After getting something to eat they returned to the hotel about 2 a. m. and went to bed. They were awakened later by smoke in the room and escaped down a ladder, placed by firemen outside their window, unharmed.

Investigators in Atlanta said they had traced the fire from the burned mattress of a folding bed which had been stored outside room 326 but Russell said he did not remember it.

which is lost to bother with any fool ideas about perfume. Cousin Linney Pearl played by Reba Swancey, is too busy collecting mountain music and rocks to be interested, and Miss Twitty, played by Lucy Winston, is interested only in catching a husband.

As a last resort Paw "borrows" the Community Club funds — Maw is the treasurer. Of course Maw doesn't know it — but it is only the bottling works gets started both men agree. So — the bottling machine is bought — but just as they start to bottle the water they make an alarming discovery. The water smells — yes — but it smells terrible. What could have happened?

Maw finds out about the money and is furious! Sue must marry the Squire immediately. Paw is definitely in the dog house and Bob is forbidden to come near the house.

But — all is well that ends well — and it does end well. "Cornzappoppin'" is described as a riot of comedy and entertainment and it promises to be just that here in Murphy. Those who are entered in the Baby Contest in connection with the play are: Becky Hoover, Carol Russell, Bill Canata, Dickie Davis, Patsy Leatherwood, Jerry Lane Mallonee, Mary Jan Paper, Annette White, Mike Sneed, Phil Mattox, Billy Blair.

## Murphy-Andrews Meet On Friday

By I. B. HUDSON

ANDREWS — When the Murphy football team meets the Andrews football team here Friday at 2 o'clock a game pattern for a long time in the future will be set. Never before in football history in this section will two teams so strong, "so firm and so fully packed", so able and so cunning and so "easy on the draw", be seen on the gridiron hereabouts. A year henceforth most of the now stalwart GF's will have passed out of the football picture to be replaced by "high school boys". Whereas, today all teams on high school and college levels are largely dominated by former service men. When these Cherokee lads line up here for the kick-off on Friday they will present two of as daring football elevens as has ever faced each other before on Cherokee county soil.

Andrews will play to maintain the status quo, already having a win to its credit over Murphy earlier in the season. Whereas the Murphy team with a good chance to win more than she can in any event lose, will be all set to take the crown away from the Valley River boys. Both teams have won over their last four rivals; both teams are in tip top shape for the fray; and both teams feel reasonably sure of victory.

It is reported that fans from Murphy will turn out in large numbers. Andrews will be there to a man! Forty per cent of all gate receipts will go to the Murphy team. With the Andrews Chamber of Commerce giving away a new Chevrolet car at the field at half-time, and this is a great game and the last game of a great football year, this game is confidently expected to be more than any press agent could say about it.