



## Bobbie Cox Placed In Custody Of Mrs. C. K. Fisher

Since the death of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Cox of Murphy in the Wineoff hotel fire last December, their son, Bobbie, who survived the fire, has been living with Dr. Cox's sister, Mrs. Clarence K. Fisher, and her husband, of McDonald, Kansas, awaiting a decision of the Superior Court as to who should rear the child. Both Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Cox's sister, Mrs. Harry Cain of San Antonio, Texas, desire custody of Bobbie.

At a hearing in Superior Court here this week, before Judge Felix Alley, a ruling that he should remain with the Fishers was made. Through her attorneys, Mrs. Cain gave notice of appeal to Supreme Court.

Representing the Fishers in the case were Attorneys J. B. Gray and J. C. Penland. Representing Mrs. Cain were Attorneys Edwin C. Hyde and John C. Cain of San Antonio.

Accompanying the Fishers here were Bobbie and Mrs. Robert Cox of Mt. Vernon, Ky., mother of the late Dr. Cox. With Mrs. Cain were Attorney Cain, Mrs. L. D. Jones of White Pine, Tenn., and Miss Louise Crawford of New York City.

In rendering his decision in the case, Judge Alley stated that in all his experience as judge he had not been faced with a more difficult decision. He highly praised both of the ladies that desired custody of the child, stating that evidence had proven both to be of fine Christian character. He said that he felt Bobbie was saved for a special purpose in life and that he felt a keen responsibility in deciding upon the one to rear him. He said the child is one of the most beautiful children he has ever seen, and made special comment on how he sat through a full day of court, quiet and still, not running around the courtroom as most children would have done.

It was mutually agreed that assets left the child by his parents be left in trust in this state for him.

## To Have Candle Light Service

"The Man of Sorrows" will be the subject of the Rev. T. G. Tate's sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church. At 7:30 o'clock in the evening, Synod's Youth Night will be observed by the Youth Fellowship group in a candle light service. This service will take the place of the regular Youth Fellowship at 6:45. This is a public meeting. Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m.

## Anna Ruth Stiles Is 4-H President

The Peachtree 4-H club met Tuesday morning and elected officers. Anna Ruth Stiles was elected president; David Hendrix, vice-president; Doretha Fleming, secretary and treasurer; Sallie Belle Ferguson, reporter; Audrey Doeky and Richard Sudderth, song leaders.

Miss Mary Cornwell discussed the topic, "Four-H Health Improvement". Each member was given a record book in which to record their health improvements.

## Penny's Subjects Are Announced

The Rev. William B. Penny, pastor of First Methodist church, announces that his sermon subject for the 11 o'clock preaching service Sunday morning will be, "Who Is On the Lord's Side?" At 7:30 p. m. he will preach on, "Stir Up the Gift of God".

Sunday school, with W. D. King as general superintendent, will open at 9:45 a. m. Methodist Youth Fellowship is at 6:30 p. m.

## HONOR FORMER CABINET OFFICIAL



PRESIDENT AND MRS. TRUMAN are shown with Col. Archibald B. Roosevelt, son of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, at the dedication in Washington of a memorial (background) to the late Oscar S. Straus, Cabinet member and diplomat under four Presidents. The statue is located in Commerce Department Building's Great Plaza. (International)

## Speaking Contest On Soils Is Open To School Pupils

High school students will again this year have an opportunity to compete for a host of valuable prizes in the Soil Conservation Speaking Contest. It has been announced by J. Frank Doggett, in charge of Soil Conservation for the State College Extension Service.

The contest, which is sponsored by the North Carolina Banker's Association in cooperation with agricultural workers, will be open to high school students in every county of the State. Mr. Doggett said. Last year students in only 45 counties were eligible and about 2,500 entered. This year more than 5,000 contestants are expected to enter.

Rules of the contest, according to Mr. Doggett, are as follows: All high school students, grades 9-12 (boys and girls, rural and urban) are eligible to enter. Each contestant must write his or her speech, but may receive help from anyone or any source.

The subject of the speech will be "Soil Conservation and Its Relation to the Economy to North Carolina". The contestant may narrow the subject by replacing the words "Soil Conservation" in the title with a practice most important to his or her community.

The maximum length of the speech is 12 minutes. Each contestant must attend a supervised farm tour on a farm where good soil conservation is being practiced.

There will be three judges who will judge each speech on the following points: general organization and content of the speech, 50 points; and elements of delivery, 50 points.

School contests are suggested for March 5, 1948, county contests for March 12, and the final contest will be held in Raleigh, March 20, Mr. Doggett said.

### REVIVAL BEGINS

A revival meeting will begin Sunday night at the Calvary Baptist church, with the Rev. Grady Chastine and Rev. E. G. Nichols preaching.

### PREACHES SUNDAY

The Rev. Taylor Haygood of Marietta, Ga., will preach at Macedonia Baptist church Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m.

### HAS OPERATION

Ben Akin underwent an operation on his eye by Dr. W. H. McCall at Aston Park hospital, Asheville, Tuesday.

Miss Victoria Bell of Canton, field representative, and Miss Ethel Speas of Raleigh, supervisor of Adoptions of the State Department of Public Welfare, were in Murphy last week on business.

## Andrews And Murphy Posts Sponsor Armistice Program

### Visitation Days Are Nov. 11 - 12

The Murphy city school will observe American Education Week November 10th through the 15th. Tuesday and Wednesday of that week will be Parents' Visitation Days. They are invited to come to school with the children, go to classes with them and also have lunch with them as guests of the lunch room.

### Miss Posey Is Taken By Death

Miss Elizabeth (Tommie) Posey, native of Murphy and resident of Asheville for the past seven years, died in an Asheville Sanatorium late Sunday following a long illness.

Miss Posey was the daughter of the late Col. and Mrs. Ben Posey of Murphy and a descendant of Sir Humphrey Posey, noted pioneer minister. She was reared in Murphy.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. L. O. Rector of Asheville; three brothers, John, Ben, and Garland Posey of Murphy and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 11 o'clock in Berryman funeral home with the Rev. Paul N. Gresham and the Rev. H. V. Lofquist officiating. Interment was in Lewis Memorial park.



REV. G. A. GAINES

### Rev. G. A. Gaines To Preach Here Three Days

The Rev. Fred R. Horton, pastor of the Free Methodist Church, announces that he will have as guest speaker Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday night, at 7:30 and also Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. G. A. Gaines, district superintendent of the Free Methodist Church.

Mr. Gaines has been an outstanding evangelist for a number of years. He is a former director of the Service Men's Chapel in San Diego, California. He has preached in some of the largest auditoriums in the United States, for the Youth-for-Christ rallies. "He is a fearless dynamic preacher of the gospel", states Mr. Horton.

Other services are: Sunday School at 10 a. m., Young People's service at 7 p. m., Prayer meeting, Thursday 7:30 p. m.

The evening services are at 7:30.

### E. A. Wood's Cow, Specktwain, Makes Highest Record

F. C. Ghiringhelli, tester, makes the following report on dairy cows checked by him during the month of October:

E. A. Wood of Andrews has a total of 81 milk cows, and in the last 31 days they have produced a grand total of 39,079 pounds of milk. His highest producing cow, "Specktwain", produced for the month a total of 1,233 pounds of milk, testing 5.3 and thus making a total of 65.3 pounds of butterfat.

The herd of Randolph Shields, numbering 42 milk cows, produced for the month a total of 18,554 pounds of milk. His highest, "Lady", produced for the month a total of 920 pounds of milk, testing 3.5 making a total of 32 pounds of butterfat.

The Folk School herd of 40 cows produced 17,314 pounds of milk. Their highest producer was "Christine", with a total of 923 pounds of milk testing 4.9 and making 45 pounds of butterfat.

A. Q. Ketter's herd of four cows produced a total of 2,215 pounds of milk. His highest cow was "Annie", producing a total of 806 for the month and testing 3.8, making a total of 30 pounds of butterfat for the month.

An Armistice day program, sponsored by the Joe Miller Elkins and Leslie Stillman posts of the American Legion, will be held here on next Tuesday, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

A softball game between veterans from Murphy and Andrews will start the afternoon's activities, and this will be followed by a tag football game and a tug of war. Music will be provided by the Blue Ridge high school band, who will be guests of the Andrews and Murphy American Legion posts. Immediately following the games the members from the Andrews and Murphy posts, including the Ladies auxiliaries, who are to bring baskets of food, will eat supper in the Murphy gymnasium. All veterans are invited.

After supper the group will go to the Murphy school auditorium where an Armistice program will be presented.

The Joe Miller Elkins post held a call meeting Monday evening to discuss plans for the celebration. The post now has 219 members. Approximately 75 were present Monday evening.

### Drivers Reminded To Get License Before Expiration

According to R. W. Rector, Jr., local examiner, there still are many people in Cherokee county who have not applied for new motor vehicle operators' license. He calls attention to the law which requires that all persons whose surnames begin with "A" or "B" have their licenses renewed before December 31 of this year, or it will be illegal to operate a motor vehicle over the highways after that date.

All North Carolina operators' licenses issued prior to July 1, 1947, expire as follow according to law passed in the last legislature:

- (a) A license issued to a person whose last or surname begins with the letter "A" or the letter "B" shall expire at midnight, December 31, 1947;
- (b) A license issued to a person whose last or surname begins with the letter "C" or the letter "D" shall expire at midnight, June 30, 1948;
- (c) A license issued to a person whose last or surname begins with the letter E, F, or G shall expire at midnight, December 31, 1948;
- (d) A license issued to a person whose last or surname begins with the letter H, I, J or K shall expire at midnight, June 30, 1949.
- (e) A license issued to a person whose last or surname begins with the letter "L" or the letter "M" shall expire at midnight, December 31, 1949;
- (f) A license issued to a person whose last or surname begins with the letter N, O, P, Q shall expire at midnight, June 30, 1950;
- (g) A license issued to a person whose last or surname begins with the letter R, S or T shall expire at midnight, December 31, 1950;
- (h) A license issued to a person whose last or surname begins with the letter U, V, W, X, Y or Z shall expire at midnight, June 30, 1951.

### TRUETT'S SUBJECTS

The Rev. W. T. Truett, pastor of the Ranger Baptist church, will preach on "Precious Blood of Christ" Sunday morning and at Shady Grove church at 2:30 p. m. on "The Ordination and Election".

## Bulldogs, Devils To Meet On Friday

The Murphy Bulldogs, still nursing injuries but determined to hang on to their lead in the Western Conference, will journey to Robbinsville to engage the up and down Blue Devils Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Coaches Yow and Raper have been drilling the Murphy eleven

on the tricky pass and ground offense that Robbinsville boys have used against their opponents, and pronounced the squad ready.

Only a tie game mars the record of the Bulldogs, and a victory over Robbinsville would leave Murphy only two conference games to be played. Murphy has topped both teams before this season.



ANNOUNCES — Former Governor J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh, who has formally announced his candidacy for the United States Senate, the seat now held by Senator W. B. Umstead.

### Public Deer Hunt On November 13

The first public deer hunt of the season to be sponsored by the North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks will take place at the Bladen Lakes States Forest on Thursday, November 13. Other deer hunts will be conducted November 20, 27, Dec. 4, and 18 for bona fide residents of North Carolina.

These hunts, which are to demonstrate wise use of all natural resources of a state forest, will be limited to two groups of thirty hunters with dogs each day. Each person in the hunts, using shotguns with buckshot only, may kill one buck deer and no other game of any kind will be killed or molested on the forest. No person may qualify for more than one hunt during the season.

Application forms and instructions may be had by writing the State Forester, Dept. of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, N. C. Applications will be received from persons desiring to organize a hunt for 30 persons, with the applicant or a member of his party furnishing the deer dogs. A cashier's check for \$150 payable to the N. C. Dept. of Conservation and Development must be sent with each application to cover the fees for each hunting party.

### Willard Gets Discharge

Benjamin Franklin Willard 8 2/c, age 22, of Andrews was discharged from the navy October 23 at the Naval Training Center, at San Diego, Calif. Willard went into the navy October 10, 1942 at Columbia, S. C. He was on the ship USS SC 696 YP 581 and served one year overseas.