

P. H. Sword Taken By Death At Age 83

Peter Horry Sword, better known as "Doc" Sword, died at his home on Cherry street here early Monday morning of a heart attack. He was 83 years of age.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Penny officiating. Burial followed in Sunset cemetery with Ivie funeral home in charge of arrangements.

A native of Pikeville, Ky., Mr. Sword came to Murphy 59 years ago and opened a barber shop on Tennessee street. He was engaged in his profession until 1940, when he sold his shop and moved part of his equipment to his home. He was so popular with his friends and customers, that many of them in both Murphy and Andrews continued to patronize him, going to his home regularly to the time of his death.

Mr. Sword was married in 1899 to Miss Luna Zimmerman, who died several years ago. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Annie Brandon, Misses Emily and Sara Sword; two sons, John and Horry, and two grandchildren, Mary Sue and Billy Brandon, all of Murphy; a sister, Mrs. Nan Tracy, and two brothers, John R. and Frank Sword, all of Pikeville.

Active pallbearers were Edwin Winchester, Marshall Ramsey, Ben Akin, Frank Crawford, Will Gentry and Fred Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers were: L. E. Bayless, Neil Davidson, P. H. Leatherwood, Ben, John, Garland Posey, Harold Ha, Axley, P. C. Hyatt, A. R. Ledford, Willard, W. Savage, J. A. Rich, W. D. King, R. C. Matto, Baes, Ray Johnson, Willard McCombs, Dillard McCombs, Dr. R. S. Parker, Will Moore, Jerry Davidson, W. P. Odom, A. W. Melver, Roy and Noland Wells, E. C. Hughes, Willie Bates, Bailey Meroney, B. L. Padgett, Howard Moody, Ross Lovingsood, John O'Dell, Virgil Johnson, E. C. Moore, W. M. Fain, H. G. Elkins, Walter Mauney, H. Bueck and Sam Cover.

Mashburn Takes Course For Medical Corpsmen, Texas

Pvt. Donald E. Mashburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoke Mashburn who resides at Murphy, N. C., is attending the course for Medical Corpsmen at the Air University School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas.

The intensive four weeks course, covering one hundred and sixty hours of instruction, is given to train Basic Medical Department enlisted men to perform the duties of Medical Corpsmen in medical installations in the Army Air Forces.

Prior to entering the army on Aug. 12, he was a clerk at Parker's Drug Store in Murphy.

Baby Reported To Be Gaining

Dr. Francis Coy reports that little Mattie Ann Hughes, three-months-old daughter of Ernest Hughes and the late Mrs. Mattie Hughes, who was born by Caesarian operation after the death of the mother, is growing and gaining nicely. The baby who weighed three pounds at birth, now weighs seven and a half pounds.

Womanless Wedding To Be Given Friday

Featuring the Amateur program to be given Friday evening of this week at the new Peachtree school auditorium will be a Womanless Wedding, sponsored by the Peachtree Home Demonstration club. The program will open at 7:30 o'clock.

The principals in the wedding will be: Bride, Guy Sudderth; groom, Paul Ledford; and minister, J. F. Smith.

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Scout Board Of Review Is Held

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 of Murphy, held its regular meeting at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday in the recreation room. The meeting was opened with the Scout Oath and Laws led by Tommy Alexander. The scouts then discussed a rifle club.

After the regular meeting a board of review was held. It was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Tommy Alexander and prayer by Leader Dale Lee. The board of review consisted of six members: F. B. Inglis, Dale Lee, Harry Bishop, Alden Coward, W. A. Sherrill, Sr., and John Jordan. Several boys were passed by the board.

Twenty members were present.

Fair Association Reviews Financial Report From Fair

The following directors of the Cherokee County Fair association, Lawson Lunsford, president; W. S. Dickey, W. D. Townson, and Mrs. J. W. Dyer, met in the courthouse on Saturday morning, November 22.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the financial report of the 1947 County Fair and to determine policies for handling the fair building, used as a school gymnasium and the other building on the fair grounds.

The financial report shows that a total of \$933.36 was spent to repair and make improvements on the buildings. The sum of \$1,943.50 was paid in premiums and a net balance of \$585.37 is on deposit in the Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

It was determined by the directors that the rock exhibit hall used as a school gymnasium should be under supervision of Supt. H. Bueck during the indoor athletic season. All organizations desiring to use this building for any purpose will contact Supt. Bueck and abide by the following rates set up by the Directors: \$25 for dances, \$15 for ball games and free use for civic organization meetings. These rates are being established so as to cover water, lights, and heat; therefore, the Murphy Schools are responsible for all bids incurred during this period.

It was further decided that the association would have a stoop constructed over the door facing the highway and repair the damaged floor at this entrance.

SERMON TOPICS

The Rev. W. T. Truett will preach Sunday morning at Hope-well Baptist church, at 11 o'clock; and at Shady Grove at 2:30 p. m. His subject will be: "The Plan of the Great Redemption".

Christmas Seals



... Your Protection Against Tuberculosis

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OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

THANKSGIVING

THE SPIRIT AND SEASON OF THANKSGIVING GO BACK TO THE PILGRIM FATHERS... BUT OUR CELEBRATION OF IT AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY WE OWE TO —



HER GOAL WAS ATTAINED IN 1864 WHEN PRESIDENT LINCOLN ISSUED A PROCLAMATION ASKING "MY FELLOW-CITIZENS IN EVERY PART OF THE UNITED STATES... TO OBSERVE THE LAST THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER AS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE..." FROM THAT TIME ON, THIS DAY HAS STOOD AS A SYMBOL OF FAMILY UNITY AND NATION-WIDE THANKSGIVING.



Christmas Seal Sale Is Now On

The 41st annual Christmas Seal sale sponsored by the North Carolina Tuberculosis association began in Murphy this week. The sale here is sponsored by the Murphy Woman's club. Mrs. C. W. Savage, who has been general chairman of the sale for the past 18 years, announces that as has been the custom for several years, seals will be sold through the school. Mrs. J. W. Davidson has been appointed chairman of sales by the elementary school pupils, and Mrs. Karl Weiss is chair for the high school.

Posters, bearing the message, "Protect Your Home From Tuberculosis", have been placed in the windows of down town business houses by Girl Scouts. Like the 1947 Christmas Seal, the poster features a rural American scene, showing a team of oxen pulling a sled loaded with Christmas trees.

When a poster was presented Mayor Neil Sneed he said, "When you distribute posters and I buy Christmas Seals, you are doing your part as a Scout and I as a citizen. When we support the work of the tuberculosis association we do a service to our entire community. The campaign against tuberculosis is of such importance to our welfare that it deserves the support of every man, woman and child in this city."

Seventy-five cents of every dollar spent for seals here is used in Cherokee county for the cure or prevention of tuberculosis, by paying for X-rays and other services to prevent or stamp out tuberculosis.

More than \$100 has been spent in Murphy for chest X-rays, a chest clinic, and milk for a tuberculosis patient during the past year.

BART MILLSAPS

Bart Millsaps, age 86, passed away at his home in Graham county Friday, November 14th.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Deedie Millsaps; two sons, George and Charlie Millsaps, and one daughter, Mrs. Alice Williams, twenty six grandchildren and thirty one great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Lone Oak Baptist Church with the Rev. Ronald Holland officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

Pallbearers were: John Simerly, Albert Millsaps, Otis Phillips, Will Prince, Bill Kilby, and Al Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Canata will spend the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. R. D. Chandler.

Ledford Death Results From Swallowing Lye

HAYESVILLE — Van Ledford, 58, member of the faculty at Elf school and prominent Clay county citizen, died Saturday, Nov. 15, in a Franklin hospital as the result of a dose of lye taken three months ago through mistake.

He had spent several weeks in Franklin and Atlanta hospitals and had then improved sufficiently to return to the classroom for a period of three weeks. Two weeks ago his condition became more serious and he was carried back to the hospital at Franklin.

Mr. Ledford was a leader in the Ledford Chapel Methodist church. He was a graduate of Young Harris college and Western Carolina Teachers college and had studied at the University of North Carolina and the University of Georgia.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Ledford chapel, with the Rev. Robert Poindexter, pastor, officiating.

Pallbearers were Oliver Garrison, Ed Patterson, Marvin Cabe, Frank Chambers, Wade Crawford and Bob Long. Flower bearers were members of Mr. Ledford's fifth grade class at Elf school.

Surviving are the widow; one son, Oleon Ledford of Hayesville; three daughters, Mrs. Grady Dayton of Franklin and Mrs. Ted Rogers and Mrs. L. P. Booth of Hayesville; eight grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Floyd Smart of Hayesville; and two brothers, Orion Ledford of Ft. Worth, Tex., and Nolen Ledford of Long Beach, Calif.

Ivie funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Presbyterian Services Listed

The Rev. T. G. Tate has announced as his sermon subject Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, "Christian Maturity", and at the 5 o'clock Vesper service, "The Greatest Story Ever Told". Youth Fellowship will meet following the vesper service, and Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m.

At 7:30 o'clock in the evening, Mr. Tate will preach at the Presbyterian church in Hayesville.

School Holidays Are Announced

Murphy Schools will have a half holiday today (Thursday) for Thanksgiving. No lunches will be served in the school lunch room.

H. Bueck, superintendent of Murphy schools, announced that school will be closed from December 20 through January 4 for the Christmas holidays.

Recommendations On Home Visiting Adopted By P.-T. A.

Murphy Parent-Teachers' association at the meeting held Monday evening in the school auditorium went on record as approving the following recommendations:

1. That the teachers establish a policy of visiting in the home of each student as early in the year as possible so as to have a clearer understanding of the child's home condition as well as parental influences.
2. That grade mothers check with the teachers and maintain a list of disinterested students that need encouragement. Also, that grade mothers furnish the names of such children to interested citizens who will assume the responsibility of being advisors to one of the said children.
3. That adequate informative publicity concerning parental disinterest be given the public.

The recommendations were presented by the truancy committee, composed of W. M. Davis, chairman, Miss Mary Cornwell, and Frank Crawford. Mr. Davis, who made the report, also stated that the county commissioners have voted to appropriate money for a truant officer and that the three superintendents of schools in the county have been appointed a committee to secure one.

Mrs. W. A. Hoover, president, presided.

The program opened with the singing of "Home, Sweet Home". Rev. Fred R. Horton conducted the devotional. Mrs. H. G. Elkins, membership chairman, announced that 175 have joined the association. Mrs. J. Alton Morris announced that for the next meeting a musical program will be given, with Mrs. Margaret Akin directing. This meeting will be on Dec. 22. Mrs. Robt. Weaver reported for the room representatives. Mrs. Cloe Moore, chairman of welfare committee, reported that considerable clothing for needy children has been donated since the appeal was made in the Scout two weeks ago. Mrs. R. P. Jones, ways and means chairman, announced that \$193.85 was realized from the Box Supper held last week.

Mrs. W. M. Davis announced that the Junior Woman's club is encouraging the teaching of Bible in Murphy schools in the 1948-49 session.

Mrs. J. W. Davidson's seventh grade girls sang several selections, accompanied by Mrs. Davidson. Mrs. Margaret Akin's music pupils also participated.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

Mrs. W. A. Hoover announces that the P.-T. A. has adopted for its projects this year the securing of a band and a public school music teacher for the school.

Attends National Editorial Council

Miss Addie Mae Cooke attended the National Editorial association fall council held at Edgewater Beach hotel in Chicago a few days last week. She is a member of the National Women's committee.

Others from North Carolina attending the Chicago council were: Al Resch, state president, and Mrs. Resch of Siler City; Miss Beatrice Cobb, state secretary of Morganton; Ed M. Anderson, chairman of the N. E. A. legislative committee, and John Anderson of Brevard.

National Editorial association will meet in North Carolina next May, at Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, and following the convention on May 6, 7, and 8, will have a tour of the state, from the coast to the Smokies.

Dr. Kelly Bennett Is Lions Speaker



SUPERINTENDENT — Cecil D. Thomas, 35, native of Rockingham County, who has received appointment as executive assistant superintendent of the Test Farm Division of the State Department of Agriculture was announced by Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott.

Methodist To Conduct Canvass Of All Members

The Rev. William B. Penny will preach Sunday morning at First Methodist church on the subject, "Which—Self or Life Eternal?" In the evening he will preach on, "From Slave to Ruler". Church School starts at 9:45 and Youth Fellowship at 6:30. An every-member canvass will be conducted from 2 to 4 p. m.

On Monday, December 1, the Waynesville District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet in the Methodist church in Sylva at 7:30 p. m.

The fellowship hour will be conducted by the pastor at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

The stewards and others will take an every member canvass on Sunday during the following hours: Church school, 9:45 a. m.; Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday afternoon, 2 to 4 o'clock; and again on Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Those who do not get cards on Sunday morning are asked to be at home from 2 to 4 Sunday afternoon in order for the canvassers to contact them.

IN REVIVAL

The Rev. J. Alton Morris is conducting revival services at Colston Branch church, near Bamberg, S. C., this week. He will return to Murphy in time for the regular services at First Baptist church Sunday.

Jerry Hall Heads 4-H Club Council

The Cherokee County 4-H Club Council held their fall meeting on Saturday, November 28, with Carolyn Smith, president, presiding.

Officers selected for the new year were: Jerry Hall, president; Sherman Hampton, vice president; Carolyn Smith, secretary; Mildred Hendrix, treasurer; Skeeter Cook, Mary Estees, song leaders; Mary Farmer, pianist, and Dorothy Shields, reporter.

Twenty members representing seven clubs were present. Plans for the new year were outlined. A committee headed by Mildred Hendrix was appointed to work out a score card for club attendance. An award will be given to the Senior and the Junior club that makes the best attendance for the year.

Awards for outstanding club work were presented the following club members by Miss Mary Cornwell, home agent, and M. S. Patton, assistant farm agent: a gold medal as county award to Jerry Hall for Dairy Production demonstration; a gold medal to Devereaux Martin for the county's Meat Animal contest; a gold medal to Ed-

Murphy Lions club voted Tuesday evening to sponsor a post-season football game, to add some funds to the treasury. President H. G. Elkins, who as first vice-president became president of the club upon the resignation of Joe E. Ray recently, appointed the following committee to arrange a game: Doyle Burch, R. W. Easley, Jr., and Dr. Geo. Plonk.

Dr. Kelly E. Bennett, mayor of Bryson City, was guest speaker for this meeting of the club. He was presented by Program Chairman W. M. Davis. Dr. Bennett spoke on the possibilities for Western North Carolina if the clubs, individuals and chambers of commerce work together. He said, "If we unify our effort, we can get about anything we wish." It is necessary to take stock to realize what natural values exist in this area, he said. "There is a great future for Western North Carolina, if we all will put our shoulder to the wheel and work to accomplish it."

The speaker is a member of Western North Carolina Associated Communities and the Park, Parkway and Forest Development commission. He told of the work each of those groups is doing.

The club will operate its dime board to collect funds for needy and blind people at Christmas Dec. 13 to 23rd.

Guests at this meeting were: Bob Bailey, Asheville, guest of H. A. Mattox; Rev. W. B. Penny, guest of W. M. Fain; and E. E. Bates of Bryson City.

Deacons - Pastors' Course To Be Held At First Baptist

An association-wide Deacons' and Pastors' study course will be held at First Baptist church Dec. 8-11, with the Rev. C. D. Bessinger of Asheville doing the teaching. The book, "Honoring the Deaconship", by P. E. Burroughs, will be used as a textbook.

The regular services will be held at the church next Sunday, with the Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor, preaching at both the morning and evening hours. Sunday School begins at 9:45 and Training Union at 6:30.

The Lottie Moon Week of Prayer will be observed at the church next week, with circles of the missionary society in charge of an afternoon program at 2:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday evening at 7:30 the B. W. C. will give a program at the Hour of Power service.

Dr. and Mrs. Ashby Winstead of Franklin will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck Thanksgiving.