

Petition Asks Election On Beer And Wine

Truant Officer For County Will Be Miss Emily Sword

Leave of Absence Given Miss Sword To Do The Work

Miss Emily Sword of Murphy, who has taught the fourth grade here for several years, has been selected a truant officer for Cherokee county, serving all three school units and beginning work immediately.

Miss Sword has been granted a leave of absence from Murphy schools, announces Supt. H. Bueck, and Mrs. Robert Alexander will supply the vacancy.

The matter of securing a truant officer was discussed in the fall at a Parent-Teachers meeting in Murphy, following which a committee composed of W. M. Davis, Miss Mary Cornwell and Frank Crawford was appointed to promote the idea and request the county to appropriate funds for the officer.

The compulsory school attendance law which Miss Sword is obligated to enforce, has the following provisions: "Every parent, guardian or other person in the state having charge or control of a child between the ages of seven and 16 years shall cause such child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school in the district in which the child resides is in session. Any violation of this law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, and upon failure or refusal to pay such fine, the said parent, guardian or other person shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days in the county jail."

Murphy Native Is Killed Tuesday In Florida Wreck

Mrs. W. E. Davidson, native of Murphy, was killed in an automobile accident at Winter Haven, Fla., Tuesday afternoon, and her husband sustained serious injuries, according to information received here by relatives. Mrs. Davidson was the former Willie McCombs, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. S. McCombs.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Wednesday. It was not known whether burial would be in Murphy or the Davidsons' home town of Avon Park, Fla.

Surviving are: The husband, a son, Edwin of St. Louis, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Reddick of Avon Park and Betty Sue of Tallahassee, Fla.; a brother, Robert McCombs of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and three sisters, Mrs. Edwin Winchester, Miss Ella McCombs of Murphy, and Mrs. Bob Hardin of Oak Ridge.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lee attended the funeral of the latter's aunt, Mrs. Hershel Candler, in Athens, Tenn., Wednesday.

Largest T. B. Seal Sale In History Conducted In County In December

A total of \$178.66 worth of Christmas seals was sold this year in Murphy, Hiwassee Dam, Brassstown and Wolf Creek, Mrs. C. W. Savage, seal sale chairman has announced.

Hiwassee Dam school, under direction of James Osborne, sold its usual quota of \$30 worth.

The John C. Campbell Folk school at Brassstown sold the usual \$5 worth, and Miss Maud Collins

Hamby Turns In His Beer Licenses

The beer licenses of Mart Hamby of near Hiwassee Dam were relinquished by him here Monday, at the request of the Cherokee county commissioners, through Sheriff Frank Crawford, according to the sheriff. A hearing to give Hamby an opportunity to explain whether or not he had been complying with the beer regulations was set for Monday but was waived and his licenses turned in.

Snow And Ice Made Highways Hazardous

ASHEVILLE—All highways in Western North Carolina were reported open to traffic Tuesday night, but ice and snow continued to make driving hazardous in some areas.

Travel was resumed yesterday morning between Lake Junaluska and Cherokee, which had been blocked Sunday night by an eight-inch snowfall. Snow plows and sanders of the State Highway and Public Works commission were in operation on this and other routes throughout this section.

Buses were running on schedule last night after a slight delay on some routes. Train service was normal through the day, and county school buses operated without difficulty throughout Buncombe county.

The temperature, which remained below 35 degrees yesterday, is expected to rise to the upper 40's today, the weather bureau predicted. Officials of the bureau said all ice and snow would disappear by mid-afternoon except in shaded areas with a northern exposure.

Warmer weather will continue through most of Wednesday, but a mass of cool air will bring a slight drop in temperatures tomorrow night, they said, adding that some rain or snow is in prospect for tomorrow night.

A total of five-tenths of an inch of snow and rain was reported to have fallen in the city in the 24-hour period ending at 7:30 a. m. yesterday. On Mt. Mitchell, where wind and snow disrupted telephone communications for several hours, three inches of snow fell, the thermometer dropping to a low of 13 degrees early yesterday.

ASSUMES NEW POST

E. L. Norton, Northampton County farm agent, assumed his new duties as Northeastern District agent for the State College Extension Service on January 1, according to Director I. O. Schaub.

Mr. Norton succeeded B. Troy Ferguson who retired December 31 following 32 years of continuous service in Agricultural Extension.

B. W. C. FEDERATION

Miss Ruth Provence, executive secretary of the state Baptist W. M. U., will be the speaker at the meeting of the Business Women's circle federation to be held in Franklin Baptist church on Friday evening, January 23, at 7:30.

Edwood Dairy Again Leads In Milk Production

Edwood Dairy again leads the list of producers in the milk testing for the past month, states Frank Ghiringhelli, who makes monthly records for the dairymen of the county. The high cow, Wildman No. 5, produced last month a total of 1,165 pounds of milk testing 5.6, making a total of 65.2 of fat. The Edwood herd of 79 cows made 36,100 pounds, testing an average of 5.2.

Randolph Shields' high cow, Glow, produced a total of 930 pounds of milk, testing 5.8 and making a total of 53.9 pounds of fat. His herd of 44 cows produced a total of 17,526 pounds of milk testing an average of 4.4.

At the Folk School the high cow, Buttercup, produced 961 pounds of milk, testing 6.4, making a total of 61.5 pounds of fat. A total of 12,132 pounds of milk was produced by their 38 cows. The average test was 5.1.

Franklin Smith's high cow, Bertie, produced 812 pounds of milk, testing 4.0 and making a total of 32.4 pounds of fat for the month. His 25 cows produced a total of 4,967 pounds, testing an average of 4.6.

A. Q. Ketter's high cow, Annie, produced a total of 930 pounds, testing 4.1 and making 42.7 pounds of fat. The entire herd of four cows produced 1,908 pounds, testing an average of 4.4.

Bulldogs Win Fifth Straight Game Tuesday

By PORTER GRIGGS The Murphy high school Bulldogs, led by Hughes and Brendle, won their fifth straight basketball game here Tuesday night with Cherokee Indians by a score of 33 to 31.

The fans saw the score shift hands several times during the game. With 45 seconds left and Cherokee leading, Alexander hit the basket for 2 points and sent the game into an overtime period. Again the score was tied and forced the game into a second overtime with the game tied at 21 all. In the second overtime period, Coach Raper's boys began the famous defense and held the Indians scoreless while Hughes hit the basket with the winning points.

The Bulldogs started excellently and held a 7-4 first quarter lead, 12-10 halftime, but the Cherokee Cagers came back hard in the second half to take the lead, until Alexander sent the game into an overtime quarter.

The Cherokee girls and female Bulldogs battled to a 26-26 deadlock. The Indians were led by Tubby with 23 points, while Taylor with 18 points lead the Murphy quintet.

Friday night the Murphy high Cagers travel to Andrews to battle Coach Al Smith's Wildcates, and to Hayesville the following Tuesday to engage the Yellow Jackets in a double header.

LINEUPS

- Girls: Murphy (26) Pos, Cherokee (26) Hall (3) F, Tubby (23) Taylor (18) F, Chiltoskie (2) Ledford (4) F, A. Bradley (1) Stiles G, Bradley G, Shepard G, Craig G, Beal G, Cooper G. Subs—Murphy, Wells (1), Melver

- Boys: Murphy (33) Pos, Cherokee (31) Hughes (12) F, Huff (5) Brendle (9) F, Sequayah (6) Hampton (8) C, Smith (12) Alexander (2) G, Maney Davidson G, Lareh (8) Subs—Murphy, Hall (2), Meroney Cherokee—Bradley, Tominef

Murphy Post Office Is Near First Class

Postal receipts advanced so greatly during the past year at Murphy's second class post office that it would have required only \$7,430.39 more to make this a first class office.

Postmaster Howard Moody announces that postal receipts at the local post office for 1947 were \$32,569.61, as compared with \$21,569.22 in 1946, a gain of \$11,000.39, or 50.9%.

He stated that money orders and postal savings gained almost proportionately. When postal receipts reach an annual total of \$40,000 a post office becomes first class. There are eleven employees in the local office.

W. T. Teas Again Heads Polio Drive

ANDREWS—W. T. Teas, county chairman of the Polio fund, announces that the drive for funds will start January 15 and last until January 31. The quota for the county is \$1800. The chairman states that he feels sure that this quota will be raised. There will be no President's Ball. Dime boxes will be placed in the business places, business men will be contacted, and school children will be asked to help with the drive.

Already there has been one death from polio in the community of Topton.

Mr. Teas will announce committees and further plans next week.

Scouts Select Chaperones

The Girl Scouts of Murphy have selected chaperones to meet with them at the recreation hall on Friday instead of Saturday and Sunday. The recreation hall will open at 6:30 every Friday. Miss Adella Meroney and Mrs. Ruby Reid will be the chaperones for January 9, and Mrs. Roy Cook will serve on January 16.

The boy scouts will build a fire before time for the recreation hall to open and the girl scouts will clean up after it closes.

ALL-STARS TO PLAY

The Murphy All-Star basketball team will play the Fontana Dam All-Stars Friday night, January 9, at 7:30 in the Murphy gym.

The Murphy All-Stars have played and won six games this season.

Farmers Should File Income Tax Returns

The beginning of a new year means that income tax reporting time is here, says C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of Farm Management for the State College Extension Service, and farmers along with most other people will have to consider filing their returns.

Many Tar Heel farm families will not have to pay any income tax. Mr. Ratchford said, but the greater majority of them will have to file a return.

If you are in doubt as to whether you have to file a return, then here is the deciding factor. If the gross income from your farm was more than \$500 during the year, you should file a return. Since all farm expenses may be deducted along with the personal exemptions of \$500 for self, \$500 for wife, and \$500 for each dependent relative, this will mean that a large number of farmers will not have to pay any tax. However, there is a severe penalty for not filing a return.

Farmers should study the instructions issued with the income tax forms and take all legal deductions, Mr. Ratchford said.

14 Boys Receive Tenderfoot Awards

The Boy Scout Court of Honor of the Daniel Boone Council, Nantahala District, was held in the recreation room at Murphy Tuesday evening at 7:30. The Court was opened with songs led by James Osborne of Hiwassee Dam. The meeting was called to order by James Avery Means, field executive from Asheville.

Fourteen boys received their Tenderfoot awards, presented by M. Means.

One boy received his second class award. It was presented to him by Clarence Bales of Robbinsville.

The Rev. W. B. Penny then gave a talk, after which the Court was closed by singing "Taps."

Sixty people were present for this meeting.

Three Charged With Murder In Whatley's Death

ROBBINSVILLE—Three men held in the fatal shooting here Dec. 28 of State Highway Patrolman Thomas B. Whatley were charged with murder at a hearing Monday before Magistrate J. J. Dula.

Boone Carver, 32, and Carter Kiddle, 25, held without privilege of bond, were taken to the Swain county jail at Bryson City to await trial, said Sheriff Booth Crisp.

Claude Jones, 31, is being held in Graham county jail here in lieu of posting of a \$5,000 bond. All three are from Robbinsville.

A coroner's jury recommended an inquest Dec. 29 that all three be held without privilege of bond.

Patrolman Whatley died Dec. 29 in an Andrews hospital.

Final Rites Held For J. E. Trammel

John Emilus Trammel, 77, died in his home in Culberson Monday after an extended illness. He had been a member of the Culberson Baptist church for 15 years.

Survivors include the widow; two daughters, Miss Myrtle Trammel and Mrs. Jessie Owenby, and son, William Trammel, all of Culberson; one brother, Vance Trammel of High Point; and one sister, Mrs. Melle Waldroup of Topton.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Tom Trautt officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

SERMON TOPICS

The Rev. Wm B. Penny, pastor of the First Methodist church, will preach Sunday at 11:00 a. m. on "The Power of the Gospel," and at 7:30 p. m. on "The Self Conqueror." Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m., and the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p. m.

Wednesday, January 14, Fellowship Hour will be held at 7:30 p. m., youth choir practice at 6:30 p. m., and adult choir practice at 8:30 p. m.

Ministerial Association Has Dinner Meeting On Monday

The Cherokee County Ministerial association held its regular dinner meeting Monday at Hotel Regal.

Wives of the ministers, and other Church workers, and the Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of Asheville Presbytery were guests. Among subjects discussed at the meeting was the petition being circulated in the county to call an election on the sale of beer and wine in the county. Members pledged themselves to support the movement.

After 15 Percent Of Voters Sign Petition Will Go To Elections Board

For the purpose of having an election called to vote on the question of the sale of beer and wine in Cherokee county, a petition is now being circulated throughout the county. It reads as follows:

"The undersigned residents and citizens of the county of Cherokee, State of North Carolina and registered voters of said county and state who voted for Governor of North Carolina in the last election respectfully request and petition that the question of the sale of both wine and beer be submitted to the voters of Cherokee county, North Carolina pursuant to Chapter 1084 (HB 1051) of the 1947 statutes passed by the General Assembly of North Carolina. Each of the undersigned petitioners hereby certifies that he or she is a registered voter of said county of Cherokee and State of North Carolina."

When 15% of the above described registered voters of the county have signed the petition, the county board of elections will call an election, according to the laws passed by the last General assembly, to determine the voice of the people.

Jury Drawn For January Court

Following is the jury list for the January term of Cherokee county superior court which will convene here on the 19th for the trial of civil cases.

First week: T. W. Chapman, Patrick Stanley Wood, Suit; Edmund Deweese, Rt. 2, Murphy; Roy A. Cook, Murphy; Sam W. Jones, Andrews; J. W. Stover, Andrews; George C. Breedlove, Tomotla; W. E. Graham, Letitia; Guy Hill, Rt. 2, Murphy; R. W. Coffey, Marble; Ernest Graham, Letitia; W. R. Cruise, Andrews; Hadley Robertson, Rt. 2, Murphy; E. C. Hawkins, Culberson; H. E. Wallace, Rt. 2, Culberson; C. P. Wells, Murphy; Lawson West, Marble; Lee Coker, Murphy; R. F. Anderson, Rt. 2, Murphy; Edwin Bristol, Andrews; J. W. Farmer, Grandview; J. A. Richardson, Murphy; Trent Adams, Andrews; J. C. Wells, Murphy.

Second week: Bruce West, Andrews; Vester Kent, Rt. 3, Murphy; Carl Adams, Suit; E. M. Hemphill, Murphy; H. F. Rose, Murphy; J. H. Davis, Murphy; John C. West, Rt. 1, Andrews; R. H. Flowers, Andrews; Fred L. Garrison, Andrews; Albert Conley, Rt. 1, Andrews; F. T. Hampton, Murphy; Wayne Palmer, Murphy; Clifton Loundermilk, Rt. 1, Turtletown, Tenn.; Jack Conley, Andrews; W. A. Hyde, Nantahala; W. A. Patterson, Andrews; Joyce Younce, Andrews; Y. E. Barton, Murphy; Mrs. G. W. Cover, Andrews; Lon Nix, Marble; Hassie Long, Marble; J. W. Stalcup, Rt. 2, Murphy; L. M. Shields, Murphy; J. W. Barnett, Murphy.

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