

Parent Fined For Failure To Enroll Children In School

The first case to be brought into court since the employment of a truant officer for Cherokee county, to get absentees in school, was last Thursday, when Gilbert Holloway of Murphy was cited to Magistrate's court before Fred Bates for failure to send his children to school.

The father stated that he did not send his children to school because they were sick. Miss Emily Sword, truant officer, testified that even though school has been going on for over four months the children were not even enrolled in school, and that they never had been.

Holloway was asked, "Don't you consider an education as important as feeding your children?" to which he replied, "I have not got a good job. What happens to the money I have to pay?"

He was told that it goes into the school fund.

The defendant was taxed with \$10 and costs of \$8.25 and ordered to put their children in school. They promised to see that they were enrolled Monday.

Other parents who fail to cooperate with the truant officer in keeping their children in school will likewise be cited to court for a hearing.

Present at the above trial were: Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, Mr. Bates, Miss Sword, Sheriff Frank Crawford, and John Stratton.

VFW To Stage Membership Campaign

The J. L. Abernathy Post 1383 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is planning its annual membership drive, with the hope of making this post the strongest in Western North Carolina. A meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Friday evening, January 30, at the courthouse, when officers will be elected and plans discussed for the 1948 program.

Commander Billy Cornwell states that membership fees will be taken at this meeting. He urges all veterans with foreign service to attend and join.

The post's 1948 program consists chiefly of expansion, including recreation, building a meeting place with expenses paid.

Commander Cornwell states: "A veteran cannot put more into this organization than he gets out of it. For instance, the terminal leave bonds were brought about because of the V. F. W. Many more important laws which help the veteran were enacted through efforts of the V. F. W., and there

Overseas Relief Drive Is Feb. 15-22

The Rev. W. B. Penny, of Murphy, and the Rev. C. C. Washam, of Andrews, have been named co-chairmen of the overseas relief drive in Cherokee County, it was announced recently by the Durham headquarters of the "Fill a Ship with Friendship" drive which is being held throughout North Carolina January 25-31. The drive, sponsored by the N. C. Council of Churches, is organized on a county basis, with each local chairman taking charge of his area.

The local drive will be conducted Feb. 15-22.

Mr. Penny and Mr. Washam are among the leaders of 94 counties who are making preparations across the state for gathering clothing, shoes, household goods and bedding for shipment through Church World Service, official Protestant relief agency.

House to house collections in all communities and central collection depots in rural areas, have been highlights of plans in most

Galloway Speaks At Lions Meeting On New Motor Vehicle Inspection

Patrolman Charles Galloway was the guest speaker at the meeting of Murphy Lions club Tuesday evening in the Methodist church. He discussed the Motor Vehicle Inspection laws, stating that it is probable an inspection lane will be set up in or around Murphy during the month of February, when all local people will be expected to have their cars inspected. He said that he believes this law will do more than any other one thing to save lives in North Carolina.

Following his discussion, an open forum was held and several questions about the law were asked by the Lions.

Dr. Harry Dickey was welcomed into the club and a pin was presented to him by Doyle Burch.

John Carter of Knoxville, Tenn., was a guest of W. D. King. The following Lions stated that they would give trophies for members of the Murphy basketball teams: P. J. Henn for Henn Theatres, one to boy showing best sportsmanship; Doyle Burch for H. T. Hackney Co., one to girl showing best sportsmanship; Loren Davis one to best player on boys' team; and Buel Adams, one to best player on girls' team.

President H. G. Elkins announced that Ladies' Night will be held on Tuesday, February 24, and appointed committees for arranging the program and providing favors.

Morris' Sunday Topics Listed

The Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor of First Baptist church, announces his sermon subject for Sunday morning at 11 o'clock as, "Living In An Overcrowded World". On Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock his subject will be, "A Brilliant Woman".

At the mid-week Hour of Power service Wednesday evening at 7:30 the members are studying the Book of Ephesians with the pastor leading the discussion.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 o'clock and Training Union at 8:30 o'clock each Sunday.

will be more to come if the organization has enough supporters."

Dr. L. D. Newton's Column Is New Feature Of Scout

"The Bible Speaks", comments on the International Uniform Sunday School lessons by Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Ga., is a new feature that begins this week in THE SCOUT.

Dr. Newton, a noted minister, lecturer, and writer, is president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Druid Hills Baptist church in Atlanta.

THE SCOUT has secured this column to replace the former Sunday School lesson because it is believed it will appeal to a larger number of readers. While Dr. Newton is a Baptist, he does not emphasize any denomination and presents the International uniform lesson impartially and without doctrinal comments.

The paper will appreciate expressions from its subscribers on their opinion of this new feature.

Cherokee Snowed Under During Past Week-end

Murphy and Cherokee were busy cleaning the hazards on the streets and highways late Monday and Tuesday due to the heavy snow that began Friday night and lasted through late Saturday. Snow ranged from four inches in Murphy to six in the southwestern part of the county, with the temperatures ranging from four to 10 degrees in the different parts of the county. Sunday and Monday were warmer, however, the temperature fell Tuesday and Wednesday, and snow and rain were forecast for Wednesday night.

The frozen roads and streets left Murphy and the county with limited means of transportation as the buses scheduled for Asheville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Knoxville were cancelled, Saturday but were back on the job late Sunday afternoon. No accidents were reported in the county, but traffic was at a minimum. Power and telephone services were normal.

In other parts of Western North Carolina the snow fall was four to nine inches.



CHARLES STARRETT, Columbia's popular Western star who will appear on the stage at the Hienn Theatre, Murphy, N. C. on Sat. Feb. 14 for one day. He will be assisted by the Sunshine Boys who are a top-ranking song quartet of screen and radio. They are very popular on the radio throughout the middle west and south and have been heard on numerous radio stations both in person over microphones, as well as on transcriptions which they have made for the past few years. Everyone visiting the theatre on the date they appear with Charles Starrett will enjoy their popular singing and instrumental tunes. They have endeared themselves to the vast American public through the medium of stage, screen, radio, television, records and juke boxes everywhere. Here is a real treat to see the two-fisted, gun-toting, handsome, six foot-two, celebrated Columbia Western star—none other than Charles Starrett, "The Durango Kid" accompanied by the Sunshine Boys.

Arrangements will be made locally for the shipment of the materials collected in Cherokee county. These will go directly to the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Md., for special packing, thence overseas to a few of the 43 countries now receiving aid from American church relief.

During the year just ended, the New Windsor Center has received and processed 3,712,764 pounds of contributed supplies. Of that amount, North Carolinians gave 661,641 pounds.



HELPED BY DIMES — Those big brown eyes of little Stokes Brooks, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brooks of Monroe, are shining with happiness because he is recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis that sent him to the Gastonia Orthopedic Hospital. Were it not for the dimes and dollars contributed by North Carolina citizens the expert treatment and care he has received would not have been available. In the cur-March of Dimes Governor Cherry and Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde Erwin have urged to appeal to the people of this state to double their efforts to help combat this dread disease.

Funeral Is Held For J. W. Axley On Saturday

John William Axley, 76, well-known Murphy citizen, died at his home here about noon Friday. He suffered a stroke on Saturday evening, the 17th, from which he never rallied.

He was the son of the late Felix P. Axley, a native of Macon county, and Margaret Johnson Axley of Tennessee. He had been a member of the First Methodist church here for 60 years, singing in the choir during that period. He was secretary and treasurer of the Men's Bible class, a Mason, and at the time of his death was serving as clerk at the Regal hotel.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at First Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Penny, officiating. Burial was in Sunset cemetery. The body remained at Townsend funeral home until time for the funeral rites.

Active pallbearers were: Frank Ellis, Harvey Akin, Herman Akin, H. E. Dickey, Edwin Hyde, W. D. King, Ben Akin and W. M. Mauney.

Honorary pallbearers were: Henry Hyatt, E. L. Townsend, Rev. F. M. Davis, C. F. Struber, W. P. Odom, Jim Green, J. B. Gray, E. C. Moore, V. M. Johnson, R. C. Mattox, Tom Axley, J. W. Davidson, H. G. Elkins, J. H. Hampton, Rev. W. A. Cook, J. A. Richardson, P. C. Hyatt, Sam Davidson, Clyde Gennett, Dale Lee, J. C. English, C. R. Freed, Neil Davidson, Frank Taylor, J. E. Cook, Walter Coleman, Ed Studstill, Dr. J. R. Bell, J. W. Franklin, H. E. Bishop, E. E. Stiles, Dr. G. W. Plonk, H. C. Forrester, Gay Davidson, Will Rogers, D. V. Carringer, J. M. Hughes, Neil Sneed, and A. W. McIver.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. May Akin Axley; three daughters, Mrs. Annie Margaret Maneval of Hendersonville, Mrs. Emogene Bates and Mrs. Kathleen Davidson of Murphy; six grandchildren; three brothers, Joe and Willard of Murphy and Carl of Statesville; three sisters, Mrs. B. B. Meroney and Miss Kate Axley of Murphy and Mrs. Albert Bell of Virginia.

NO DAMAGE
The fire department was called about 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning to Hembree's barber shop, when the oil in the stove flared up, but no damage was done to the building.

Ferebee Represents County At National Park Meeting

Mrs. Spencer Is Honored For Her Good Deeds

The announcement was broadcast over W. S. B., Atlanta, Ga., on January 16 that Mrs. Nora C. Spencer was elected "Woman of the Day."

The announcer stated that a letter from Mrs. Wayne Thompson, Blairsville, Ga., concerning Mrs. Spencer was one of the most convincing he had seen.

Mrs. Spencer knew nothing of this honor until she received a prize award and congratulations for her good deeds and usefulness through the years from Roy McMillan, announcer.



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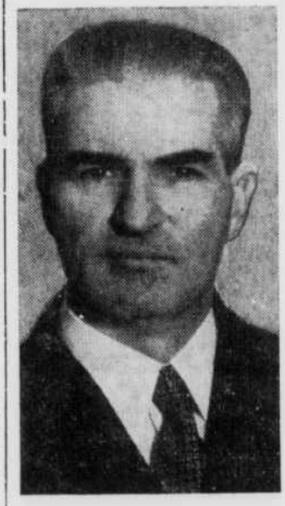
Cherokee In Top 18 Counties In Bond Sale Record

Cherokee county was one of the 18 counties in the state that showed an increase in 1947 over 1946 in the sale of Savings bonds.

W. D. Whitaker, chairman of the Cherokee county Savings Bonds committee, has received the following letter from Allison James, state director, relative to this program:

Penny Announces Sermon Topics

The Rev. W. B. Penny, pastor of the First Methodist church will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "Whom Shall I send," and Sunday evening at 7:30 on "Knowledge without Proof." Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a. m. The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:45 Sunday evening.



SUNDAY SPEAKER — "Why the Church" is the subject of "The Baptist Hour" for February 1st, to be heard over Station WS B at Atlanta, at 8:30 A. M., with Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, as speaker. "Church, Youth, and the Home" will be considered in February, under the general theme, "Divine Light For Daily Living." It is announced by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, director, Dr. Warren, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, will be heard the first two Sundays, while Professor Charles Wellborn, Waco, Texas, will speak the middle Sunday, and Dr. Ted F. Adams, Richmond, Virginia, the last two.

A popular feature of each program of "The Baptist Hour" is a favorite hymn, determined by a poll among six and a half million Southern Baptists, and in which all interested listeners are invited to take part. The hymn ranking ninth in favor will be featured on the February 1st program.

"In comparison of 1947 Savings Bonds sales in North Carolina with sales in 1946 we find that your county was one of 18 counties in the state that sold more E Bonds, and also more E, F and G bonds combined, in 1947 than in 1946.

"This is indeed a splendid achievement and we cannot resist the opportunity to congratulate you on your leadership and the people of your county on their increased savings through the Savings Bonds Program.

Here it is: 1947, E, \$228,591.75; C, \$47,600.00; total, \$276,191.75; 1946, E, \$209,655.65; G, \$50,600.00; total \$260,255.65; increased sales, E \$18,936.10; total, \$16,296.10.

"This record reflects loyalty and hard work by you as Chairman and by your co-workers in support of this vital Program."

Fire Destroys Lumber Plant, Planing Mill

Murphy Lumber and Manufacturing Company's plant and planing mill were destroyed by fire Monday night about 9 o'clock. According to E. G. Hughes, city clerk, it was thought that the fire started from an explosion in the furnace, flames spreading swiftly throughout the plant. The lumber in the planing mill also was destroyed.

The manager, S. P. Horowitz, stated that he did not have any definite facts about the fire, but it was understood there was no insurance on the buildings, which were located near Southern Railway tracks in Factory Town.

The city fire equipment was on hand, but the fire had gained such headway that neither the plant nor planing mill could be saved.

Mrs. J. W. Hoover of Lincolnton is the guest this week of her son, Dr. W. A. Hoover, and family.

Census Is To Be Conducted Sunday

The city-wide religious census planned for last Sunday by the First Methodist church, with the First Baptist and Presbyterian churches cooperating, was postponed until February 1, because of the ice and snow here last week-end. The work will be done Sunday from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m. The official meeting to plan the work will be held Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the church. A religious education census is being taken in the city schools of Murphy this week and next.

Those attending the meeting in Washington, D. C., last week in which the joint North Carolina-Tennessee committee for the promotion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park presented its case for immediate park development to many congressmen and federal administrative officials, considered it a success.

Percy B. Ferebee, president of the Western North Carolina Associated communities, represented the Murphy and Andrews Chambers of Commerce.

The purpose of the meeting was to bring together the congressional delegations from the two states, members of the appropriations and lands committees, and officials of the National Park service, in order that they might have presented to them the situation as to the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

Greetings were expressed by the governors and senators from the two states. Congressman Monroe Redden presented the principal speaker, Francis J. Heazel of Asheville, who stated that 34 years had passed since the matter of a park for this area had first been introduced in congress. Eighteen years have passed since the National Park service took over supervision of the Smokies, he said, pointing to the fact that the project is not a new one, but one that long has been suffering from congressional neglect.

Lewis Hodges Is Taken By Death On Friday

Funeral services for Lewis Hodges, who died Friday night at 9:35 at a Murphy hospital, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Ivie funeral chapel. The Rev. J. Alton Morris and the Rev. W. B. Penny officiated, and burial was in Sunset cemetery.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Hodges came here from Maryland about 20 years ago. While Hiwassee Dam was being constructed, he served as a mechanic, keeping the houses in the village in repair. Recently he has been selling outboard motors and motor boats.

The only survivors are the widow, Mrs. Minnie Hodges, and a step-son, Robert Rector.

Active pallbearers were: J. W. Franklin, Rae Moore, Cloe Moore, Sam Harding, Allen Lovinggood, and John Manthey.

Honorary pallbearers were: Billy Cornwell, V. M. Johnson, E. A. Howard, R. C. Mattox, Abe Hembree, E. C. Moore, W. D. Townsend, Fred Johnson, Henry Hyatt, Paul Hyatt, Howard Moody, Walter Mauney, John Posey, Jr., Earl Van Horn, Buel Adams, Quay Ketter, Frank Forsyth, Tom Axley, Arnold Dalrymple, Tom Mauney, E. C. Kilpatrick, Dr. W. A. Hoover, Duke Whitley, Dr. G. W. Plonk, H. A. Mattox, and Bill McCoy.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Woman's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will hold its February meeting with Mrs. R. G. Alexander at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. C. W. Savage will present the program on the topic, "One God—One World."