

Townson Elected State President Funeral Directors

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Townson have returned home from Fayetteville, where Mr. Townson last week was elected president of the North Carolina Funeral Directors association...

Mr. Townson is owner of Townson Funeral home and Townson Lumber Co., and with his son, William, operates Townson Bros. farm machinery business...

Fred Keesler of Henderson was named vice president, and John Rusher of Salisbury was re-elected secretary-treasurer...

Named to the State Board of Embalmers were Charles Rogers of Sanford; Oscar T. Breece of Fayetteville and J. C. Carothers of Gastonia.

Named to the Board of Directors were: Johnny Walker of Windsor, Jimmy Gray of Rocky Mount, F. T. Paul of Washington, Mark Grette of Fairmont, Ollie Hudson of Durham, Griffin McClure of Graham, E. T. Reynolds of Troy, Dennis Moody of Mt. Airy, Dave Bumgardner of Belmont, C. E. Hayworth of Hickory, S. J. Westmoreland of Marion, and Mrs. Hermie Bryant of Franklin.

Adult Union Guest At Dinner

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Alton Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Puchanan entertained at dinner Thursday evening for the Adult Union of the Baptist Training Union in the Morris home.

The home was decorated with spring flowers. Twenty-five guests were present.

BUS SERVICE

First Baptist church in Murphy next Sunday will resume the bus schedules started a few months ago. A City bus will travel the same routes at the same hours to bring people in the surrounding area to Sunday School and morning preaching service.

Annual Guernsey Sale To Be Held On May 20

The eighth Annual Murphy Guernsey Cattle Consignment sale will be held Friday, May 20, at the Cherokee County fair grounds. In this year's sale there will be six fresh or near-fresh milk cows, seven bred heifers, 14 open heifers, and five young bulls.

For the past eight years the members of the Cherokee County Guernsey Breeders association has sponsored the Murphy Guernsey Cattle Sale and tried to assemble good animals to each of these sale. This year there are consigned to the sale animals representing some of the best breeding in this section.

Mason-Ferebee Head County Committee, Roads, Schools

RALEIGH, May 11.—The names of those who have accepted co-chairmanship of Cherokee County's Committee for Better Schools and Roads were announced here today by John Marshall, executive secretary of Better Schools and Roads, Inc.

Their appointment and acceptance as leaders of the local effort marks another step in the State-wide program to inform all Tar Heels of the need for better schools and roads and to impress upon all voters the significance of the June 4 election for the economic and social life of North Carolina.



STATE PRESIDENT - W. D. Townson, prominent business man of Murphy, who last week was elected president of the North Carolina Funeral Directors association...

Mrs. Childers Heads W. M. U. For The Coming Year

Mrs. Elmer Childers of Nantahala will be president of the Western North Carolina associational Baptist W. M. U. the coming year. She was elected at the annual convention held last Friday at Peachtree school.

Officers were installed by Mrs. Corpening. The convention next year will be held at Andrews Baptist church.

Cow Bells Keep Boys Scouts Awake In Camp

The ding-dong of bells on the grazing cows in the otherwise quiet of the early morning hours in the country disturbed the sleep of the Murphy Boy Scouts who spent Friday night camping in the open on Davis' Creek.

Scoutmaster Hobart McKeever and Scout Committeemen Loren Davis and W. A. Sherrill accompanied the 14 Scouts, which included: Billy Ray Ramsey, Ray Simms, Gordon Darnell, Tommy Gentry, Jackie Pinson, Billy Penny, Steve Crawford, Sammie White, Sonny Gillespie, Jimmie Hubbard, Bill Adams, C. N. Amos, Howard Lovingood, and Gordon Bates.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover attended the meeting of the North Carolina Medical society at Pinehurst the first few days of this week.

Local Baptists Will Attend Convention In Oklahoma City

Ten thousand Baptists from 21 states will converge on Oklahoma City, Okla., May 18-22, for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention—expected to be the largest religious gathering in America in 1949.

The Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor of the Murphy Baptist Church, said the 26,822 churches cooperating with the Convention have a total membership of 6,491,981. The number includes 312,246 new converts baptized into the churches in 1948.

The Convention at Oklahoma City will hear reports of the many agencies supported by it both in this country and in foreign mission areas, and will plan for future activity, Mr. Morris said. Evangelism and mission expansion are slated for primary emphasis in the years just ahead.

Day sessions of the Convention will be held in Oklahoma City's 6,500-seat Municipal auditorium and all night and Sunday sessions will be held in Taft Stadium, seating 20,000 people.

The Southern Baptist Convention is one of the most uniquely organized groups in the world. The Convention is constituted of "Messengers" rather than "delegates" from the churches, in that no one carries authority to bind his congregation back home to the decisions of the Convention.

That the churches do choose to cooperate is evidenced by the fact that their gifts to the Convention's worldwide program totalled \$8,865,000 in 1947. Colleges, seminaries, hospitals, benevolent institutions and mission work in a score of countries bear testimony to their united work in fulfilling the Great Commission.

The following Baptists from Cherokee county expect to attend the Convention: Mr. Morris and the Rev. and Mrs. T. Earl Ogg of Andrews.

Demonstration Meetings To Be Held For Farmers

A series of 27 field demonstration meetings for farmers and others interested in agriculture will be held throughout the state during the next six months under the joint sponsorship of the State Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Experiment Station and the Extension Service.

"This year's program of agricultural meetings is perhaps the most complete ever held in North Carolina," commented Cecil D. Thomas, director of test farms for the Department of Agriculture. "The demonstrations will be held at widely scattered farms throughout the state, giving every farmer an opportunity to attend one or more without having to travel too great a distance."

The demonstration nearest Cherokee county is: May 25 at the Mountain Station, Waynesville, on Dairy, feed production and small grains demonstrations.

Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine is expected to speak at the meeting.

Dates for other field demonstrations, Thomas said, will be announced later.

Wilson Warren Preaches Sunday

Wilson Warren, student at Columbia Theological Seminary at Decatur, Ga., will preach at the Presbyterian Church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School and Youth Fellowship will be held at the usual hours.



MAKES ADDRESS—Dr. Pierce Harris of Atlanta, Ga., who will deliver the commencement address for the Murphy school finals on Friday evening, May 27, at 8 o'clock, in the school gymnasium.



PREACHES AT FINALS—The Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of the Asheville Presbytery, who will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Murphy high school on Sunday morning, May 22, at 11 o'clock. The service will be held in the school auditorium.

Baptist Leaders To Discuss Plans For Truett Home

M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, will be guest speaker at the morning worship service at Hayesville Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Earl Bradley, field secretary of the convention, will preach at First Baptist church in Murphy at 11 o'clock.

At a luncheon at Carolina Motor Court in Hayesville at 1 o'clock the above visitors will meet with some of the Baptist leaders in Western North Carolina association to discuss plans for the Geo. W. Truett home. The idea of moving it from its original site to Hayesville has been discussed. The ministers of Western North Carolina recently protested such action.

Among those expected to attend the luncheon which is planned by the Rev. L. P. Smith, are: Mr. Huggins, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Smith, the Rev. J. Alton Morris, P. G. Ivie, I. B. Hudson, C. W. Carringer, H. M. Crawford, and Miss Ruth Bagwell.

Hall Is Awarded \$150 Scholarship

Jerry Hall, first year ministerial student at Wake Forest College, has been selected to receive next year the \$150 Dorothea Vandeusen Opydke scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to a "deserving student from the mountain area of the state" to be selected by the college officials.

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall of Murphy. He has been appointed by G. W. Bullard, superintendent of Associational Missions of the Baptist State convention, to do field work in the WNC association during the summer months. He will assist the associational missionary, Miss Ruth Bagwell, in conducting Vacation Bible schools.

High School Finals Are Announced

Dates for presentation of the two operettas planned by the lower grades of Murphy school for commencement have been changed, announces Supt. H. Buck. The primary grades will present their operetta on May 23 at 8 o'clock, and the grammar grades theirs on May 24, at 8 o'clock, and each will be in the school gymnasium.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached on Sunday morning, May 22, at 11 o'clock in the school auditorium by the Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of the Asheville Presbytery of the Presbyterian denomination.

Dr. Pierce Harris, pastor of First Methodist church in Atlanta, and columnist of the Atlanta Journal, will deliver the commencement address at 8 o'clock on May 27, in the gymnasium.

Rev. Earl Bradley To Preach Here Sunday Morning

The Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor, announces that the Rev. Earl C. Bradley of Raleigh, field secretary of the Baptist State Convention, will preach at the morning service at First Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock Sunday morning the Juniors of the Sunday School and the workers will have breakfast together at the church and will listen to the Baptist Radio Hour when Dr. J. D. Grey will speak on "Jesus Knocks at Your Door". The Juniors and their parents also will be recognized at the evening service.

Baby Day will be observed at the church Sunday, and at 10:30 the entire Sunday School will assemble in the church auditorium for a service of dedication of the babies, to be conducted by Mr. Morris.

The pastor will preach Sunday evening at 8 o'clock on "The Blind Man Confesses Christ". Training Union will begin at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Morris will leave Monday for the Southern Baptist convention in Oklahoma City. He will return in time for next Sunday's services. On Wednesday evening J. J. Hamilton, chairman of the Board of Deacons, will have charge of the Hour of Power service.

SINGING

The third Sunday singing will be held at Bates Creek Baptist church on Sunday, May 15, at 2 p. m.

Lions Receive State Blind Trophy

Murphy Lions club has been advised that it will receive the state trophy for blind work among clubs of 40 to 54 members. This club competed with 29 other clubs in the division. The presentation will be made at the annual state convention to be held at Wrightsville Beach June 20-23.

Lion President R. W. Easley, Jr., last Tuesday night read to the club a letter from J. Milton Craig, of Mt. Holly, who is in charge of the awards for blindwork, informing him of the club's selection for this honor.

Among the activities of the club in interest of blind work during the year, as reported by the chairman of the committee, Dr. W. A. Hoover, and read at the club Tuesday evening in the absence of Dr. Hoover, by Dr. Harry Dickey, were the following:

Carnival, netting \$281.07 for blind work; assistance in paying salary of blind case worker for this district; sponsored two two-day eye clinics when 142 patients were examined 105 requiring glasses, the club spending \$701.25; sponsored White Cane drive, when every member joined and raised \$138, paying \$92 to White Cane fund;

Schoolmasters Favor School And Road Bonds

More than 50 school superintendents, principals, supervisors, coaches, and teachers gathered in Bryson City here Wednesday night for the third 1949 meeting of the Smoky Mountain Schoolmasters' club.

Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, and Macon counties were represented.

Dean W. B. Harrill of Western Carolina Teachers College was in charge of the program, and presented as speakers Rep. F. H. Brown, Jr., of Jackson county and Sen. L. B. Nichols of Andrews. Both speakers discussed educational legislation in recent session of the General Assembly, and Gov. Kerr Scott's "Go Forward" program in general.

The group went on record as favoring unanimously both the \$200,000,000 road bond and the \$25,000,000 school bond issue June 4. A telegram was dispatched to Gov. Scott Friday morning by Club President I. B. Hudson and club Secretary Boyd B. Robinson both of Andrews, pledging active support of those present.

President W. E. Bird of Western Carolina Teachers College told the club of the appropriations made by the Legislature on behalf of the college, and explained the disposition that would be made of the available funds for new and modern buildings.

Election of officers for the next school year will take place at the September meeting.

Rev. W. H. Peak Taken By Death

Rev. W. H. Peak, 67, died at his home near Culberson Tuesday after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. today (Thursday) in New Liberty Baptist Church with the Rev. Grady Chastain and the Rev. Wade Collins officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

He is survived by the widow and seven children, Clarence of Dillard, Ga., Francis of Winstboro, S. C., Leroy of Culberson, and four daughters, Mrs. Ralph Gaddis and Miss Rosa Peak of Culberson, Miss Pearl Peak of Lupton City, Tenn., and Mrs. Eugene Crawford of Farner, Tenn.