

To be what we are, and become what we are capable of becoming, is the only cure for... —Stevenson

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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

## Avery L. Martin, Educator And Solon Is Taken By Death

Avery Lee Martin, 79, died suddenly at 6:15 Tuesday morning of a heart attack, after an illness of several months. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 P. M. in First Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Rev. J. Alton Morris and the Rev. Delbert Byrum officiated. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery at Suit. He was the son of the late La Fayette and Peggy Martin of Friendship community where he grew up.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Amanda Jane Sparks Martin; three daughters, Miss Gillie Martin, Mrs. Pearl Rush and Mrs. Pauline Stalcup of Murphy; two sons, Lyle of Oak Park and Lakes of Knoxville, Tenn., and six grandchildren.

Also surviving are two brothers, Winfield of Duktown, Tenn., Ransom of Shelbyville, Tenn.; three sisters, Mrs. Martha Bass of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Nan Montgomery of Suit, and Mrs. Myrtle Burger of Isabella, Tenn. Granville Radcliff of Copperhill, Tenn., lived with the family since he was nine years of age until he grew to manhood.

Mr. Martin was superintendent of Cherokee County Schools for 36 years, retiring in 1939. He represented the county in the General Assembly one term, taught school from early manhood, was a Sunday School teacher for 40 years or more and was a trustee of the First Baptist Church for a number of years.

School in the Murphy City School Unit and all Cherokee County schools closed at noon Wednesday out of respect to Mr. Martin.

Ivie Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Active: H. Bueck, Frank Crawford, Delmar Thompson, Jim Green, Dale Lee, and Tom Axley; Honorary: W. M. Lay, Paul Hyatt, Dr. R. S. Parker, B. M. Harbin, Lloyd Hendrix, John O'Dell, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Henry Hyatt, Walter Mauney, L. E. Bayless, C. W. Savage, W. D. Townson, Joe Axley, Sheridan Dickey, Noah Lovingood, E. C. Moore, Neil Davidson, R. C. Mattox, W. C. Kinney, Howard Moody, E. J. Darnell, Jerry Davidson, I. B. Hudson and H. M. Whitaker.

## WMU To Meet At Peachtree 17th

The W. M. U.'s of the Western North Carolina Baptist Association will meet with Peachtree Church Tuesday, January 17, 10 o'clock. Mrs. John Wacaster from the State Office in Raleigh will be the inspirational speaker. Mrs. Elmer Childers of Nantahala will preside. Conferences will be held.

## Rev. B. S. Hodges Speaks Sunday

The Rev. B. S. Hodges, assistant to the Director of the General Council of the Presbyterian Church in the United States will preach at the Presbyterian Church here at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Sunday School will meet at 10 and Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

A joint meeting of officers of the church will be held Saturday at 7:30 P. M. at Savage Hotel.

Church Family Night will be held Wednesday with supper at 6:30. The meeting will feature story hour for the children, and an interesting program for adults will be held.

## Ward Speaks On Work In Greece

James B. Ward having recently returned from Asia, talked to the Murphy High School students last Friday on his work in Greece, and visits to countries while en route to and from that country. After his lecture, many questions were asked Mr. Ward.



PREACHES—The Rev. Freed Townsend of Dalton, Ga., who will preach at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church February 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 each night.

## Seamon Elected President Of Tourist Group

H. M. Seamon, lease operator of New Hotel Regal, was elected president of the newly organized Cherokee County Tourist Association at a meeting held at the hotel Thursday evening.

Other officers elected were J. A. Beaver, Andrews Tourist Court, vice-president, and Mrs. Mabel E. Massey, Hiwassee Motor Court, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Wood, Andrews Cafe, Andrews, alternate director of Western North Carolina Tourist Association, to represent Cherokee County.

J. M. Baity, director of Western North Carolina Tourist Association, Andrews gave a brief outline of the organization and its aims.

Plans were made to contact as many interested people as possible for the next meeting which is to be held Thursday (today) at the Junaluska Terrace Hotel, Andrews, at 7:30.

## School Building Program Here Is To Get Under Way Soon

### John Brittain Is New Mayor Town Of Murphy

John Brittain is Murphy's new mayor, appointed by the council to succeed Neil Sneed who resigned to become chief of police. Brittain already has assumed his duties. For a number of years Brittain was with Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Atlanta, and in more recent years was with H. T. Hackney Co. here, as auditor.

### New Testament Church Is Morris' Sermon Subject

The Rev. J. Alton Morris will preach at First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on the subject, "The New Testament Church—Its Foundation". Sunday evening at 7:30 he will preach on, "Our First Duty".

Sunday School starts at 9:45, and Training Union at 6:30. Mid-week services will be on the usual schedule, with Hour of Power service starting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

### Dr. Ernest Branch Speaks On "Teeth"

Dr. Ernest Branch from the State Health Department spoke to the students of grades three through nine in Murphy schools on Tuesday morning, stressing "Care of the Teeth." While in Murphy, Dr. Branch conferred with school officials in regard to the dental examinations now in progress in the school here.

### Valleytown Requests \$150,000 Election

#### Leghorn Lays Prize Egg

The largest chicken egg the SCOUT staff ever saw was brought to the office last week by Mrs. Ray B. Lovingood. A White Leghorn hen belonging to Elisha Lovingood, Route 3, Murphy, laid the egg which weighs six ounces and measures seven and three-quarters inches in circumference. It was laid on January 4. The egg is on display at the SCOUT office.

### Mrs. A. R. Stalcup Taken By Death

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Elizabeth Stalcup, 64, who died of a heart attack at her home on Martin's Creek Wednesday, were held Friday afternoon in Old Martin's Creek Baptist Church.

The Rev. Alfred Smith and the Rev. Wayne Crisp officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery, with Ivie Funeral Home in charge.

Surviving are the husband, A. R. (Agg) Stalcup; five sons, Glenn and Horace of Murphy, Frank, Lake and Charlie of West Fir, Oregon; five daughters, Mrs. Ida Chastain of Murphy, Mrs. Alwayne Martin of Blairsville, Ga., Mrs. Juanita Thomas of Akron, Ohio, Mrs. Fannie Smart of Hayesville, and Mrs. Bonnie Clayton of Brass-town.

John Wrinn left Saturday for 'two weeks' training at Fort Benning.

### Ranger, Murphy Sites Are Now Being Selected

The school building program in this county, supported by state funds, is expected to get underway soon. The Murphy unit board is in the process of purchasing a site for a high school building, to be constructed with the \$114,000 allotted by the State. The Cherokee County unit is in the process of purchasing a site for a consolidated school in the Ranger district. This is to be a 15-teacher elementary school, and work is expected to start on it in the spring, at a cost of approximately \$120,000.

The Ranger consolidated school will serve the pupils now attending Culberson, Ranger, Shields, Johnson, Wolf Creek and Wolf Creek A schools.

In addition, the county unit expects to add three classrooms and a cafeteria to the new White Church School at Grandview, which now also serves pupils from the former Owl Creek, Boiling Springs and Ebenezer Schools. This is to be at a cost of approximately \$40,000. The county unit's allotment from state funds is \$157,000.

The Andrews unit which is to receive \$106,000, from the state, is asking the county commissioners to call an election in Valleytown Township for a \$150,000 bond issue in order to build a 16 to 17 room high school building in Andrews and seven or eight-room elementary school building in Marble.

The above projects are results of the state survey made recently.

For the county unit, it was also recommended that new buildings be constructed at Unaka and Hiwassee Dam when funds are available. Unaka School would then serve also the Upper Beaver-dam children and Hiwassee Dam School the Violet children.

### Rites Held For Mrs. Davenport

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Stiles Davenport, 65, who died at her home at Culberson at 2 A. M. Tuesday, were held Wednesday at 1 P. M. in Bethlehem Baptist Church.

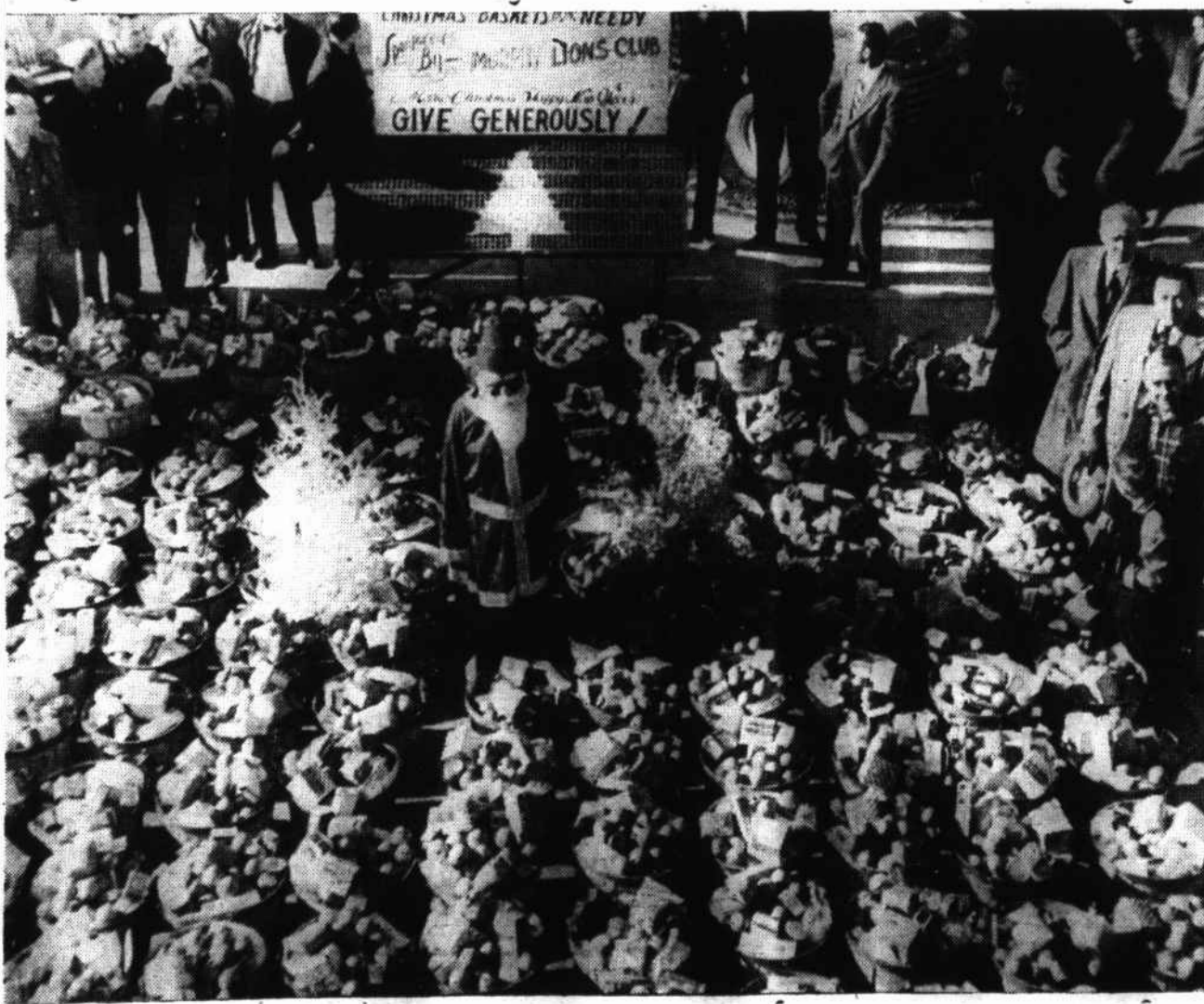
The Rev. John Cook officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery with Townson Funeral Home in charge.

Surviving are the husband, Thomas Davenport; six sons, Herman of Hemp, Ga., Luther, Harley, Floyd, Ira, and Robert of Culberson; two daughters Mrs. Ruthie Richards of Dalton, Ga., and Mrs. Bonnie Jackson of Culberson.

#### GUILD TO MEET

The Wesleyan Guild of First Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. John Bayless Monday night at 7:30, with Mrs. Edwin Hyde and Miss Gladys McCleskey as co-hostesses. Miss Josephine Heighway will have the devotional, and Miss Marvle Walker will have charge of the program.

## Lions Make Hundreds Happy With Baskets Of Food



Shown here are part of the 155 baskets of food and confectioneries that were given at Christmas by Murphy Lions Club to approximately 775 people who otherwise would have had meager Christmas meals. The community as a whole participated in providing the money for the baskets, through contributions on the dime board, operated several days prior to Christmas by Lions. R. W. White, J. D. Burch and Ben Vaught composed the committee to arrange and deliver the baskets. The picture of the baskets was taken while they were being assembled for delivery, in front of Burch-Sherrill Motor Co. Members of Murphy Lions Club are: Mack S. Patton, Loren

Davis, Robt. M. White, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Robt. S. Bault, W. A. Sherrill, Joe E. Ray, J. D. Burch, Dr. W. A. Hoover, H. C. Elkins, H. E. Bishop, H. A. Mattox, J. R. Bell, R. V. Weaver, J. B. Gray, S. N. Bobo, Frank Forsyth, T. A. Case, H. Bueck, Hobart McKeever, Glenn Patton, W. D. Townson, W. M. Fain, Ben Vaught, Dale Lee, A. Q. Ketner, Frank Crawford, Harvey Wilson, John Davidson, Joe Hamilton, Edwin Hyde, Harold Wells, Peyton G. Ivie, J. W. Franklin, Alden Coward, J. L. Savage, C. R. Freed, E. H. Brumby, J. H. Duncan, Cloe Moore, Dr. Harry Dickey, Buel Adams, W. M. Mauney, P. J. Henn, A. M. Cooke, Donald Morris, Rev. Jas. Crook, Jimmie Goodwin.

## Injuries In Mine Fatal To Gibson

Gus Leach Gibson, 38, of Murphy, Route 2, a veteran of World War II, died about 2 A. M. Monday in a Murphy hospital from injuries received about 2 A. M. Thursday, January 9, when a piece of talc fell from the roof of the Minerals and Metals Corporation Talc Mine near Ranger, where he was working, striking him on the head and crushing his arm. The talc striking him weighed about 1,000 pounds, according to Joe Bailey, superintendent of the mine. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 P. M. in Little Glade Baptist Church with the Rev. Ira Hel-

ton of Culberson, and the Rev. Carl Cunningham of Murphy officiating. Burial was in the Old Methodist Cemetery in Murphy, with Ivie Funeral Home in charge. Pallbearers were employees of the mining company. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Alice Stewart Gibson; four sons, Ben, Carl, Dewey, and Johnnie of the home; his father, Leach Gibson, Route 2, Murphy; nine brothers, Clinton, Wade, Vader, Ernest, James and Mack, Murphy, Route 2, Grady of Memphis, Tenn., Alfred and Herschel of Gastonia, one sister, Mrs. Beulah Gibson of Route 2, Murphy.