

Epidemic Of Rabies Is Causing Alarm

Mad dogs have bitten several people in Cherokee County and have also bitten cows and pigs in recent days. The law requires that all dogs must be vaccinated and that dogs not bearing the vaccination tag shall be confined, but the Health Department says there is now an epidemic of rabies in the County.

Mrs. Ralph R. Rogers of Peachtree was bitten recently on the hand by a dog. She was given treatment at once, and is still taking the anti-rabies shot.

These Tabors was bitten on the hand while in the Peachtree area. He was treated and has returned to his home near Augusta, Ga. Roy Wilson of Peachtree received a scratched hand and is taking shots.

These patients have been under the care of Dr. B. W. Whitfield.

Walter Ramsey, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Ramsey, was bitten several days ago. He was taken to Petrie Hospital when he had a re-action from the treatment after he had had all the required shots. The boy is still confined to the hospital but is showing improvement.

In the Peachtree area, Lee Sneed has lost two pigs and a cow from dog bite, and Gerald Luther has lost five head of cattle for the same reason.

"Mad dog" brings to mind a wild animal tearing along the road with saliva dripping from its mouth. That is a true picture of the extreme case. There are other phases of the disease. One's own dog, a pet, may be in the early stages of the disease. Except that he is moody and dopy he may not show the disease. But his bite can infect one with disease. His teeth can scratch the skin on one's arm or face, and the saliva will then get into the nerves and cause rabies. If prompt action is taken, the danger still can be averted.

Action must be taken promptly. Rabies develops slowly and does not attract much attention but the germ can be working quietly, getting established. Rabies can be fatal. The poison of rabies is a "virus", a sort of germ. It gets into the nerve channels and travels up to the brain. It acts on the nerve centers. Should the saliva get on the skin it can be washed off carefully and harm be avoided. But, if there is a scratch or a wound, the virus gets onto the nerve end and begins to work its way back to the brain. The little scratch or cut must be washed at once and very thoroughly.

Miss Willie Lovingood, public health nurse of the Health Department, calls attention to the danger that lurks in using wrong methods of treating wounds which may be contaminated by saliva. The rabies poison is carried in the dog's saliva. If the saliva gets into any scratch or wound, it reaches the nerves and becomes dangerous. The first thing to do is wash the scratch or the wound with plenty of soap and water. Wash every trace of the saliva off and rinse well.

There is a vaccine that should be given if there is any suspicion of rabies exposure. First of all wash the wound very thoroughly. Next see a doctor. He will know what to do. If he decides that the patient has been exposed to rabies, he will order the vaccine which can be had within 24 hours. If there is the least suspicion that the person has been exposed to rabies, vaccination should be given. It protects the system against the virus, and that protection lasts for some months.

Be especially careful about tiny scratches on the face. Should the poison get into a scratch on the face it is so close to the brain that it gets there almost at once.

Once the virus is in contact with

Roses To Speak

The Rev. and Mrs. Howard Rose will be special speakers at Free Methodist Church Friday evening at 7:30. The meeting will be in behalf of the Young People's Missionary Society. Mr. Rose, who is the Eastern Regional Director of Y. P. M. S. of Free Methodist Church, will bring the message on "Youth and Action." The public is invited.

the nerve it begins to work. It may be days before the patient shows serious illness. By that time it is very late to start the fight.

It is the law that every dog must be vaccinated against rabies. No dog is to be allowed to run about unless he has been vaccinated and wears the metal tag that proves he has been treated. If a dog is suspected of having rabies, pen him up and keep him penned for fourteen days. If he is going to develop the disease it will show in fourteen days. Do not kill such a dog. It is important that he be penned up and the doctor notified. If the dog is killed there is no way for the tests to be made that will determine whether he really did have the disease. Tests are made on the head of the dog, on the brain. Arrangements can then be made to determine whether the suspected dog is rabid or safe. The dog's head will be cut off and shipped to the State Laboratory for examination.

Hobert Baine Is Killed In Fall At Mine

Hobert Baine, 35, of Murphy, Route 1, was killed when he fell down a shaft, 230 feet, at Hitchcock Corporation Taic Mine Tuesday about 4:30 p. m.

He was working on top of the ground passing material down the shaft to other workmen when witnesses said he slipped or lost his balance and fell into the open shaft.

He had been working for the company for three or four years. He was born in Cherokee County and had resided in the River Hill section until ten years ago when he moved to Murphy where he lived six years. Then he bought a farm near Peachtree and built a home there, where he has resided for the past four years.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. in Brasstown Baptist Church. The Rev. Thomas Truett and the Rev. A. B. Lovel, officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery, with Ivie Funeral Home in charge.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Ruth Burgess Baine; three sons, J. C., Billy and Gerald, and one daughter, Evelyn, all of the home; the father, Karow Baine of Patrick; three brothers, Jason and Hubert of Patrick and Messer of Fanner, Tenn.; and one sister, Miss Mary Baine of Patrick.

Methodist Church Services Listed

The Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, pastor of First Methodist Church, has announced that his sermon topic for Sunday morning at 11 o'clock will be, "Battlefield of Reform", and for Sunday evening at 7:30, "When You Pray".

Sunday School will be held at 8:45 a. m., and Evening Youth Meeting at 6 p. m.

The Church will observe its monthly "Family Night at Church" on Wednesday evening, February 7 at 6:30.

The program, following the meal, will consist of informal group singing, a meditation by Dr. L. B. Hayes, pastor of Sylva Methodist Church. The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, superintendent of the Waynesville District, will bring greetings to the group.

CANCER CLINIC TO MEET

The Cancer Clinic will meet at C. J. Harris Hospital, in Sylva, Friday, February 2. Registration hours will be from 9 to 10:15 a. m. The Division of Cancer Control of the N. C. State Board of Health provides examinations for cancer to women above 35 and men above 40 years old and to any person of any age with symptoms suggestive of cancer.



EDWIN J. STRINGHAM

Mendelssohn's Symphony No. IV Concert Feature

The featured work of the Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in Murphy on March 5 will be Mendelssohn's Symphony No. IV, the "Italian," transcribed for the ensemble by Dr. Edwin J. Stringham. The First Symphony of Bizet, which pleased Little Symphony audiences last year, was also prepared by Dr. Stringham.

Both these works are traditionally performed by orchestras of 70 to 110 players; and, thus, performances of either work by a group the size of the Little Symphony are unique and the preparations of the scores present unusual problems for the adaptor, the director says. The transcriptions of the Bizet and the Mendelssohn symphonies by Dr. Stringham were "a labor of love" by a thorough and experienced musician, and they were both created especially for Dr. B. J. Swalin and the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra. It may be of interest to disclose the fact that the time devoted solely to the writing of the Conductor's score of the Mendelssohn Symphony was far in excess of 400 hours.

Some further understanding of the task can be gathered from a few statistics. Comparison of the personnel involvement of a full sized symphony orchestra and a special 24-piece ensemble shows greatly altered proportions. For instance, in the latter, the string section is reduced from the former on a ratio of nearly 6 to 1; the wood-winds more than 4 to 1; and the brass section nearly 4 to 1. Thus the process of adaptation really becomes re-creation.

Walter J. Gray Succeeds Olson

ANDREWS—John J. Olson, district ranger, Nantahala Range district, Robbinsville, has been transferred, effective Feb. 3, to the position of district ranger, Ocala range district, Ocala, Fla.

Mr. Olson, who is a native of Detroit, Mich., and a graduate of the University of Michigan has been ranger at Andrews and Robbinsville from Sept. 1946 until the present time. He worked on the Nantahala National Forest from April, 1941, with the exception of three years spent in the army during world war II.

In all he has had 18 years of experience with the U. S. Forest Service in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Arkansas.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Olson are quite popular in Andrews and are outstanding workers in the First Baptist Church here. Mrs. Olson has held a position with Citizens Bank and Trust Company here for several years.

Mr. Olson will be succeeded by Walter J. Gray of Franklin who is at present assistant ranger, Wayah range district, at Franklin. He has also had 18 years of experience in North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Mr. Gray is married. He and his wife will make their home at the Robbinsville station. He served in the navy during World War II.

TRUETT TO PREACH

The Rev. W. T. Truett will preach at Ranger Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "Fear Not." Training Union will be held in the church at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. J. C. Canipe Speaks At Baptist Mass Meeting

There will be an important mass meeting of the Baptists of Western North Carolina at First Baptist Church, Murphy, Monday morning, February 5 at 10 o'clock.

The guest speaker will be Dr. J. C. Canipe, secretary of Evangelism of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and President of the Baptist Bible Institute near Hendersonville. This is Dr. Canipe's final visit to Western N.

C. in the interest of the Southwide Evangelistic Crusade March 25-April 8.

The public is invited to attend this meeting, and all Baptist Ministers and leaders and officers in the work are expected to be present.

Dr. Canipe conducted a revival here two years ago, and made many friends. It is thought that hundreds of people will attend the service to hear him Monday.

Hundreds Attend A&P Store Opening

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company opened Wednesday its newest A&P Self-Service Food store at 111 Peachtree St. Murphy. This store is completely new and completely modern. It is an attractive brick building and is one of A&P's finest, most modern food department stores. Open house Wednesday evening was attended by several hundred people.

The new A&P Self-Service Food Store will be managed by the following well-known men:

W. D. Ragsdale will be grocery manager. Mr. Ragsdale is a native of Kentucky and has been manager of an A&P store for 17 years. He is a member of the Baptist church.

Marvin Pullium will be our produce manager. He has had wide experience having been associated with the A&P for four years at Andrews and Murphy.

Clyde Sneed, who has been with A&P for six years, is assistant manager. Mrs. Alvin Buchanan, who has been with the company seven years, will have charge of the coffee-dairy department. Hal Bryson, with several years' experience with the company, will be marker in charge of the stock room. James Martin will have charge of the meats. Mrs. Louise Swanson will be cashier.

This store has an attractive display of smoked meats, prepared luncheon meats, frankfurters, Bologna, and other meats.

Manager Ragsdale said, "There's real shopping comfort at this new A&P Self-Service Food Store with its convenient location, wider aisles, the newest display equipment, the latest type fluorescent lighting and a wealth of good food and wonderful values in every department."

"The entire store will make the customer's shopping quicker, simpler, and more convenient, and this store is more than ever one of the best, most modern food department stores you've ever seen but its up-to-the-minute appearance hasn't altered its down-to-earth prices. Nothing can change A&P's policy: 'The highest quality possible for the lowest prices possible day in and day out throughout the store,'" he continued.

Mr. Ragsdale said he and the entire personnel extend a cordial invitation to each of their friends and patrons to come by the A&P Self-Service Food Store at 111 Peachtree Street, Murphy, and see the numerous up-to-date innovations.

A&P's present store has been moved and consolidated with this store.

Band, Chorus Concert To Be Given On Feb. 8

Members of the Murphy High School band and chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Puett, will present a concert at the school auditorium on Thursday evening, February 8, at 7:30 o'clock.

Band numbers include: "The Star Spangled Banner", "Saskatchewan Overture", "The Desert Song", "Excerpts from Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony", "Victory March", "Missouri Waltz", "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord", "Carnival of Venice", "Semper Fidelis", "The Synopated Clock", excerpts from "Barber of Seville" and "William Tell", overtures; small choral ensemble, "Once on a Summer Day".

The girls' chorus will be presented in "Now the Day is Over", "Create in Me a Clean Heart", "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" and "I Passed by Your Window". The mixed chorus will sing, "The One Hundredth Psalm", "Thou Lord of Hosts", "A Song of Peace" and "Lord Jesus, I Love Thee".

Proceeds will be used to help buy a new instrument for the band.

Tourist Ass'n And WNCAC To Meet Tuesday

The Western North Carolina Association of Tourists meeting which was scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, and was postponed because of bad weather predictions will be held at Cullowee in the college cafeteria on Tuesday, February 6, beginning with a luncheon at 1 o'clock.

Matters of interest to all civic groups in Western Carolina will be on the program according to Percy Ferebee of Andrews, president.

World Missions, Self-Denial To Feature Service

The Murphy Presbyterian Church will close its Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for World Missions with a special service on this theme at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The congregation is undertaking to furnish five beds for the new mission hospital at the Mutoto station in Belgian Congo and a special offering for this project will be taken at the morning service.

The sermon topic will be "The Greatest Challenge of All Time" in continuation of last Sunday's theme. The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship plans a rummage sale on the square Saturday morning in order to make a worthwhile contribution to the Foreign Mission Program of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Sunday School will open Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Attendance last week was the largest in nine months and a special effort is being exerted to enlist new members for the church school.

Two Men Burned In Explosion

ANDREWS—Wayne Bradley and Ray Smith were severely burned about the face and hands, at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at the state garage here when the asphalt pot with which they were working exploded, throwing hot asphalt on them.

They were taken to Rodda-Van Gorder Hospital for treatment. The burns were determined to be of second degree, and both were resting comfortably Tuesday evening.

\$100,000 Fire Here Destroys Timber Products Corp.



ON PROGRAM—The Rev. Ralph Taylor, former pastor of First Methodist Church, Murphy, and president of the Board of Evangelism of the WNC Conference, who will present the evangelistic program at the Minister's Evangelism Spiritual Retreat at Clyde and Lake Junaluska February 5-7.

Methodists Plan For Evangelism

Bishop Costen Harrell, residing bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference, the Methodist Church, is urging each of the ten Districts in the Conference to make evangelism the chief objective this year.

The Methodist Church, concerned for the spiritual health of America, is a cooperating member of the National Council of Churches in its stress on evangelism this year. It believes the chief business of the Church is to proclaim the good news of Christ, challenging all persons with a witness of His message.

The Waynesville District, with 83 local Methodist Churches, has planned a Minister's Evangelism Spiritual Retreat to be in the Clyde and Lake Junaluska Churches, February 5-7, with this objective to consider.

The program, under the direction of District Supt. Jack Huneycutt, is of interest chiefly for the ministers during the morning and afternoon sessions. Among the leaders for these sessions are: The Rev. H. G. Allen, superintendent of Lake Junaluska Assembly, discussing "The Religious Community Survey"; the Rev. Julian Holmes, pastor of Brevard Methodist Church, "Program of Visitation Evangelism"; the Rev. Paul Duckwall "Statistics in Evangelism"; the Rev. W. T. Medlin and the Rev. Horace McSwain, "Evangelism in the Church School and among the Youth."

Former District Supt. C. N. Clark will speak on "Pulpit Evangelism", and the Rev. Ernest Yountz will discuss "The Class for Church Membership." The Rev. Ralph Taylor, President of the Board of Evangelism of the Conference, and the Rev. Lon Hayes will present the evangelistic program in the Conference and in Foreign Missions.

The evening Services are to be inspirational, planned for laymen as well as ministers. At these services, to be held in the Clyde Church, the Rev. Arthur Kale, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, will be the speaker. On Wednesday morning, planning meetings will adjourn with a consecration service led by the Rev. C. W. Kirby, secretary of Evangelism for the Waynesville District.

HOUSE BURNS

The home of Broadus Carringer at Martin Creek was burned Tuesday night, and nothing was saved. The Carringer family had moved out that day and the cause of the fire could not be determined.

Rep. J. H. Duncan spent the week-end at home. His son, Harry, who spent last week in Raleigh with his father, returned with him.

Fire destroyed the Timber Products Corporation mill building on Tennessee Street Sunday morning. The night watchman and plant fireman, Raymond Bryant, heard an explosive sound among a group of electric switches, and fire immediately flashed along wires rising towards the roof. Dust explosions spread the flames, and in a few minutes the long building was a blazing inferno.

The watchman blew the mill whistle at 6:30, and the Murphy Fire Department was called. The glare and the sound of the explosions brought volunteers who assisted the firemen.

The intense heat caused freight cars on the side track to burn.

The mill building was doomed from the first. It was filled with dry, highly inflammable wood, and the building quickly burned to the ground leaving great piles of burning lumber over the area. Scattered among the burning material hundreds of dollars worth of machinery crashed into the ashes, much of it ruined, all of it badly damaged.

A brick building housing the boiler and a brick sawdust hopper, caught fire repeatedly, but were quickly put out each time. Next to it, the brick-walled dry kiln, with heavy iron doors, defied the fire. The intense heat got through the walls after a time, and smoke began to pour out of the cracks and along the cornice.

The building presented a difficult problem because it was filled with dry lumber stacked high, and, as soon as any opening was made in the walls or roof, air would flash an uncontrollable fire within the walls.

The firemen worked skillfully and gradually got water into the building while retaining control of the fire. The lumber was badly soaked and much charred, but some of it is usable.

In the early stages Murphy Mill, across the road, was scorched by the intense heat. Quick action by the firemen halted the menace without material damage. Several cottages adjoining the property were smoking at times but these were saved. Large piles of lumber in the yard adjoining the mill were in danger, but the fire was not allowed to reach them.

Arthur Heinrich, manager, estimated the damage at over \$100,000 and said that the loss was partially covered by insurance.

The main building was a one-story frame construction formerly occupied by the Cherokee Lumber Corporation but at present operated by the Timber Products Corporation, owned by Mr. Heinrich and others. No information was available as to rebuilding. About 40 men were employed with a weekly payroll of approximately \$1,500. They were manufacturing finished lumber, and pallets for the U. S. Government.

Hot coffee, soft drinks and sandwiches were served to the firemen by a group of ladies.

Religious Census To Be Taken On Sunday By Baptists

"Seven Revival Requirements" will be the subject of the Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. At the 7:30 service on Sunday evening he will preach on "Riding High, Then Requesting Death".

A community religious census will be taken Sunday afternoon. Other services to be held throughout the week include: Monday, Y. W. A. meeting with Miss Shirley Bates, 7 p. m.; B. W. C. with Mrs. Bill Gentry, 7:30 p. m.; Tuesday, Sunday School workers' council, 6:30 p. m.; Wednesday, Hour of Power service, on "The Bible and Prayer", at 7:30 p. m. and choir practice at 8:30.

Miss Spill Hughes was the week-end guest of Miss Dorothy Walker of Brown's, Tenn.