

Granny Hyatt At 92 Celebrates Her 23rd Birthday This Leap Year



These spring days bring to the heart of one of Murphy's oldest residents a longing to get out into the open and dig in her flowers. For 92 years do not prevent her wanting to work with her beloved flowers and shrubs. She possesses a "green thumb" and for decades has received healthful exercise as well as real joy in growing a lovely flower garden and in landscaping her lawn.

The beloved lady is Mrs. R. H. "Granny" Hyatt, who will celebrate her "23rd" birthday anniversary Friday, February 29. Being a "Leap Year" girl, however, she will be 92 years old on this birthday.

Mrs. Hyatt, before her marriage was Miss Ida May Abbott, daughter of the late J. D. and Maria E. Abbott of Baldwinville, New York. She was born in Tellico Plains, Tenn., February 29, 1860. Her father in 1868 moved his family to Murphy, where he engaged in mercantile business and served as postmaster for 20 years. He lived to be 92 years of age. She was married October 2, 1878, to R. H. Hyatt, Murphy merchant.

Her father was advised by his physician to come South on account of his health, so he came to Tellico Plains just before the war between the States, where he served as postmaster, and engaged in growing tobacco. His health was much improved by his outdoor life.

Her father organized the Murphy Presbyterian Church which is located just across the street from her home, which home was built for him more than 50 years ago. Mrs. Hyatt taught the beginners' Sunday School class in this church for more than 30 years and was affectionately called by all the children as well as the grown-ups, "Granny Hyatt". She was president of the first missionary society organized in the Presbyterian Church, helping to organize the first Woman's Club in Murphy known as the "Civic Improvement Club", and was also president of the first Parent-Teacher Association in Murphy.

Mrs. Hyatt has three children, Mrs. C. A. Brown of Andrews, Paul C. Hyatt, and Robert Henry Hyatt of Murphy seven grandchildren, Dr. Robert Brown of Kingsport, Tenn., Mrs. Richard Douglas of Knoxville, Tenn., Charles H. Hyatt of Murphy, Mrs. Lyle Hehe of Asheville, James Abbott Hyatt of Miami, Fla., Paul Henry Hyatt of Chicago and Betty Jo Hyatt of Murphy; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. C. W. Candler. One son, Edward Abbott Hyatt, died several years ago. She also reared a foster son, Don Hyatt, who died a few years ago in Asheville where he lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown will entertain at their home in Andrews with a dinner for Mrs. Hyatt and the immediate family. On Friday from 3 to 5 p. m., her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Paul Hyatt and Mrs. Henry Hyatt will entertain with a luncheon at the home for a few close friends. On Sunday, March 2, the Women of the Presbyterian Church will hold "Open House" at the church from 3 to 5 p. m., commemorating "Granny" Hyatt. She saw her first television program this week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Candler.

CELEBRATES 92nd ANNIVERSARY—Mrs. R. H. Hyatt, known by everyone as "Granny" Hyatt, who on Friday, February 29, will celebrate her 23rd birthday and her 92nd year. She is shown here in a typical pose in her rocking chair, near a display of antique and other valuable china and crystal collected by her and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Henry Hyatt, through the years.

District Has 79 Grade A Dairies

Four years ago there were 17 grade A dairies in the Cherokee-Clay-Graham health district. Now there are 79 producing grade A raw milk, every drop of which goes to Mountain Valley of Brass-towns and Halls Dairy of Murphy, where it is pasteurized and delivered to the consuming public," says Dr. J. E. Donlan, health officer for the three counties.

In accordance with the U. S. Public Health Service Milk Code, every one of the producing dairies is inspected at regular intervals by the local sanitarian and milk samples are taken monthly to the City Laboratory of Asheville and tested for purity and quality. Every cow producing milk is tested annually for tuberculosis and Bangs Disease.

Besides Mountain Valley and Halls Dairy, we also receive pasteurized milk from the Southern Dairies of Asheville and Pet Dairy Co. of Knoxville, Tenn. The Pet Co. delivers to Fontana only, reports Dr. Donlan.

"More people are using pasteurized milk every day, not only because it is safer, but it also improves the flavor and keeping quality," says Dr. Donlan.

Morris Announces Baptist Services

The Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor of Murphy First Baptist Church, will speak on "Christ's and Our Jerusalem" at the 11 a. m. worship services Sunday.

Sunday School will be at 9:45 a. m. Services will be held at Beal-town Mission at 2:30 p. m. and Sunday School will be held at the prison camp at 3 p. m.

Training Union will be at 6:30 p. m. and evening worship at 7:30 p. m. The pastor's topic will be "Loving Him and Keeping His Commandments".

There will be a pastor's conference at 10 a. m. Monday.

B. W. C. will meet with Miss Addie Mae Cooke Monday at 7:30 p. m.

The Home Missions Week of Prayer program will begin at 10 a. m. Tuesday and last all day. Lunch will be pot luck.

Choir practices are as follows: Tuesday, Junior at 3:15 p. m.; Wednesday, Cherubs at 3:15 p. m.; Thursday, Youth at 3:15 p. m. and Adults at 7:30 p. m. The regular Hour of Power service will be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.



Bishop Harrell To Speak Here

The Methodists of Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties will come together at Murphy First Methodist Church for a mass meeting Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p. m.

The featured speaker for the occasion will be Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte area of the Methodist Church. Also participating on the program will be the Rev. W. Jackson Hunevutt, superintendent of the Waynesville District.

This three-county rally is sponsored by the Subdistrict Organization of Methodist Men. Olen Stratton of Andrews is president.

Hugh Montieth To Speak Mar. 6

Hugh Montieth, Republican candidate for Congressman, will be guest speaker at the meeting of the Republicans of Cherokee County at the courthouse Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p. m.

This is the semi-annual meeting of the convention, announces the chairman, E. E. Stiles.

AUXILIARY TO MEET The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the assembly room of Murphy Presbyterian Church.

National 4-H Club Week, March 1-9

Serving as Loyal Citizens through 4-H

A Youth Program of Activity, Adventure and Achievement

Local 4-H Club Girls Model At Fashion Show

"Fashion at the Bat" for the 4-H Club Modern Miss" was presented by Miss Ada May Marshall, 4-H Club stylist Thursday at 2 p. m. Club girls from Cherokee and Clay Counties modeled the fashions. Models were Helen Butch, Cordia Padgett, Betty Jo Stiles, Helen Penland, Delira Jean Shook, June Allen, Joy Collett, Virginia Hyatt, Phillis Barnard, Mary Kathryn Bradshaw, Jo Ann Simon, Neva Jean Bates, Jeania Boring, Martha Hill, Gereta Parker, Ruby Dean Green and Barbara Barton. Escorts for the show were William Franklin, James Smith and Billy Killian. Fashionettes who introduced the show with a singing were Shirley Carver, Imogene Voyles, Margaret Terry, Ann Martin, Nella Hughes.

Over three hundred people filled the courtroom for this show. Special visitors were Miss Nell Kennett, Western District Agent; Mr. O. H. Phillips, Assistant State 4-H Leader; Clay County Agents: Mrs. Velma Moore, home agent; Rufus Vick, farm agent; Hank Rosenkranz, assistant farm agent; Virginia Knight, assistant home agent.

Byrum Announces Church Services

The Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, pastor of Murphy First Methodist Church, announces that his 11 a. m. sermon topic Sunday will be "Looking Through the Lens". Sunday School will be at 9:45 a. m.

Mr. Byrum's evening sermon topic at 7:30 will be "Walking With God".

He again reminds that the World Day of Prayer, sponsored by the United Church Women and the local churches of Murphy, will be held Friday at First Methodist Church.

"The sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m., and the people of the community are cordially invited to enter into the spirit of this observance and make the discoveries of silence in the sanctuary of God," says Mr. Byrum.

The regular monthly family night at church will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p. m.

Andrews Baptists Are Planning To "March To Church In March"

First Baptist Church of Andrews is pursuing the plan, "March To Church In March", a Church Loyalty campaign. This plan seeks to enlist every member and every prospect in loyalty to the church with all of its organizations.

The Training Union is seeking to follow up all absentees, and to seek new members through a weekly contact system and a monthly Visitation period. The plan is to protrude the idea that "Training in Church Membership" is truly training in church loyalty in all phases of the work. A Special Week of Study will be held for all ages March 11-15.

The Sunday School plans to March to Church in March through an invigorated program of entertainment, Bible Study, and Evangelistic work. Every absentee will be shown he is missed. The entire Church Family will be reminded that the church is the "first loyalty of a Christian, and that it is the natural first one to be found faithful in Bible Study. Each department has set attendance goals for the month

4-H Club Leaders



MRS. C. D. PUETT



W. B. WRIGHT

Colds And Flu Hit Hard Here

Those two bugaboos known as the common cold and flu have claimed many victims in Murphy and the county during the past three weeks, but relief is now in sight.

In a number of instances entire families have been confined to their beds, or hospital beds, with flu.

School attendance throughout the county has been hard hit. One county teacher reported that out of a class of 42 she had only 12 pupils one day.

Miss Maggie Belle Kisselburg, county school supervisor, says that approximately 25 per cent of the county school students have been absent from classes due to colds and flu. She says the situation has definitely improved now, however.

The epidemic seems to be general throughout North Carolina.

Red Cross Drive Starts Here March 3

27 Home Club Members Earn Certificates

Book review certificates were earned by twenty-seven home demonstration members during 1951. These certificates were presented at the County Home Demonstration Council Wednesday by Miss Phyllis Snyder, Regional Librarian, to the following: Mrs. Glenn Hendrix, Peachtree; Mrs. Josey Harris, Mrs. J. M. Payne, Mrs. Charles McGill, Mrs. E. Roach, Miss Julia Rice, Sunny Point; Mrs. J. C. Wells, Tomolia; Mrs. Clyde McNabb, Bellview; Mrs. Merle Davis, Mrs. M. S. Patton, Mrs. O. C. Shields, Mrs. R. D. Chandler, Mrs. Johnnie Savage, Mrs. Boyd Davis, Miss Eloise Davis, Mrs. Kenneth Davis, Mrs. John Donley, Murphy; Mrs. Della Conley, Mrs. A. G. Smith, Mrs. Floyd Carringer, Mrs. B. E. Warner, Martin's Creek; Mrs. Lonnie Early, Valleytown; Mrs. Ruth McCown, Mrs. W. T. Gibson, Suit; Mrs. Paschal Hughes, Ranger; Mrs. James S. Morrow, Mrs. Virginia M. Patton, Violet.

In each home demonstration club the reading project is sponsored by the Education Committee chairmen. In order to earn a Book Review Certificate during 1952, three approved books must be read and reviewed before her club or a similar group. At least one of the three books must be non-fiction. When a club member has earned one Book Review Certificate, she may receive an Advanced Book Review Certificate by reading and reporting on five non-fiction.

Donald Ramsey, fund campaign chairman of the Cherokee County Chapter of American Red Cross, announces that the kick-off of the regular campaign will be on Monday, March 3. This week and last, he advised gifts committee, headed by W. A. Singleton, has been working and will make a report at the end of this week.

The chairman announces the heads of other committees as follows: Business district, Everett English; residential, John Gill; industrial, G. H. Farley; rural and Cherokee County school unit, L. W. Hendrix; Murphy Schools, Mrs. R. S. Bault; theatres, John Marshall; special groups, Arden Davis; window displays, Mrs. John Donley; posters, Clyde Beavers; secretary, Mrs. Don Witherspoon; fund campaign treasurer, John Gill.

Mr. Ramsey presented the Red Cross appeal to the Murphy Lions Club Tuesday evening, asking cooperation of the members. On Thursday evening, March 13, Miss Velma Umphres, educational director of First Baptist Church, will give a concert in Murphy School auditorium, in behalf of the campaign. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

Some committees have not yet been fully completed, and will be listed later, but John Gill, residential chairman, announces his committee as follows: Mrs. Grace Baugh, Mrs. John Gill, Mrs. J. L. Savage, Mrs. Ben Mann, Mrs. Claude Montieith, Miss Beulah Queen, Mrs. Charles Hyatt, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Jr., Mrs. R. C. Mattox, Mrs. Hugh Hensley, Mrs. Frank Forsyth, Mrs. Vivian Gentry, Mrs. R. C. Fuller, Miss Louise King, Mrs. Bob Cheney, Mrs. Nell Sneed, Mrs. John Posey, Jr., Mrs. W. M. Lay, Mrs. John Manthey, Mrs. L. W. Shields, Mrs. A. J. Headrick, Mrs. L. R. Harding, Mrs. Rhett Y. Winters, and Mrs. Henry Hyatt.

Soil Conservation Hearing Is March 7

A public hearing and discussion concerning the creation of Cherokee County Soil Conservation District to include all of Cherokee County will be held in the courtroom in Murphy March 7 at 1 p. m.

"All will be given an opportunity to be heard," says J. H. Hilton, chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee.

All lands in the county, except town and village lots and lands owned by or under the control of the United States or any of its agencies, will be included.

The hearing was called after a petition signed by more than 25 land owners asking for such a district was submitted to the Conservation Committee.

LIONS TO SEE BALL FILM Andrew's Lions Club will meet Thursday, February 28, at the Youth Building at 7:30 p. m. The program will be a 45-minute film on the World Series of 1952.

Complete 4 Mile Paving In County

The State Highway Commission completed 4.9 mile of paving in Cherokee County during the month of January, Chairman H. W. Jordan reports.

The following roads were stabilized and strengthened with traffic-bound macadam: Barnett Road, 0.10 mile; Beavertown Road, 0.05 mile; Cumberland Gap Road, 0.20 mile; and Long Branch Road, 0.05 mile.

The road projects were financed by the secondary road bond program.

The Tenth Highway Division brought a total of 9.31 miles of road work to completion in January, Chairman Jordan announced.



YOUNGSTER LEARNS TO APPRECIATE LITTLE SYMPHONY —The Little Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swain, will appear in Andrews March 20 for two concerts, one for children at 2 p. m. and another for adults at 8 p. m. Mrs. Edwin Estel is county symphony chairman.