

Water System Halts Murphy's Industrial Growth

Blood Donors Fight N. C. Polio Threats

Murphy area residents are this week being asked to come to the aid of polio-threatened North Carolina children, as well as children in other parts of the country, by donating blood tomorrow at the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

The special stop here of the Bloodmobile is planned because of the emergency call for gamma globulin drug processed from blood and used to inoculate children ag-

ainst polio.

Some 10,000 doses of GG have already been used in North Carolina, and several thousand more are to be used this week in polio areas of Western North Carolina.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Murphy First Baptist Church from noon until 6 p. m. to collect blood donations.

On Saturday the mobile unit will go to the Peachtree Prison Farms for further donations.

Ritch Injured When Train Hits Cow Mon.

Seventy-five year old Van Ritch received hip injuries Monday when a Southern Railway Train hit his cow, the cow fell on Ritch and both Ritch and the cow toppled down a 10 foot bank, Murphy Police Chief Neil Sneed reported.

The accident occurred between 7 and 7:30 a. m. when Ritch was leading the cow along beside the railway track in Factory Town between the first and second crossings, according to the police chief.

Sneed said Ritch apparently did not hear the train approaching.

The cow also suffered hip injuries, not serious, it was reported.

Mash Destroyed At Topton Still

Some 120 gallons of mash were destroyed, but no arrests were made last week in a four-man party raid on a Topton whiskey still, Cherokee County Sheriff M. G. Crawford reported.

The still, located just over on the Macon County side of the Macon-Cherokee County line, was busted by the Cherokee sheriff, along with Macon Sheriff Harry Thomas, Deputy Luke Carver and Patrolman L. H. Baker.

Crawford said the party destroyed two barrels of mash, and that no one was around the still when the raid was made.

Local Crafters Be Included At Fair

The sixth annual Craftsmen's Fair of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild will see crafts of many Cherokee and Clay County crafters when it opens July 20 in Asheville.

The five day fair will be staged in the Asheville City Auditorium.

Center members in the guild are the John C. Campbell Folk School and the Cherokee County Crafters. Individuals who are members from Cherokee and Clay Counties are: Mrs. Ben Warner, Mrs. Wallace Massey, Fred Smith, Fannie McLellan, Murrial Martin, Mrs. Roy Lee, Lynn Gault, and Herman Estes.

Mrs. John Hall and Ben Hall, known for their carving were voted

George Hembree Dies At Home

George Anderson Hembree, 83, died at 12:45 a. m. Tuesday at his home, Route 3, Murphy following an extended illness.

He was a native of Buncombe County, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hembree, but had lived in Cherokee County since the age of 15 years.

He had served as Justice of the Peace of Murphy Township for more than 45 years. He was a charter member of the Bates Creek Baptist Church, and was a member of Cherokee Lodge No. 146, A.F. and A. M.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Ebenezer Baptist Church. The Rev. Robert Barker and the Rev. Lester Stowe officiated and burial was in the church cemetery with Masonic rites.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Eva Lovingsod Hembree; two sons, James and Noah, Route 1, Murphy; three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Kephart, Mrs. W. W. Dockery, Route 3, Murphy, and Mrs. Estie McDonald of Arden; two sisters, Mrs. L. F. Clark, Mrs. W. J. Stiles, and one brother, R. J. Hembree, all of Canton, and several grandchildren.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge.

\$150,000 Bond Would Build New Plant; Fluorine Added

A water-conscious Murphy Town Council Monday night opened the faucets, faced some hard facts and discovered:

1.-Murphy's water system can supply an addition of only 500 new families.

2.-No new industry of any large size can be invited to Murphy because of an inadequate water system.

3.-The present system has some 500 customers, bringing the town a gross monthly payment approximately \$2,000, and;

4.-A new filter plant on Hiwassee River large enough to put Murphy back in the industry running will cost around \$150,000

The Council added to those facts a new demand by several Murphy citizens that fluorine be added to the water system.

WATERSHED LIMITED The town's present watershed has reached its limit, Council said, and will force action within the

next few years.

In the meantime, however; nothing can be done to bring any type of industry to Murphy that needs any large amount of water, it was pointed out.

A new filter plant on Hiwassee River could be built after a 20 year bond is voted, one councilman said.

The bond would mean a 25 cent per 100 increase in the present tax rate and a probable 50 cents a month increase per customer on water bills.

The new filter plant would include flouridation equipment to answer growing demands in Murphy. The system, used effectively in other towns and cities, helps prevent cavities in children's teeth.

In other actions Council: Recommended that a request from the Regal Club for lights at a picnic table site be turned over to

the Murphy Power Board. Discussed favorably the possibilities of installing a drinking fountain at the same site.

Authorized Town Clerk Charlie Johnson to put a town employee on full time repairing water meters. A report is to be handed Council monthly on the progress of the work.

Discussed the possibility of putting a short wave radio in the Murphy Police car The set would tie in with a system to be installed by the County Sheriff's office and would reach State Highway Patrol cars in the vicinity.

Authorized the purchase of a finger print kit for the Police Department. Chief Neil Sneed recently returned from a two-day finger print school in Bryson City, it was reported.

And asked any group of Murphy citizens wanting streets paved to contact Clerk Johnson.

Lightning Hits Main Murphy Water Pump

Murphy citizens today were asked to keep a frugal eye on their use of water after a recent lightning bolt knocked out the filter plant's main water pump.

A smaller reserve pump is now carrying water to the filter plant, Town Clerk Charlie Johnson reported.

The system is now holding its

own against demands, but any heavy pull would cause trouble, Mr. Johnson said.

The main pump was pulled out and sent off for repairs, the clerk pointed out. The pump suffered a twisted shaft and cracked housing when the lightning struck.

TVA Construction Office Opens Here

Minor Collision Noted at Tomotla

About \$100 damage resulted, but no one was injured in a noontime wreck Sunday at Tomotla.

M. G. Crawford, Cherokee County Sheriff reported that Gilbert Stiles was slowing down to turn off the highway to go to his home when the car behind him, attempting to stop, turned around and hit Stiles' car in the side.

Crawford said the driver of the back car said she saw Stiles' hand signal in time to stop, but apparently the brake locked and she was unable to make the stop, Crawford asserted.

A TVA Construction Office, under H. L. Broadfoot, project manager has been opened in the Townson Building here, it was announced this week.

The construction office will take care of the power house installation at Chatuge and Nolteley Dams, and the addition of the pump-type turbine at Hiwassee Dam.

The small-scale construction at Chatuge began around June 1, and will be increased around September 1, it was said.

GUILD FOOD SALE The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church of Andrews will sponsor a food sale at the Nantahala Power and Light Company office Saturday, July 18. The all day sale will feature cakes, pies and cookies.

Murphy 1953 Tax Valuation Hits \$3,000,000 Council Says

The Town of Murphy 1953 tax evaluation will hit some \$3 million Town Council reported during a meeting Monday night.

The money will be collected on the tax rate of an approximate \$1.80 per \$100

Current indebtedness of Murphy now stands around \$750 per capita or \$186,000.

The present debt is covered by bonds over the past several years. Payments are up to date on all bonds and interest, Council asserted.

Included in the debt is the \$25,000 bond issued to run a power line to Peachtree. That bond has been turned over to the new Murphy Power Board.

Masonic District To Meet In Andrews

The Forty-third Masonic District, comprised of the seven Masonic Lodges in Clay, Graham and Cherokee counties will hold its annual meeting in Andrews Lodge Hall Monday, July 20. Gordon Butler of Andrews, district deputy grand master will preside during the two sessions.

There will be an afternoon session for the officers of the lodges at 3 p. m. and an evening session for all masons at 7:30. Dutch dinner will be served at the Shell Dining Room at 6 p. m.

Guests to be present are Edwin T. Howard of High Point, grand master of Masons in North Carolina, guest speaker; the Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, superintendent of the Masonic Orphanage in Oxford; John C. Vance of Asheville, junior grand warden; and Wilbur L. McIver of Raleigh, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of N. C.

All masons in the district are invited to attend.

Murphy School Faculty Told By Bueck For 1953-54 Year

The 46 member faculty of Murphy City Schools for the 1953-54 school year was released today by Superintendent H. Bueck.

The faculty includes: C. K. Olson, principal, Miss Clara McCombs, Miss Frances Dickson. Mrs. Martha Thuss, Mrs. Christine Ingle, Miss Ella McCombs, Mrs. Evelyn Patton, Mrs. Martha Dreher, Mrs. Ruby Hill, Mrs. Dair Shields, Mrs. Ruth Forsyth, Miss Wilma Tate, Miss Emily Sword, Mrs. Martha Adams, Miss Kate Hayes, Mrs. Marie Hendrix and Mrs. Otilie de Calongne.

Also John Jordan, Miss Addie Leatherwood, Mrs. Jane Crawford, Mrs. Emily Davidson, Billy McFalls, Irvin Greene, Miss Roberta Spiers, Mrs. Edna Whitley, Mrs. Pauline Bault, Mrs. Fannie Mitt Case, Mrs. Emily Miller, C. D. Puett, Walter Puett, Miss Juliet Pegues, Mrs.

Frances Ray, Harry Rogers and Mrs. Dollie Smart.

Other members are Mrs. Geraldine Meadows, John Thompson, Miss Maria Travis, Mrs. Anne Ward, G. A. Patton, G. E. Denning, Mrs. R. T. Cobb, Mrs. Maude Gilbert, Miss Jean Harris, Albert Wallace, Edward Reynolds and Mrs. Kate Shields.

Tomotla teachers are Miss Leila Hayes and Mrs. Willie Lou Shields. Texana teachers are Miss Elma Rai Dennis, principal, Mrs. Ella B. Ragsdale, Mrs. Gertrude Harper Pearson and Charles H. Pearson.

Mrs. C. K. Olson is supervisor for the Murphy City Unit.

The school entrance age was changed, by unanimous vote of the State Board of education from October 1 to October 15, effective in the coming fall.

Guernsey Sale Set Here Sept. 11

A sale of pure bred Guernsey cattle will take place in Cherokee County September 11, it was announced today by J. Franklin Smith, president of the Cherokee County Guernsey Breeders Association.

The sale will be the 12th annual Guernsey sale here.

Mr. Smith asserted that the local sale is the only Guernsey sale held in North Carolina west of

Winston-Salem. Selections are now being made for the sale by a committee composed of Smith, A. Q. Ketner, G. H. Farley, Randolph Shields, Nolan Wells, Bill Russell of Andrews.

Ketner is secretary of the association. The sale affords local breeders an opportunity to sell purebred animals without leaving

Club Asks More Lights In Town

The Regal Club at a picnic meet Friday in McCall Park, voted to ask the Town of Murphy to install more lights and a drinking fountain at the popular picnic site.

The picnic site project, named for the chairman in charge, Mrs. J. H. McCall, was started a number of months ago, and is already in constant use by tourists and local persons.

The club also voted to ask the town to improve the street lighting system. Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Don Witherspoon, and Mrs. F. W. Hubbell were appointed by the president, Mrs. Ruby Hill, to contact the town council on the matters.

Club members were also recommended to support the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here Friday, July 17.

Brittain's Son Injured Seriously

Johnny M. Brittain, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brittain of 1067 Lucile Ave., S. W., Atlanta Ga. was seriously injured at 5:30 p. m. Friday, when he ran from behind a parked car into the front of the car driven by Mrs. Henry H. Floyd of 1788 Alverado Ter., S. W. officer, reported.

The youth suffered a compound

Farm Safety Week Begins Sunday

Farm Safety Week, as proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, will be observed in the nation July 19-25, it was announced by County Farm Agent, G. H. Farley.

The week's slogan is "Farm to live and live to farm", and the president called on all organizations and persons interested in farm life to join in a campaign to prevent accidents on the farm, on the highway, in the house, or wherever they may occur.

In the six months from May to December, 1952 some 45 children were seriously injured or killed while operating farm machinery in this country, while 17 children were killed and an 11 year old killed a 75 year old man.

Farley urged farmers to be particularly mindful of their tractors. He said "handling a tractor, under most farm conditions, requires mature skill, coordination and sound judgment, which a 12 year old, or even older, does not have".

Little Folk School Camp Ends; Visitors Welcomed

The "Little Folk School" three hour day camp, with some 40 children of the Brasstown Community enrolled, will end Friday with an exhibition of crafts and demonstration of skills learned at the John C. Campbell Folk School.

The camp session began July 6 and children between the ages of 5 and 12 are an attendance.

Puppetry and other crafts, folk songs and games, and knowledge

of the birds and wild vegetable life of the region have been included in the activities.

The staff for the school has included Misses Rosemary McLean and Carolyn Hodge of Lexington, Ky., Miss Elinn Friedman of Antioch College, Mrs. Lynn Gault, Philip Merrill and Miss Shirley Bollinger.

Visitors are welcome at the class Friday from 10 until 11:30 a. m.

County FFA Members Are In State Shop Contest

Patton Daughter Succumbs

Virginia Inez Patton, nine-year old daughter of John W. and Virginia Morrow Patton, died Wednesday, about noon July 8 at the home in the Violet section of the county, near Farm, Tenn., after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a. m. Friday in the home, with the Rev. Sam Wolfe and the Rev. Garfield Morrow officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In addition to the parents, she is survived by one sister, Bonnie Lou, and one brother, Johnnie. Irie Funeral Home was in charge.

Four Cherokee County boys recently returned home after participating in a shop contest at the State Future Farmers of America Convention where they represented the Nantahala Federation.

The boys are members of the Murphy FFA, winners in the federation contest.

The contest requires the boys to know all hand tools by their correct names and their use and care.

Charles Stiles and Harold Quinn of Peachtree; Earl Queen of Marble and Howard Mingus of Bates Creek represented the local FFA, accompanied by G. A. Patton and G. E. Denning, advisors to the FFA.