

Murphy Churches Unite In Attend Church Campaign

Am. Talc Co. Through In Murphy; Hitchcock Workers Talk Union

Four talc mines in the Murphy area that were closed down in December or before will not be reopened, Woody Glenn of the American Talc Co. told the Cherokee Scout yesterday (Wednesday). Mr. Glenn said his company started closing down in November, 1953, and finished their operations in December. He said all men employed by the company were let go. Asked if he thought operations in any one of the four locations would be put back in operation by his company, Mr. Glenn said the talc business was off too much to warrant his firm coming back in the area. He asserted that the demand for talc was off some 75 per cent. Crayon talc, the type his company was mining in this area, has always enjoyed a steady market until recently, Mr. Glenn said. The steel industry is not a strong market for talc as it has been, he pointed out. Mr. Glenn said his company would not come back into this area because the overhead would be too high to mine talc here. The four mines his company worked were the Regal property, Thompson property, Moore property and the Mulkey property. Meanwhile, employees of the Hitchcock Corporation were considering the possibilities of a union at the mine here. Management of Hitchcock was not available for comment in connection with Mr. Glenn's announcement and the union question. However, one mine official said the company had not been approached by any workers with grievances. William Sparks, Jr., of the Copperhill office of AF of L International Chemical Workers Union, was in Alabama yesterday and not available for comment. Of eight employees questioned at Hitchcock mine yesterday, four asserted they were not in favor of the union, three said they knew "nothing about it," and one said he "couldn't talk." One man said, "We've run a long time without a union—we don't need one now." Another asserted that a union would "do more harm than good." "But," he added, "I can't tell you anything about the union talk here because I'm not doing anything to bring it here." Another said that he heard "a few men who had signed for the union had changed their minds." One man not in favor of the union was a foreman and not eligible to vote for or against the union.

Record Polio Drive Brings \$6,400 Here

Cherokee County's March of Dimes Drive, now coming to an end, this year set a new record with some \$6,400 raised in the county, according to drive chairman Frank Forsyth. A few donations are still expected, Mr. Forsyth said. Andrews raised some \$938.75 of the total, more than was reported by Andrews last year. In other years the March of Dimes had netted \$5,041 and \$5,400. Last year's collections totaled \$3,300. The schools in the Cherokee County unit this week announced \$983.29 collected for the March, with the following amounts from each school: Ranger, \$128.64, seventh grade led with \$23.80 collected; Peachtree \$128.12, seventh and eighth room led with \$48 collected with Stella Mae Hughes collecting more than any other pupil at Peachtree. Mrs. Hensley served as Deputy Register of Deeds for a number of years and has been affiliated with the office for 15 years.

Town-Wide Census Be Made Sunday

Some 50 visitors from the churches of Murphy will make calls in the Community next Sunday, Feb. 28, as the churches of Murphy unite in a religious census. The census precedes a six weeks concentrated effort to encourage church attendance. Cooperating churches are the Presbyterian, First Baptist, Free Methodist, Episcopal and First Methodist. Each church will furnish visitors to be assigned various areas within the city limits for the census. All information will be tabulated and made available to all the churches. The survey comes in preparation for the joint emphasis of the churches to call all people of Murphy to attend the church of their own choice during the period from March 7 to Easter Sunday, April 18. The appeal to "Give God a Chance NOW—Attend Church Every Sunday" will be made through the Civic organizations, the schools and by personal invitation to all the people of Murphy. Visitors in the census will meet at the First Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Sunday to receive their assignment and instructions. The public is asked to remain at home between the hours of 2:30 p. m. and 4:30 p. m. that the visitors may call. Martin's Creek, \$167.96, seventh grade led with \$21.25 collected; White Church \$185; Unaka \$66.63, Burch Crawford of the fifth grade collected most money—\$6.50 Friendship, \$5.50; Wolf Creek, \$16.69; and Hiwassee Dam \$281.95

Kate Hensley Files As Register Deeds

Mrs. Kate Padgett Hensley, present Register of Deeds, has filed for the office of Register of Deeds of Cherokee County, in the Democratic Primary, May 29. Mrs. Hensley is a daughter of B. L. Padgett, a former Register of Deeds, who served for 18 years. She has also been appointed for two successive terms as Chairman for the Register of Deeds Association of District 1, which includes 18 North Carolina counties. In 1942 Mrs. Hensley married Hugh E. Hensley, who is Salesman for Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Asheville and Murphy, and grandson of Pryor Nelson, a former Mayor of Murphy, and Justice of Peace who served on numerous civic committees. Mrs. Hensley served as Deputy Register of Deeds for a number of years and has been affiliated with the office for 15 years.

Winchester To Seek Register Deeds Office

Edwin C. Winchester of Murphy this week announced his candidacy for Register of Deeds of Cherokee County. He will enter the Democratic Primary May 29. Winchester, 47 years old, son of the late E. C. Winchester, was born in Monroe, N. C. He was educated in the schools of Monroe and at Wingate and Rutherford College. He has been a resident of Murphy for the past 20 years. He was married in 1934 to the former Mrs. Ruby McCombs Francis, daughter of the late Dr. W. S. McCombs. They with their two children live at 418 Cherry St.

Swanson Heads Local Jehovah's Witness Group

Haskey J. Swanson of Rt. 1, Warne, will head the delegation that will attend a three-day assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Asheville, Feb. 26-28, a spokesman for the Murphy Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses said today. The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Brooklyn, New York is sponsoring the assembly which will be held in the Asheville City Auditorium, and all sessions will be opened to the public. The program will emphasize Bible instruction and the need for personal knowledge and the ability to speak intelligently about the Bible it was announced. W. D. Couch of Brooklyn, New York will speak on "Is Civilization's End Near?" Sunday Feb. 28, at 3 p. m. to highlight the feature talk of the assembly. Couch and W. J. Sims also of Brooklyn will speak each day in the auditorium. A crowd of some 500 persons from the two Carolinas and Georgia are expected to attend.

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ALLEY Felix E. Alley, Jr., Waynesville attorney, last week announced his candidacy for solicitor of the 20th judicial district. He will enter the Democratic primary May 29.

Credit System Set Up By R.C. Bloodmobile

The Red Cross Bloodmobile stop in Murphy March 1 will kickoff both the current Red Cross Fund Raising campaign, and a new credit system of blood collections. The bloodmobile will be at the First Baptist Church from 12:30 to 6:30 p. m. Monday. The new credit system was established to help check the difficulty of meeting blood quotas—a situation becoming serious since the truce in Korea. The system took into consideration the following points: 1. That repeat donors should not have to furnish all blood needed. 2. That people receiving blood who have not participated as donors should assume some responsibility to keep blood available. 3. That there still be NO charge for blood given through Red Cross. 4. That no one is denied blood when it is needed in an emergency. The Credit Plan, in brief, is this: 1. If a person gives blood he will receive a card that will expire one year later, to cover the blood needs of husband or wife, dependent children, dependent parents, without obligation to replace the blood. 2. Red Cross would meet all dire emergencies without any obligation to the patient. 3. Red Cross would provide blood for certain hardship cases. 4. If a person is rejected by the doctor as a blood donor, he gets the same coverage. 5. A Gallon Club member has lifetime card protection. 6. A repeat donor may dedicate his card to someone else. 7. A person going to the hospital that does not have a card will be asked to get a donor for each pint needed prior to the operation (one for one replacement in advance). The people replacing the blood will get cards so they, too, benefit by the protection.

Republicans To Elect Candidates For Election

The annual Cherokee County Republican Convention will be held Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2 p. m. at the Courthouse, John C. O'Dell chairman of the Republican Executive committee has announced. At this meeting candidates will be nominated for all offices to be filled in the fall election. Delegates to the state and congressional Republican conventions will be elected also. Mr. O'Dell said precinct conventions were held last Saturday, when precinct officials were elected as well as one delegate to the County Convention for each 50 persons or major fraction who voted for Republican Governor in 1952. A precinct member of the County Executive Committee was also elected.

Mrs. Hughes, 47, Dies At Home

Mrs. Berdie Louellen Hughes, 47 of Route 2, Murphy died Tuesday, Feb. 16 in her home after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p. m. in Andrews Funeral building. The Rev. Lester Stowe, and the Rev. Weldon West officiated and burial was in Valley town cemetery. Pallbearers were John Stepp, Paul Hughes, Carl Stiles, John Lunsford, Bascomb Lovingood, and William Robinson. She was a native of Macon County, a daughter of the late William and Melinda West and a member of Red Marble Baptist Church. Surviving are the husband, Don Hughes; six sons, Sgt. Grady Hughes of Camp Rucker, Ala., De and Bill of Lorain, Ohio, Jack, Johnny and Howard of the home. Also six daughters, Joyce, Stella, Mae, Joanne, Gladys, Mary and Bonnie of the home; three sisters, Mrs. John Passmore of Andrews, Mrs. Mae Hughes and Mrs. Ruby Woods of Bessemer City. Seven brothers, Edward and Wayne West of Andrews, Calvin West of Marble, Guy of Stanley, Lake of Belmont, Arthur of Tucson Ariz., Herbert of Aquone, and Troy of Murphy. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

Bishops Cushman, Harrell Be At Methodist Rally Fri.

Two outstanding Methodist bishops, Bishop Ralph S. Cushman and Bishop Costen J. Harrell, will speak at the Evangelistic Rally at the First Methodist Church, Waynesville, Friday, Feb. 26. The meeting will be held from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m. Members from the Asheville and Waynesville District will attend. Bishop Cushman will speak on "The Present Challenge" and Bishop Harrell will speak on the topic, "What Christ Supplies." The nature of the morning program is inspirational. Speakers for the afternoon, who will deal with practical plans for the local situations, will be the district superintendents, J. W. Fitzgerald of the Asheville district and W. Jackson Huneycutt of the Waynesville district. Dr. W. A. Rollins will also be heard in the afternoon. A consecration service will follow. Local church leaders are expected to attend the rally which is one of five being held at strategic points over the conference. Dr. Clay Madison president of the Conference Board of Evangelism and pastor of the First Methodist Church of Morganton will preside at all the rallies. Dinner will be served by the Waynesville church, which will also provide special anthems and leadership in congregational singing.

Funeral Rites Held For Green

The Rev. John Henry Green, 86 a retired Baptist minister, died Saturday, Feb. 20, in the home of a sister, Mrs. Hattie Ledford, Route 3, Blairsville in the Ivy Log section after a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Monday in Bellview Methodist Church. The body lay in state in the church one hour preceding the services. The Rev. Fred Beaver, the Rev. Charlie Sexton, and the Rev. Hugh Le Hughes officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. He was married to Miss Frona Crawford who died in 1927. He had served as pastor of several churches throughout this section before his health failed in 1947. Surviving are three brothers, Ebb and Roscoe Green of Pine Log and Robert Green of California; two sisters, Mrs. Ledford and Mrs. Alice Cabe of Decatur, Ga.; 13 nieces and nephews. He had reared one nephew Willie Crawford. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

Speed Watch Nabs 44 Motorists Here

Over 40 motorists on Highways 64 and 19 near Murphy last week were charged with speeding when highway patrolmen covered the two roads with an electric stop watch. Patrolmen L. H. Baker and Charles H. Long pulled in 44 drivers when they spot checked the two highways with the electric device.

State Tax Rep. Here Next Week

The representative of the State Department of Revenue will be at the Cherokee County Courthouse again on March 1, 8, 10, 12 and 15 to assist taxpayers in filing their state tax returns.

New Unit For H. Dam Being Installed

Pump-Turbine Be In Operation By 1955, TVA Says The 50,500 kilowatt unit at Hiwassee Dam, now being installed, will probably start operating in autumn, 1955, TVA announced this week. The installation will be a pump-turbine unit, which functions as a centrifugal pump when rotated in one direction, and as a hydraulic turbine when rotated in the opposite direction, TVA said. The pump-turbine was described by Don H. Mattern, assistant chief of TVA's Project Planning Branch, in a paper presented to the American Society of Civil Engineers in Atlanta last Friday. Both this unit and the existing one at Hiwassee will be operated during periods of peak loads on the TVA system. During off-peak periods the pump-turbine will pump water back into the Hiwassee Lake for use when peak loads next occur, the Authority said. Extensive model tests for the unit have been in progress for many months at the Milwaukee plant of the Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. Test, have been completed satisfactorily, and manufacture of the unit has started, TVA said. Meanwhile work is proceeding on other hydro units at Douglas Dam in East Tennessee and a 10,000 kw unit at Chatuge Dam in Western North Carolina. The 15,000 kw unit on which work will begin in about six months is at the Nolichucky Dam in North Georgia. A third generating unit has already started commercial operation at Fontana Dam near Robbinsville. Its capacity of 67,500 kw has been added to the system, bringing the hydro rated capacity to 3,400,835 kilowatts.

J. L. Hall Files For Sheriff

J. L. Hall this week announced his candidacy for sheriff of Cherokee County, and will run in the Democratic Primary May 29. Mr. Hall, currently serving his third term as Clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, is a native of Cherokee County, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hall of this county. He is married to the former Oma Tate, daughter of the late O. T. and Emma Tate. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have four children, Mrs. J. D. Palmer of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Jack Crawford of Murphy; M/Sgt. J. L. Hall, Jr. of Fort Smith, Ark.; and Jerry Hall of Murphy. Before becoming clerk of court, Hall operated a service station in Murphy for 10 years. During World War I he served in both the Army and Navy. He was superintendent of Murphy Water Works from 1924-26. J. L. HALL

New Trout License Law Is Explained

Trout fishermen in Cherokee County will get an earlier start this year when the season opens some 10 days earlier than last year. In a Wildlife Resources Commission release the Special trout license law passed by the General Assembly in 1953 was outlined. According to the commission a special trout license costing \$1.10 will be issued. Ten cents of the money will go to the issuing agent and \$1 will go to a special fund which will be used only for trout stocking purposes. As a general requirement any person who fishes in inland waters must have the usual state or county license. In addition, if the fisherman is fishing in designated trout waters, he must have the special trout fishing license. Exceptions to the general requirement are: Resident persons under 16 years old and nonresidents under 12 may fish without the usual license or the special trout license. A landowner and any member of his family under 16 may fish on his land without the usual license or the special trout license. If a nonresident of the state owns land in this state he may fish in trout waters on that land without either regular nonresident statewide license or the special trout license. Any serviceman stationed in the state must have the regular license and if he is fishing in designated trout waters, he must have the special trout license. However, a nonresident serviceman stationed in North Carolina may use the regular resident license instead of a nonresident license. A nonresident serviceman stationed outside the state must meet nonresident license requirements.

Girls Basketball Tourney Be Played At Andrews Gvm

The girls tournament of the Smoky Mountain Conference will be held in the Andrews High School gym starting March 4. Fifteen teams will participate in the tournament. The boys tournament will be held on alternate nights in Bryson City.