

Four Fires Take Toll Of \$215,700 Here This Week

People You Know

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Elkins left Sunday for Flushing, New York for a visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Elkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Palmer and children, Woodrow and Pat spent a few days with friends in Knoxville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McGuire and granddaughter, Linda McGuire, who spent last week at their cottage at Peachtree, returned Monday to their home in Atlanta.

Ervin Greene of Concord spent a few days last week with Dr. and Mrs. Harry Miller. Miss Susie Miller returned home with him for a visit.

Mrs. W. P. Odom spent last Thursday in Charlotte with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Odom.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weaver and children, Betty and Bobby, returned from a two week vacation spent with Mrs. A. E. Vestal in Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Taylor and children, Ann and Tommy at Albemarle, and at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. WillaBell Posey of Asheville, and her daughter, Mrs. Frank Morgan and son of Montevallo, Ala., were in Murphy Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McMullan of Jefferson, Ga. visited her sister, Mrs. W. P. Odom Monday.

Mrs. William J. Canata and sons Bill and Dennis, returned Monday to their home in Chattahoochee after spending some time here with Mrs. Canata's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chandler. They will soon leave for New York for a visit with Mr. Canata's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Canata.

Hazel Lou Fulmer of Sylva spent last week here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Franklin.

Dave Moody has returned from Raleigh where he attended the State Lions Convention and Interstate Sanitarian meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Odom have had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamby and daughter, Carmen of Newport News, Va., Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Browne of Atlanta, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Odom of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayfield of Heflin, Ala., spent the week end here with relatives.

Mrs. John Thuss and sons, Johnny and Noland returned Monday from a visit with relatives in West Palm Beach and Miami, Fla. Her sister, Miss Loucine Wells returned with her for a few days visit, after which she will go to Asheville to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Y. Brown.

Miss Ella Jean Wells of Brunswick, Ga., spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells.

John Thuss and sons, Johnny in Nashville, Tenn., with Mr. and Noland will spend next week Thuss' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thuss.

Mrs. E. C. Winchester of Monroe is visiting Mrs. Edwin Winchester and family here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoke Mashburn had as guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boryewski of Medina, New York. Mrs. Boryewski is Mrs. Mashburn's niece.

Members of Cherokee Lodge, No. 146 who attended the 43rd District meeting Hayesville Monday night, were Sam Capps and Sam Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simmons had as week end guests, Miss Frances Davidson and Phil Goforth of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett English, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lay spent Wednesday in Atlanta.

Mrs. W. A. Barber of Lake Junaluska, formerly of Murphy, is at Fontana Village serving as hostess with Government Services, Inc. Mrs. Barber recently sent greetings to her Murphy friends via a Fontana visitor.

4 Towns Send Beauties To Andrews Soon

Four towns will have participants in the beauty contest at the July 5 celebration in Andrews at the Andrews-Murphy Air Park.

Andrews, Murphy, Hayesville and Robbinsville will send beauties to the contest which is sponsored by the Komaheeta Club and the Andrews Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of business firms in the four towns.

The contest will be in two parts—the selection of a winner from each town, and then a queen from the four town winners.

Valuable prizes will be given all winners and runners-up.

The judging will take place at the swimming pool, July 5, at 3:30 p. m. No admission charge will be made.

Entry rules for the contest are: The contestant 1. Must have been a resident of the town or county for the last year (1963-64); 2. Must be between the ages of 15

and 20; 3. Must be single; 4. Must have a bathing suit for the beauty contest.

Girls who are interested in entering should contact the following persons: in Andrews, Mrs. Robert Heaton or Mrs. Elizabeth Davis; in Hayesville, Mrs. L. R. Staton; in Murphy, Mrs. L. L. Mason, Jr.; in Robbinsville, Mrs. Ed Ingram. The deadline for entries is June 30.

The Andrews committee for the Beauty Contest are: Mrs. Edgar Wood, chairman; Mrs. L. H. Baker, Mrs. Gerald Almond, Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Mrs. James Ibberson, Mrs. Wade Reese, Mrs. Hancock Davis and Mrs. Robert Heaton.

Another feature of the July 5 celebration will be the Kiddie Parade which will be a part of the big parade to be held on the morning of July 5. Parents are requested to call Mrs. Margaret Ann Watry or Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Jr., to register children for the parade.

Memorial Service Be For Mrs. Campbell

A special memorial service for Mrs. Olive Dams Campbell, founder of the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown will be held in the community room of the Folk School on Sunday, June 27, at 2 P. M.

All friends of Mrs. Campbell and the Folk School are invited to attend.

Mrs. Campbell, with Marguerite Butler Bidstrup, founded the school in 1925, and was its director until her retirement several years ago. Until last year she was Chairman of the Board of Directors, and at the time of her death was a member of the Board.

Mrs. Campbell was an eminent folk artist, and worked with Cecil Sharp on his collection of old English folk songs and ballads found in the Southern Mountains. She, with her husband, was a pioneer in the field of adult education in this region, and helped revive and maintain an interest in the mountain culture.

For many years she was director of the Council of Southern Mountain Workers, which was founded by her husband, John C. Campbell, and she was instrumental in organizing the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild.

Run-Off Election Is Sat.; Carver, Hall On Ballot

The Second Democratic Primary—run-off election for nomination for sheriff of Cherokee County—will be held Saturday, June 26.

Polling will be from 6:30-8:30 at the regular polling places.

Only two names appear on the ballot—those of Luke Carver, incumbent, and J. L. Hall.

High man in the second primary will be the Democratic nominee for sheriff to run in the general election in November.

Murphy Masons Be Hosts To Georgians

Murphy Masons will be hosts Friday evening, June 25, to a Degree Team from Ocoee Lodge of Morganton, Ga.

All Master Masons are invited to attend the program, which will consist of a supper in the Lodge Hall at 6:30 p. m. followed by the conferring of the Third Degree.

A number of out-of-town Masons from North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee are expected to be present.

Still, Whiskey Are Taken In Raids

Deputy Sheriff Edward Truett, assisted by Deputy Sheriff Guy Roberts made a raid on the homes of Thomas and Jimmy Hardin in the Beaver Creek Section, in Valleytown Township Monday night and captured a still and several gallons of whiskey. They were cited before the local Justice of Peace for trial.

H Bonds Sale Being Stressed

County meetings were held in western North Carolina last week to spur the sale of Series H U. S. Savings Bonds, according to Jonathan Woody, area chairman, U. S. Savings Bond Committee.

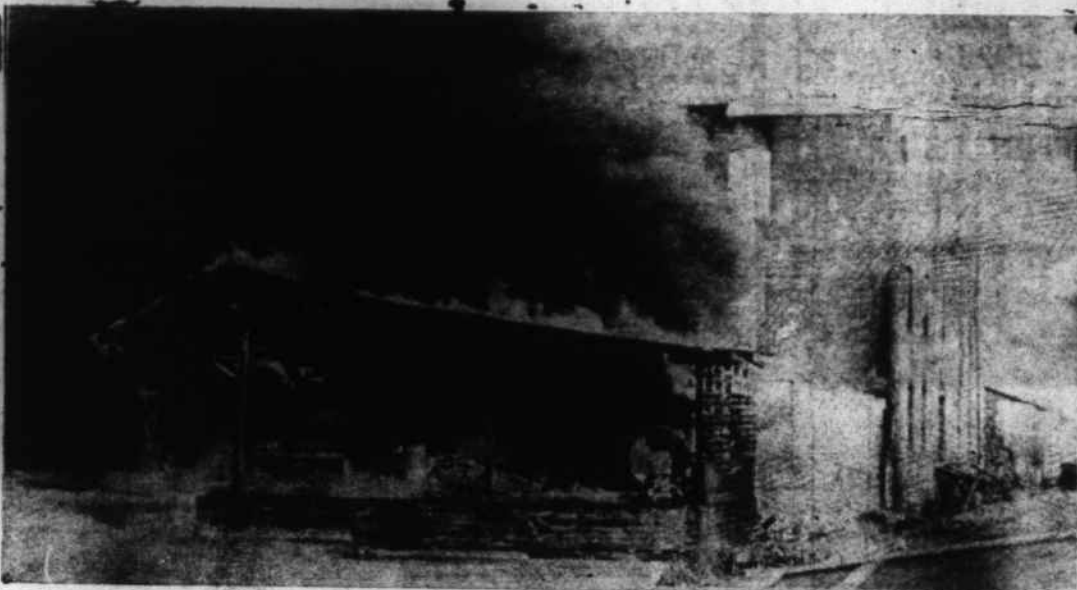
Kenneth C. Wible, deputy director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division, met with Cherokee County bankers on the bonds.

The sale of Series H Bonds (an investment bond) has averaged almost 75 million dollars a month—more than double a year ago. Much of the improvement of H bonds sales can be attributed to banker activity, Mr. Woody said.

The H bond is an income producing investment in which an interest check is mailed to the owner every six months. This bond pays three per cent compounded interest and is always redeemable at par.

Cherokee County's quota is \$37,000, of which \$11,000 has already been sold. The bonds can be purchased at any local bank. They can be bought in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

W. D. Whitaker is county chairman of sales.



FLAMES RAN RAMPANT here Sunday in the Ragland Building—on Hiwassee River between the two Railway depots. This picture was made by Fred Van Horn after the large warehouse (brick structure in back) had been completely gutted by the blaze. Damage at this fire was estimated at \$200,000. Another fire Sunday morning filled out the day for the Murphy firemen who put in 14 hours fighting flames Sunday.



MURPHY'S 24-MAN Volunteer Fire Department, headed by W. S. Dickey, chief, called in help from Andrews and McCaysville, Ga., Sunday afternoon to help battle the Ragland Building flame. In addition to these a number of other persons joined in fire-fighting before the angry blaze was subdued. The warehouse storing goods for the Farmers Federation and Gibbs Hardware, was wiped out, and the flame leapt a firewall into the Hackney-Carolina Building. Firemen were able to keep the fire from being below the top floor of the Hackney-Carolina portion. (Photo by Fred Van Horn)

Firebug Probable, Fire Chief Says

In a fire-a-day week in Murphy since Sunday an estimated \$215,700 has gone up in flames here.

Murphy Volunteer Fire Department Chief W. S. Dickey said the fire, which completely gutted a warehouse in the Ragland Building and burned through the top floor of the three-story Hackney-Carolina Co. Building Sunday afternoon and night, caused some \$200,000 loss.

Earlier Sunday—about 7:15 a. m. — a fire broke out at the building on Tennessee St. owned by E. A. Browning and housing Brownie's Pool Room and Grill and the Murphy Shoe Shop. Damages at this fire were estimated at some \$5,200, according to Mr. Dickey.

Murphy firemen—numbering 24 battled the fires for 14 hours Sunday. Aid was called in from Andrews and McCaysville, Ga., with each town sending a truck and five men to join the local department in fighting the fire at the Ragland Building—near the railway depots—Sunday afternoon.

BEAVER HOME

Early Tuesday morning, the volunteers were again called out to put out flames at the home of Glenn Beavers on Old Hospital Hill. The fire, which was reported around 5:15 a. m. completely consumed the one story frame house, destroying all furnishings as well as the house. Loss was estimated by Mr. Dickey at around \$3,500. The house was owned by C. M. Wofford heirs.

The Beaver family—especially one very young child—made a narrow escape from the fire.

The Murphy firemen were called out of bed Wednesday morning around 5:15 when a \$6,000 or \$7,000 fire was reported at the storage room and warehouse of Peyton G. Ivie, just below the Ivie Funeral Home here.

The latter fire started in the room where Ivie stores immediate grave equipment—grass and chairs—and immediately leapt into the adjoining warehouse where the flames licked up a number of new innerspring mattresses, bedroom and living room furniture and touched on some electrical appliances. The new load of bedroom furniture had just been placed in the warehouse last Friday. However, nobody had entered the room where the grave equipment was stored and where the fire was said to have started since last week, the Ivies said.

The Ivie fire was discovered in the early morning by the Kern's Bread truck man.

FIRE BUG?

Mr. Dickey said the Ragland fire Sunday and Ivie fire Wednesday appear to have been set, as no apparent cause of origin could be found for the fires.

However, he said, the pool room and shoe shop fire was probably the result of a carelessly tossed cigarette in some new sawdust. Mr. Dickey said the sawdust was put behind the pool room Saturday.

The Beaver home, he said, probably caught fire from defective wiring.

Further investigation is being held on the fires.

Meanwhile the pool room managed by Jack Voyles and the shop, managed by Quetter Loudermilk, are already making plans to rebuild and reopen.

The big fire Sunday at the Ragland Building was still smoldering as late as Tuesday. The blaze was said to have originated in a large, three story building being used as a warehouse by the Farmers Federation and Gibbs Hardware & Auto Supply Co., owned by Jim Gibbs.

The explosive nitrate caused the fire to spread rapidly, burn out the warehouse and jump a fire wall into the upper stories of the Hackney-Carolina Building.

The firemen—with the aid of the firewall—were able to keep the fire from getting into the main building. (Continued on Page Twelve)

Cherokee Co. Rates High In Buying Power Survey Shows

SPECIAL TO THE CHEROKEE SCOUT

NEW YORK—Cherokee County proved to be a strong market during the past year, standing well-up among the nation's 3,072 counties in business activity. The findings are contained in Sales Management's new, copyrighted survey of buying power, with statistics for 1963 for all parts of the country.

Continued heavy spending by residents of Cherokee County was a bright spot in the local business picture. Their purchases in the county's retail stores reached \$8,916,000 in the year, slightly above the \$8,714,000 volume recorded in 1962.

Per family, these expenditures amounted to \$2,086 in the year.

The strength in consumer spending in the county stemmed from better earning power, which made for easier budgets and greater diversity of expenditures, especially in the direction of luxuries.

The data shows that the 4,400 local families had a net disposable income, after taxes, of \$11,971,000. This was a gain over the previous year, when net earnings totaled \$10,028,000.

The increase, which was 19.5 percent, was attained generally. For the country at large a gain of 6.0 percent was reported. In the South Atlantic States the improvement was 7.7 percent.

The per-family income in Cherokee County, an arithmetical figure obtained by dividing total income by total number of families, was \$2,721 last year. In 1962 it was \$2,332 per family.

That more money is going into savings and into insurance and investments locally is indicated by the fact that only 67 cents of each available dollar is being spent in retail stores.

Such considerations as the number of people living in an area, the amount they earn and spend and the amount they might have spent go into a rating called "buying power index." For Cherokee County it is .0063, which is the percent of the national business that might be produced locally.

Andrews Hospital Fund Drive Is Close To \$45,000

The District Memorial Hospital fund thermometer at the Andrews Citizens Bank and Trust Company was hitting close to \$45,000 this week with Andrews pledges still going strong, Bill Whitaker said.

Meanwhile, the Andrews American Legion Lester Stillman Post #7 will move its square dance to the High School this Saturday.

The post has been sponsoring square dances at the City Hall

with all proceeds going to the hospital drive.

The Chamber of Commerce in Andrews has announced that all net proceeds from their fourth annual July 4th celebration will go to the hospital drive.

The Chamber pointed out that the celebration is a county-wide affair and people from all over the area are invited to attend the many events to be staged during the three-day festivities.

NEW DEPUTY



TRUETT

James Edward Truett, 27, native of Cherokee County, residing in Andrews was installed as Deputy Sheriff, Friday June 18, by Cherokee County Sheriff Luke Carver.

Mr. Truett is married to the former Alice Almond and has one son, Eddie.