

Youth Dies Here Because No Blood Was Available

Lack of an emergency blood supply at local hospitals resulted in the death of an injured child here several weeks ago.

This was revealed this week by a Cherokee County physician who describes as "deplorable" this area's blood bank program. "It is the worst situation we've ever had," he asserted.

The doctor went on to say: "You can't imagine the frustration of having a patient come in in shock and having no emergency blood available."

That is what occurred recently. A 15-year-old boy was rushed to a

local hospital suffering shock from a wound in the back. An injury had severed the large blood vessels of his abdomen. Internal hemorrhage resulted.

The attending physicians said not a single drop of emergency blood was available. Why? He answered this question: "Because Murphy Hospitals are not eligible for Red Cross Blood."

They are not eligible for Red Cross Blood because this county last year failed to meet its quota in the annual Red Cross Drive. The bloodmobile is expensive. Each visit to collect blood cost

several hundred dollars. Funds to finance these visits are raised in the annual Red Cross Drive that starts here next week. The quota is \$2,500.

The physician said a number of donors responded to the call for blood for the injured boy but the "crucial point in such cases is time." Time ran out for the young boy because the blood was not already on hand.

In a vigorous, whirlwind endeavor, campaigners are to get Murphy back into the benefits of the American Red Cross next week, and help the town and ad-

jacent parts of Cherokee County shoulder its responsibility for the work of that agency.

By the end of the week the solicitors, led by Robert W. Weaver, chapter chairman, and Joe E. Rzy, drive chairman, hope to attain the \$2,500 goal assigned. It is part of the \$665,000 being sought by the American Red Cross to carry on its work of Veteran aid, disaster relief, bloodmobile, life-saving training and home nursing.

Mr. Ray expressed his strong discontent over Murphy's failure to support the bloodmobile program, and thus lose out on some

of its benefits. "Because we have never had a disaster in Murphy is no reason to hold back our support," he said, for "It can happen here."

Those taking part in the campaign effort along with Mr. Weaver and Mr. Ray include Robert A. Potter, publicity chairman; Merle Davis, J. H. Duncan and Roscoe Wilkins, business section; Mrs. Cecil Burgess, Mrs. W. T. Brown Jr., and Mrs. Kennel. Mothers' March and Murphy Library Club; Harry Bishop, Frank Forsyth and Hobart McKeever, industries.

Mrs. Jack (Maggie Bell) Pinson, and Mrs. Constance West, rural chairmen; Lloyd Hendrix, Holland McSwain, Walter Puett, John Jordan, Clarence Hendrix, Clem Pipes, Hearst King, Douglas Smith, Mrs. Addilee Brown, James Crisp, Mrs. Elma Rae Dennis, Miss Maude Collins, Mrs. Georg Bidstrup, school chairmen.

Rev. Robert Barker, ministerial chairman; L. L. Mason and Loren chairmen; Miss Carringer, Cherokee Rose Garden Club chairman; Mrs. H. A. Mattox, Murphy Gar-

den club chairman; Mrs. Wanda Edwards, American Legion Auxiliary chairman; and John Smith, American Legion chairman.

All residents are urged to join in the drive by making contributions; and, if called upon, soliciting in the campaign.

Of the more than \$100,000,000 expended by the American Red Cross last year, more than one-third went for Veteran's aid, the annual report shows. The other principal expenditures are for disaster relief and the bloodmobile program.

Weather Forecast
THURSDAY — Fair
FRIDAY — Occasional Rain
SATURDAY — Fair
SUNDAY—Occasional Light Rain

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High School Seniors To Present 'Huck' Finn Story

There probably isn't a man or woman living who, at some time or another in their lives hasn't heard or seen various moving picture versions of Mark Twain's great book, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

Charles George, having successfully dramatized several best-selling novels, has acquired the knack of making the characters in a novel live as real human beings on the stage. All Mark Twain enthusiasts will further enthuse when they see this new play, "The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn," presented by the Murphy High School Seniors at the auditorium of the Murphy Grammar School on the nights of March 28-29.

Local players have taken unusual care in the selecting of the players to interpret the favorite Twain characters, so that the true flavor of the story is preserved in the acting to the same degree that Mr. George has preserved it in his writing.

"Huck," who is played by Fred Carder, promises to be the treat of the local theatrical season, so don't miss it. It will please all the old Mark Twain fans and make many new ones for the great American humorist.

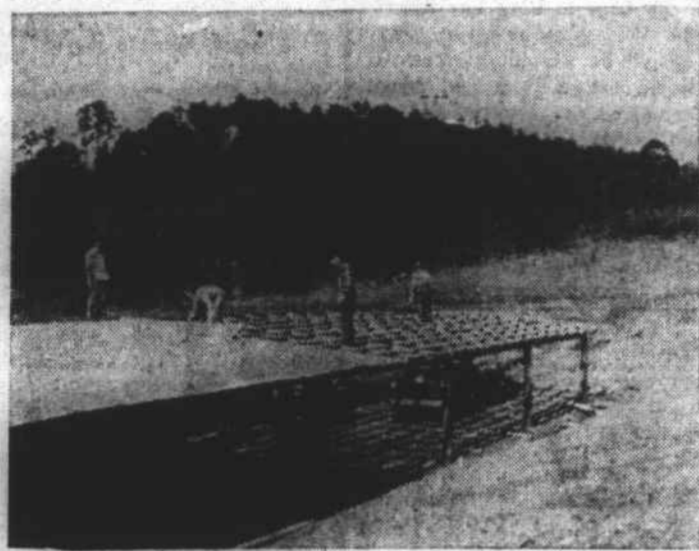
MURPHY HIGH WELL QUALIFIED IN PHYSICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

Murphy High School is well up in the physical sciences in regard to qualification of teachers, and is making advance in the number of classes and students. This was brought out Monday night in the March PTA meeting program devoted to science.

But the local school is below standard in its equipment, and, in light of the emphasis given to scientific knowledge of our day, would do well to offer further subjects and encourage more students to take advance courses.

The program was arranged by Dr. A. J. Headrick, program committee chairman, with John A. Thompson, head of the science department at Murphy High, in charge. Taking part in the treatment along with Mr. Thompson were: Walter Puett, High school principal; Robert Cobb and Mrs. Geraldine Meadows, science teachers; and Betty Weaver, science major and 1958 valedictorian.

Over against eight classes in general sciences, biology and chemistry and 228 students in 1950, there were now, Mr. Thompson brought out, 10 such classes, with physics added, and 359 pupils. More equipment is needed, including microscopes, materials for electronics, electricity, radio and tv, periodicals, and laboratory furniture.



HANGING DOG FARMERS . . . HAVE PIONEER SPIRIT

Hanging Dog Neighbors Cooperate Just Like Folks Of Pioneer Days

By JOHN S. SMITH
Soil Conservationist
Near the head of Hanging Dog Creek there reside a group of Farmers, all of whom are cooperators with the Cherokee County Soil Conservation District. One of them is chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the District.

All are good conservation farmers, with complete Soil and Water Conservation plans on their farms. Most of the needed Soil and Water Conserving practices, such as crop rotations, pasture seeding, and woodland improvement are already established, or are well along toward completion.

This group of neighbors take "COOPERATING" seriously. They carry cooperation far beyond the Soil Conservation District.

Look at the picture printed above. That Chicken house you see was a keg of nails, a few squares of roofing, a pile of poles and a stack of sawed lumber less than 24 hours before the picture was taken. The chicken house is located on the farm of Dewey and Claude Mills. Besides these two, the work-

ers erecting the house are Leonard Mills, Luther Dockery, Fred Dockery, O. G. Rhodes and Wayne Abernathy.

On the surface, this is not really a remarkable picture. But when the spirit in which these farmers cooperate with each other is known it becomes remarkable. Maybe it is a hold-over from the cooperation of pioneer days—maybe it is just good neighbors. Whatever it is, there isn't nearly as

Clean-Up Week Here Set For April 1 - 18

Mayor L. L. Mason has proclaimed the period of April 1 through April 18 as city-wide clean up week.

Everyone is requested to make preparations for the observance by pruning their trees and shrubs now. Citizens are asked to clean their lots of all rubbish.

Town Clerk Charlie Johnson said when rubbish is gathered in a convenient place, city truck will pick it up. Persons desiring this service should call City Hall, VE 7-2510.

Murphy Firemen Get Free Passes To Drive-In

Permanent admission passes have been given to 25 volunteers and two honorary members of the Murphy Fire Department by Murphy Drive-In Theater.

Wimpy Jones, owner, said he was presenting the passes in appreciation of the valuable service the men give to the community. W. S. Dickey is chief of the local group.

Rotarians Elect McSwain Club President

Holland McSwain Monday night was elected president of the Murphy Rotary Club.

Other officers named were B. B. Cornwell, vice-president; Bob Penland, secretary, and Tom Houts, treasurer.

Mine Explosion Kills One, Injures Another

A gas explosion in the Callaway Mine of the Tennessee Copper Co. near Copperhill, Tenn., claimed the life of one man and injured another Monday night.

Dead was Owen W. Pickelsimer, 50, a copper miner. A. D. Anderson injured in the blast, was reported in good condition earlier this week.

Pickelsimer also suffered burns, but death was attributed to suffocation.

Anderson is being treated for burns about the face and head.

The explosion occurred at the 1,800-foot level of the mine, which is located between Copperhill and Isabella.

A spokesman for the safety department of the copper company Tuesday said the two men were part of a crew engaged in "driving a raise" when they encountered gas, which is rare in a metal mine. Although the raise immediately was ventilated, the explosion followed.

An investigation of the origin of the gas and the cause of the explosion was being made the spokesman said.

The death of Pickelsimer was the first job fatality at any Tennessee Copper Co. operation since December, 1952, a company official said.

W. D. Whitaker Receives Award

W. D. Whitaker, senior vice-president of Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Andrews, has received a citation for his work in the U. S. Savings Bonds program.

The award was presented to Mr. Whitaker at a meeting of Group 10 of the North Carolina Bankers Association recently in Asheville.

The citation was for "patriotic service to the community and nation through the U. S. Savings Bond program." It was given by the U. S. Treasury's Department and was signed by State Chairman Walter Johnson and Secretary of Treasure Roert B. Anderson.

Five-Man Youth Team Here For Revival At First Baptist



YOUTH REVIVAL TEAM; These five students of Carson-Newman College will be on hand during a Youth Revival at First Baptist Church here March 26 through March 30. Left to right, first row, are Bob Evans, song leader, Thad Dowdle, evangelist. Second row, Lowell Scruggs, organist; Bill Calamas, social leader, and Bob Bayles, follow-up leader.

A Youth Team from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., will be on hand during Youth Revival Week at First Baptist Church March 26-31.

The group will include an evangelist, song leader, pianist or organist, follow-up leader and a social leader.

As part of the observance, young people of the church have elected the following officers to serve during the revival:

Lonnie Hoover, pastor; John Morris, education director; Nancy Mills, church secretary; Linda English, musician; Wanda West, pianist; Annette White, organist; Carolyn Bates, librarian; Bill Rhodes, training Union director; Harry Duncan, Sunday School superintendent; Ruth Bates, president of Missionary Society; Roger Baugh, Brotherhood president.

Also: Deacons—Sammy Duncan, Billy Decker, Bill Rhodes, Bud Killian, Harry Duncan, Winston Craig, John Rush, Colon Lewis, Eddie King, Virgil Decker, Ronnie Rhodes, Jimmy Kimsey, Kenneth Dockery, John Morris and Hersey Miller.

Committees are: Prayer—Judy Davis, Gloria Bowman, Anna Bruce, Linda Greene, Anne Gladson, Ruth Bates and Dorothy Ann Mull; Worship—Eddie King, Becky Hoover, and Glenda Mills; Visitation—Neta Kimbrough, Ginger Dewese, Colon Lewis and Mary Lou Kirkland.

Also: Propetry—Tommy Roberts, Colon Lewis and Sammy Duncan; Finance—John Morris, Glenda Mills and Bucky Hill.

Thad Dowdle of Franklin, a senior and a ministerial student this year at Carson-Newman, will do the preaching. Bobby Evans of Rome, Ga., also a ministerial student and a senior, will serve as song leader.

Lowell Scruggs of Murphy, a pre-medical student and a junior at Carson-Newman, will be organist. Follow-up Leader will be Bob Bayles of Washington. Billy Calamas of Beaufort, S. C., will serve as social leader.

Plans are under way for cottage prayer services and a prayer chain is being organized to precede the opening services.

The prayer chain will start at noon on Wednesday March 26 and continue until 7 p. m.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN FUND DRIVE LAUNCHED HERE BY ROTARIANS

Murphy Rotarians Monday night kicked off the annual Crippled Children Easter Seal Campaign for this area at their meeting at the Henry House.

Present for the meeting was Shirley Ann Rogers, 13, of Murphy, a polio victim. Rotarians also saw a movie of Bobby Gibson, an Andrews boy who has received treatment at the orthopedics school in Asheville.

Virgil O'Dell, fund chairman for this area, said 1,000 letters containing Easter Seals are being prepared for mailing.

Miss Willie Lovingood, county

health department nurse, accompanied Shirley Ann to the meeting. W. D. Whitaker of Andrews is county chairman of the drive and S. J. Gernert is fund chairman for Andrews.

Murphy Chamber To Sponsor Little League

Murphy Chamber of Commerce this year will be over-all sponsor of little league baseball here.

The little league board of directors include W. A. Singleton, president; Dr. W. R. Gossett, vice-president, and N. H. Barnes, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Barnes said all civic organization or merchants who plan to sponsor a little league team this

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Work Started On New Addition At Murphy Protestant Hospital

Construction of a more than \$30,000 addition to Murphy Protestant Hospital is under way here.

The new addition will give the local hospital about 10 more bed rooms, a large kitchen, dining room, X-Ray room, nursery, formula room and delivery room.

Dr. F. V. Taylor, manager of the hospital, said work has already started and it is hope the new structure will be ready for occupancy by September.

Dr. Taylor will supervise the work. Most of the bed rooms will have private baths.

The addition, including material and labor, is estimated to cost \$30,000. When completed, it will balance out the present structure to make a 25-bed hospital.

Dr. Taylor said the new wing or addition will be about 30 feet by 40 feet and will include two stories and a basement.

It will be built of masonry with a marble finish to match the present three-story building. Board of directors are contemplating using the top floor of the present building as a sun parlor and recreation room for ambulatory patients.

Murphy Protestant Hospital was erected about 15 years ago.

Mrs. Nona Rowland is assistant manager of the hospital and members of the Board are: Joe Hamilton, Hedley Dickey, O. L. Anderson, W. A. Singleton, E. E. Siler, James F. Taylor, Mark Davis and Dr. Taylor.

EDITORIAL

The Scout learned this week that a 15-year-old area youth died here some weeks ago because no emergency blood supply was available at local hospitals.

No emergency blood is available because local hospitals are not eligible for Red Cross blood. They are not eligible for Red Cross blood because last year's Red Cross Fund Campaign in Murphy was a flop.

To guarantee visits of the bloodmobile, to guarantee an ample supply of blood on hand when it is needed, to guarantee that your children and my children will have blood if and when they need it, to guarantee that the Murphy area will never again be guilty of letting a child die because no blood is available, will take money. The amounts collected in the Red Cross drives determine if Murphy will have the bloodmobile service. When you are solicited for contributions, just remember it could very easily have been your child or loved one that died because no blood was available. It can happen again and will if steps are not taken to insure an adequate supply of blood on the local level at all times.



LET'S EAT: Charles Hyatt of Murphy holds two of his 4-bass catch that weighed a total of 29 pounds, 14 ounces. He made the catch recently at Chatuge Lake near Hayesville using a 2M Dare Devil Imp Spoon and a spinning rod. The fish weighed 8 pounds, 7 1/2 pounds, seven plus and 6 and three-quarters. Howard Moody and Walt Hauney were also in the same party.