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Mines Offer \$1,000 Reward

Seeking Conviction Of Persons Setting Explosives, Firing Guns

Strike plagued talc mines here have offered \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons guilty of certain acts of violence against employes and employes' property.

Reward posters went up the past week-end. They read: "\$1,000 reward is offered to any person giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of unlawfully setting off explosives, discharging firearms, or engaged in malicious destruction of property, on or near the premises of any employe working for The Hitchcock Corporation or Minerals & Metals Corporation."

Local 585, International Chemical Workers Union, struck the plants at midnight March 31 after mines and union could not come to agreement on a new contract.

Francis Bourne Jr., secretary-treasurer of Hitchcock, told of three incidents of violence occurring recently against employes. No one was injured.

He said "a smoke or stink bomb" was thrown a few feet from the home of Alfred Hartness in Bellview.

The same night, Mr. Bourne said, an explosion went off near the home of Arthur Beaver on Blairsville Road near the Georgia Line.

The official said someone fired a load of buckshots at a car driven by James Raper the night of May 1 when Mr. Raper was en route to his home after getting off from work at midnight.

The blast from a shotgun came from a parked car in the vicinity of Nottley Dam. The shots ruined a tire on Raper's auto. Mr. Raper returned the fire with a .22 caliber rifle, Mr. Bourne reported, and the car sped away.

He said this incident occurred in Union County, Ga., just over the line. It was reported to authorities in that county.

Religious Film To Be Shown At First Methodist

The first section of a historic three-part sound film, "Our Bible—How It Came To Us," will be shown at First Methodist Church Sunday night at 8.

The film traces the history and development of the Holy Bible from the first century A.D. to the present time. It was produced by the American Bible Society and ranks as one of the most authentic Bible films ever made.

The first section of the film takes one back to the very beginning of the Bible. After a brief opening in the modern day, the film flashes back to Nazareth in the time of the first century, and shows Jesus in the synagogue reading the scroll of Isaiah. The film then unfurls the story of how the Old Testament was formed, and how translations of the Bible into Greek spread throughout the eastern Mediterranean world and formed the Scriptures of the early Christians.

The information of the New Testament is dramatically portrayed, first by showing how Paul working as a tentmaker in Corinth, dictates the first of the Epistles, and how the Gospels came to be written by Luke, Matthew and John. It comes to a close by showing how this collection of writings about Jesus and his teachings was added to the Scriptures of the Jews, making the Bible as it is known today.

Rev. J. A. Morris Announces Sermon Topic

Rev. J. Alton Morris has announced that "Christian Home Essentials" will be his sermon topic Sunday morning.

Also Sunday morning in acknowledgment of Mother's Day, the oldest mother and the youngest mother will be recognized. "Stand Still" will be the sermon topic Sunday night at 8.

Wednesday Hour of Power services will start at 7:30 p. m. The Training Union picnic for all the family will be Thursday night at 6:30.

G. A. Week, May 11-17, will be observed by the church.

"FLY-BY-NIGHT" DRUMMERS WILL FIND MURPHY NO EASY PICKING

"Fly-by-night" drummers in the future will find it a little more difficult to set up shop on Murphy streets.

Mayor L. L. Mason last week ordered a crackdown on such operators after a fast talking sock and hose drummer with a carnival pitch unloaded several boxes of "second quality" merchandise here.

It was estimated the drummer's take was at least \$200 before City Clerk Charlie Johnson closed him down. He had operated almost two hours before he was ordered to move on.

Murphy, like many other towns and cities, allows disabled veterans to peddle without a license. The man had told town officials he was a disabled vet and showed letters from other towns where he had received authority to sell his goods.

The drummer sold hose and sock at such a rapid pace he often handed the bundles out unwrapped with one hand and stuffed his

dollar collection in his pocket with the other hand.

He drew the crowd by announcing a "human fly" would climb the side of a building here. The crowd increased when he gave away Army socks, throwing them to outstretched hands.

Mayor Mason said town officials in the future will keep a watchful eye on drummers who are non-residents of the county and will prohibit them from using public streets for business purposes.

The mayor pointed out that it is unfair to local merchants to allow such activities. He went on to say that these "fly-by-night" drummers contribute nothing whatsoever to the town.

He said local merchants maintain their business houses 52 weeks out of the year, comply with all local and state license and tax charges, have weekly payrolls to meet and monthly rent to pay.

Mayor Mason said to allow salesmen to come in here for a few hours operation is unfair to local merchants.



MAYOR BUYS FIRST POPPY: Mayor L. L. Mason is shown buying the first poppy to kick off the annual sale conducted by members of American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Jack Roberts, chairman of the Poppy Sale, pins the poppy on the mayor. Auxiliary members will sell poppies here Saturday, May 24. Poppy Day is observed nationwide each year to pay tribute to American soldiers who lost their lives in World Wars.

Informal Meeting Set With Highway Officials

ANDREWS—Six State Highway Commission officials from Raleigh will meet informally with Western North Carolina county and municipal officers at Bryson City and Andrews Thursday, May 15.

The Andrews meeting will be held at the City Hall at 1 p. m.

The group will include W. F. Babcock, highway director; J. Melville Broughton, commission chairman; Ralph Howland, commissioner; Harold Makepeace, secondary roads officer; Sam Beard, public relations officer, and Earl Crump, assistant chief engineer.

Purpose of the informal highway meetings, scheduled throughout North Carolina during April and May, is to acquaint Highway Commission members and department officials with local road needs in all sections of the State, and to provide county and municipal officers the opportunity to air their road request.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION HAS FINAL SAY IN SECONDARY ROAD PAVING

"The North Carolina State Highway Commission, and not County Boards of Commissioners, has the authority to determine what secondary roads will be paved."

Secondary Roads Officer Harold Makepeace of the State Highway Commission Raleigh, issued this statement to clarify the position of the State Highway Commission and County Commissioners.

"Some people seem to have the idea," said Makepeace, "that County Boards of Commissioners have the power to select roads in their county for paving. This is very definitely not the case." The Secondary Roads officer pointed out that all paving on rural secondary roads will be done on the basis of a paving priority list now posted in every county courthouse throughout the State.

Makepeace added that the last State Legislature directed that County Boards of Commissioners be given more information concerning secondary road policies of the Commission and that they be given an opportunity of working with Highway Commission engineers in the matter of additions to the State Highway system, deletion of roads from the system, and matters of budgets, but in all cases, the State Highway Commission has the final authority in all secondary road matters.

The State Highway Commission set down the ground rules for the paving of rural secondary roads shortly after it took office last July. Under the Commission approved plan, those roads which carry 50 vehicles or more per day were rated for possible paving according to the public service rendered by each road in each county. Roads were rated and given points in accordance with the number of occupied dwellings, schools, churches, commercial establishments, etc.; on the basis of public service characteristics such as mail routes and school bus routes; and on the basis of the average 24-hour annual traffic count.

The roads were then listed in the order of importance on the paving priority list. Makepeace emphasized that the State Highway Commission will follow this priority list and pave the top priority roads as rapidly as funds become

available for each county. County Commissioners do not have the authority to change this priority list in any way.

In issuing the statement Makepeace called special attention to the new role of Division Engineers of the Highway Commission. "If there are any questions concerning your road," said Makepeace, "we suggest you get in touch with your local Highway Division Engineer or District Engineer first."

Womanless Wedding At Martin's Creek

A "Womanless Wedding" will be given at Martins Creek School Thursday night at 7:30.

Music will be furnished by the Blue Mountain Boys. The Little North Carolina Sweet Hearts will also entertain.

Other features of the program will be cake walks and contests. A small admission fee will be charged.

What's This? Snow In May?

Old Sol was trying to make a comeback Wednesday after freakish weather made things uncomfortable in this area for two days.

TVA officials said temperatures dropped to 33 at Andrews Wednesday morning and down to 37 in the Murphy area.

Snow flurries were reported in Topton early Wednesday morning. A mixture of rain, sleet and snow fell in Murphy for a short time.

An electrical storm earlier this week in the Texana-Hanging Dog area resulted in 40 telephones being out of services. A bolt of lightning struck and fell a cable in that section.

UNOPPOSED DEMOCRATS NAIL DOWN 4-YEAR TERMS IN CITY OFFICES

Unopposed Democrats nailed down a four-year term as City Board of Commissioners in an election here Tuesday.

All except one are incumbent members. Dr. R. W. Gossett is a new member on the Board, succeeding Commissioner E. H. Brumby who did not seek re-election.

Murphy Republicans did not name a slate of candidates this year.

Mayor L. L. Mason polled 304 votes and those for commissioner posts were as follows: John Jordan, 297; Alvin Buchanan, 298; Francis Bourne Jr., 297; W. A. Singleton, 299; Cloe Moore, 299; and Dr. Gossett 299.

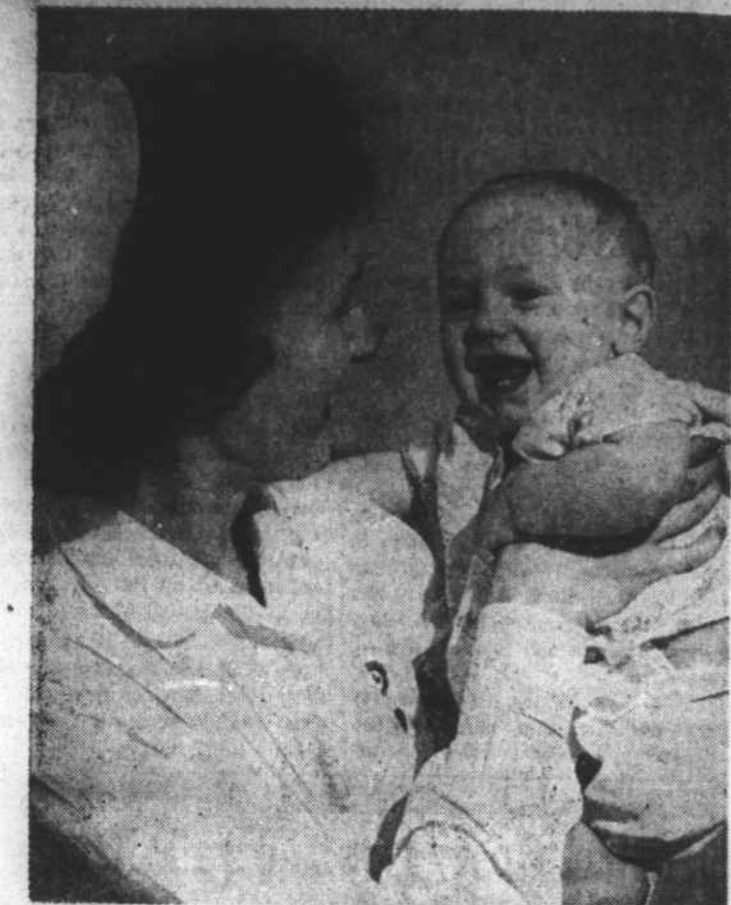
All were nominated at the Democratic Town Convention here April 7. Being unopposed when the Republican's deadline for filing past, the Democrats were practically assured of election.

A contest could have developed only if a heavy "write-in" movement cropped up.

Three write-in ballots were cast. Two went to Wilford Stamey for mayor and one to Hayes Dockery for Commissioner.

City offices were previously set up for two-year terms. This was changed to four-year terms at the last session of the Legislature.

The new Board will take office within the next several days.



MOTHER'S DAY POSTER: This Baptist Hospital nurse and small patient decorate this year's Mother's Day posters which are being displayed in some 3,200 Baptist churches throughout North Carolina as Baptists of the state prepare for their annual Mother's Day offering May 11 for their Hospital at Winston-Salem. Funds raised on Mother's Day go for the care of those who need hospital or medical care and cannot pay the cost.

ORIGIN OF MOTHER'S DAY CAN BE TRACED BACK TO ANCIENT TIMES

Sunday is Mother's Day.

Although Mother's Day is a comparatively new American holiday its origin can be traced back to ancient times.

J. Morris Jones, editor-in-chief of The World Book Encyclopedia, says Rhea, the great mother of the Gods, was worshipped in Asia Minor many years before the coming of Christianity.

But Rhea was a far cry from our modern version of a typical mother. The ancients admired Rhea for her majestic strength, and usually pictured her as traveling in a chariot drawn by lions. Her emblems were the lion, oak, and pine tree.

The worship of Rhea became a part of the Feast of Hilaria, later celebrated by the Romans on the Ides of March.

With the coming of Christianity, this and many other of the heathen festivals were replaced by ceremonies. The honoring of Hilaria was replaced by devotion to Mary, who is still called "the Mother of the Church" by Roman Catholics. Some churches observe May as "the month of our Mother."

The pioneers of our modern conception of Mother's Day were the English who set up a holiday known as Mothering Sunday. This event occurred in the middle of Lent.

On Mothering Sunday all young men and women who were away from home returned to visit their parents. Many English children had left home to serve as apprentices, and Mothering Sunday resulted in a great migration of youngsters returning to the old homestead.

The World Book editor said, Mother's Day was first suggested in the United States by Julia Ward Howe, who wrote that famous Civil War classic "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Julia Ward Howe proposed that we observe Mother's Day on June 2, as a day dedicated to peace. The suggestion apparently never received serious consideration.

Later, in 1904, at a convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Kansas City, Mo., one of the members proposed that a day be set aside to honor mothers.

But, the credit for founding Mother's Day falls to a Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia. Miss Jar-

vis worked many years, traveling thousands of miles, and giving all her time and effort to the adoption of a special day honoring mothers everywhere.

Finally on May 8, 1914, after Miss Jarvis had spent two years in Washington, President Wilson signed a joint resolution ordering that the second Sunday in May be observed each year as Mother's Day.

Baptist To Make Contribution Mother's Day

Members of 80 churches of WNC and West Liberty will join with 3,200 other Baptist churches in North Carolina in making contributions to the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem on Mother's Day, Sunday.

Rev. J. G. Miller, associate missionary, said the offering given by N. C. Baptist each Mother's Day is for the support of the hospital's extensive program for the medical care and hospitalization of the needy sick.

Last year, about 40 per cent of the hospital's patient days were devoted to those who had to have financial assistance. Mr. Miller pointed out. In addition, the outpatient clinics, operated to serve these patients, handled 58,766 visits from patients representing 92 of North Carolina's 100 counties. The 15,910 bed patients admitted to the hospital in the year received a total of 125,034 days of hospital care.

Each year brings an increase in the number of patients needing help from the Mother's Day fund, Mr. Miller said, adding that figures released by the hospital show that in the decade of 1948 through 1957, visits to the out-patient department grew from 36,965 in 1948 to 58,766 last year.

YMW To Meet Monday Night

Young Men and Women Club will meet at the Elementary School Auditorium Monday night at 8 and from there will go on a picnic.



HURRY, HURRY, HURRY: With a carnival pitch that kept his crowd chuckling, a fast talking sock and hose drummer left Murphy last week at least \$200 richer. This photo shows part of the crowd before town officials moved in and told the drummer to close shop.



PUBLISHER MADE HONORARY RECRUITER: Scout Publisher Gene Parker (center) is shown receiving a Certificate of Appointment from Capt. H. A. Evans, commander of the recruiting main station, Knoxville, Tenn. M/Sgt. U. Pace, area recruiter, is shown at the right. The appointment of Mr. Parker as an honorary recruiter was made by the Adjutant General of the Army. The certificate read in part: "In recognition of outstanding patriotic service relating to the procurement of personnel for the United States Army..." The presentation was made at the Scout Office.