

Backward Glance

30 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 1, 1933

Mrs. O. W. Hendricks left Tuesday for a pleasure trip to New York. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Lucille Hendricks of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Palmer of Canton spent Sunday with their mother and sister, Mrs. Dixie Palmer and Miss Hattie Palmer.

Mr. R. A. Dewar of Andrews was a business visitor in town on Monday of this week.

Miss Margaret LeMay is spending Thanksgiving holidays with Miss Dair Mc-cracken at her home at Elf.

Miss Lois Latham, Margaret LeMay, Estelle Mauney, Burgess Bailey, were Sunday dinner guests of relatives in Clay County.

Miss Polatty, former Murphy High School teacher, was the guest of Miss Ruby Courtney at Regal Hotel during the Thanksgiving holidays.

20 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 2, 1943

Edwin Winchester of Fontana Dam is spending the week with his family here.

Miss Sara Sword of Fontana Dam spent the weekend here at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Campbell of Murphy announce the birth of a son, November 23, at Peirie Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Elkins and daughter, Sharon and Mrs. Julia Maxwell, of Dalton, Ga., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peyton G. Ivie over the weekend.

Mrs. Allen Lovingood and Miss Mary Akin are spending some time in Atlanta on business.

Mrs. Glenn Bates and son, Gene, left Friday for a weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Manevl at Hendersonville.

Mrs. Peyton Ivie, Mrs. Walter Mauney, Mrs. Claude Talley, Mrs. H. G. Elkins and

Mrs. Willard Cooper were visitors to Atlanta this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burch and children, Betty Lou and Doyle, spent Thanksgiving in Knoxville and Middleboro.

10 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 3, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner Dunn announce the arrival of Robert Gardner Dunn on November 28, at Bayonne, N. J. Mrs. Dunn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Lovin-good.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall S. Coleman and daughters, Karen and Jeanne of Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Steward C. Massey of Anderson, S. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coleman and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard O. Hall announce the birth of a daughter, Sharon Dee on November 10 in Naval Hospital, Charleston, S. C. Mrs. Hall is the former Miss Jen-elle Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Davidson of Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Vick Wood and Mrs. Ollie Whitaker of Andrews visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Orr in Biltmore over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franklin spent Thanksgiving with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Simpson and children in Franklin.

Life Story Of Culberson Couple's Son A Tale Of Bravery In Time Of Danger

By Louise Bayless

(Editor's Note: Recently the Scout carried an article telling of a Carnegie Hero Fund Commission Award to Winston J. Walden of Tampa, Fla., a son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Walden of Culberson. This article, prepared by Mrs. Louise Bayless, Asheville Citizen Correspondent, sheds further light on the heroics of this young man, telling of two other occasions when he showed extreme bravery and quick thinking to save the lives of other people in danger.)

MURPHY - While it is true Tampa, Fla., first applauded him, that the U. S. Army first utilized him as a paratrooper, and that the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission Award honored him with a bronze medal and \$750 in Pittsburgh, Pa., June, 1963, North Carolina yields first place to none in her pride in and her appreciation of her famed son, Winston J. Walden.

This hero has been taken to heart by the people in Tampa, Fla., and in Murphy and Western North Carolina, which produced "a man to match its mountains".

Winston J. Walden, 719 North 128th Ave., Tampa, Fla., a former resident of Culberson, is a remarkable man.

It is nothing new for him to just happen to be at the right place at the opportune time on three different occasions to be able to save four lives. That is a record in itself.

The story goes like this: The former paratrooper averted a double tragedy by first pulling a hysterical mother out of the Hillsborough River, then rescuing the woman's 22 month old son from a sunken auto.

Winston Walden, 27, of Tampa, the hero in the episode, suffered a badly mangled leg kicking his way through a window of the submerged car and pulling young Jeffrey Lowe to safety.

Mrs. Frank Lowe, of 5125 River Blvd., mother of Jeff, suffered a badly sprained foot as she jumped into the river in pursuit of the auto carrying her trapped child.

Mrs. Lowe said Jeff apparently released the emergency brake on the car, allowing it to roll from the driveway across River Blvd. and into the river.

Mrs. Lowe said she had placed Jeff in the car and had gone back to her home to get another child, Casey, five months old.

"I was so stunned I didn't realize the car was mine for a second," Mrs. Lowe said as she told of seeing the auto roll to the water's edge.

Walden, an electrician with a local firm and the father of a three-year old boy, said he was on a service call in the neighborhood when he saw the Lowe auto backing into the water, Mrs. Lowe close behind it.

He slammed on brakes on his truck and raced to the river bank seconds after Mrs. Lowe jumped into water over her head.

"She was floundering and going under and appeared not to be able to use her leg (later found to be injured) so I pulled her up on the bank first," Walden said.

"I thought the car was all right---I thought it was stuck in the mud and the boy was in no immediate danger. But I looked up and saw the car had floated out into the river about 50 feet."

The ex-paratrooper, who said, "I'm a pretty fair swimmer," swam out to the still floating car.

He attempted to open the front doors and found them both locked---Jeff's handi-work, Mrs. Lowe said later.

"I forced open one of the back doors and the water sucked me right inside the car with the boy. The car started sinking right away and pressure slammed the door shut."

"I held the boy's head up next to the roof where air was trapped and waited until we hit bottom---then I kicked out a rear window---I knew I cut my leg but didn't know how badly," Walden said. A total of 140 stitches were required to close the wound.

After kicking out the glass Walden said he clapped his hand over Jeff's nose and mouth, pushed him out the window without releasing his hold, then followed through the small opening.

The scared child and his bleeding rescuer popped to the surface---"It seemed they were under water an eternity," Mrs. Lowe said, and Walden began swimming for shore.

Walden suffered severe cramps in his left leg some distance from shore and ran into trouble about 12 feet from the bank. He slipped under the water and Jeff fell from his grasp, but immediately popped to the surface to be grabbed by Walden again.

Mrs. Lowe, who was watching from the river bank, said Mrs. Alma Scally, who was visiting in the block, jumped into neck deep water and assisted Walden and the child to shore as best she could.

"But I take no credit," Mrs. Scally said. "Walden did a wonderful thing."

Generous Tampa citizens who feel Winston Walden's dramatic rescue of a child and mother from the Hillsborough River June 21, 1962, earned him more than a pat on the back, contributed more than \$225 to assist him while he was disabled from injuries suffered in the rescue. They recommended that he be nominated for one or more national awards for heroism.

The Walden family has lived in Tampa for the past two years. Before moving to Tampa, the Waldens lived in Chicago. He is married to the former Linda Gail Tuft of Kentucky, and is employed by the Sheppard Electric Company. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William J. Walden of Culberson. Mr. Walden is a disabled World War I veteran.

His mother said, "My son will go to the limit without thought of danger to himself to save the life of someone else."

During two years in service, as a paratrooper, he rescued a fellow soldier from a swimming pool accident using quick thinking by throwing him a rope.

In 1951 enroute between Etowah and Athens, Tenn., he encountered an automobile that had turned over an em-

Miss Earley
Is Wed To
Mr. Hedrick

CULBERSON-Miss Carolyn Loretta Earley and Frankie Garland Hedrick were united in marriage in a ceremony Nov. 19 performed by the Rev. C. A. Voyles at his home at Route 1, Culberson.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Earley of Route 4, Murphy, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Hedrick of Route 1, Murphy.

Mrs. Hedrick is a graduate of Hiwassee Dam High School and Mr. Hedrick attended Murphy High School.

The couple will make their home in Dalton, Ga., where Mr. Hedrick is employed.

Garden Club
Meets With
Mrs. Burgess

MURPHY - The Murphy Garden Club met Thursday, Nov. 21, at 3:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. S. C. Burgess with Mrs. H. E. Bishop as joint hostess, with 20 members present.

Future planting of evergreens at the park was discussed, and spring flowering bulbs have been planted. The Garden Therapy committee reported that Halloween baskets of flowers were presented to each patient at both local hospitals. The eighth grade children made the gifts.

Plans for decorating the park for Christmas were discussed and committees were appointed.

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Pvt. Moses

MURPHY - Pvt. James D. Moses, U. S. Marine Corps, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Moses of Murphy, has completed 12 weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., and four weeks of combat training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He ended the combat training on Nov. 29. Pvt. Moses is a 1962 graduate of Murphy High School. He entered the Marine Corps August 6, 1963.

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