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Gill Home

Destroyed

possibly could have been

MURPHY - A fire which

caused by lightening strik-

ing the TV antenna, accord-

ing to a Murphy Volunteer

Fireman, destroyed the home

of Mr. and Mrs. John Gill

here Tuesday night, April 28,

The Gill home is about 2

miles from Murphy in the

Pleasant Valley Community.

The fire was discovered by

a neighbor, but flames had

made too much progress for

the Murphy Volunteer Fire

Department to control, Chief

The family, including five

children, was attending a re-

vival service at the Murphy

Mr. Gill is vice - president

There was no immediate

of the Citizens Bank here.

estimate of the loss, which

included all the family's be-

Va. Youth Charged

Bob White stated.

First Baptist Church.

By Fire

at 8:15 p.m.

Murphy, North Carolina, Thursday, April 30, 1964

and Clay County Progress

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SECOND CLASS POSTAGE PAID AT MURPHY. NORTH CAROLINA

Mayor Proclaims Clean-Up Week

Mason has proclaimed the weeks of May 4 through May 16 "Clean-Up Weeks" in Murphy, and urges every citizen in Murphy to take part in the program.

Clean-up week is held annually in Murphy. The, wpose of the program is to beautify as well as eliminate fire

men can call the Town Hall at 837-2510 for rubbish pickup. Rubbish should be placed near the street to help with loading. Only rubbish consisting of brush, cartons, boxes, tin cans, old appliances, tires, ets., can be picked up during this program.

The town cannot haul away trees and tree laps.

Father Praises Prisoner For Saving Son From Fire

STEDMAN - Men become heroes during unusual moments of stress --- and sometimes they are the men who seem less likely to assume the stature of a hero.

Loomis Hill is a very good example.

He's a very special hero to 7-year-old Miles Owen Edge III of Stedman.

The strange thing about Hill being a hero is the fact that he's a convict serving time working on the highways of North Carolina.

Hill, assigned to the Harnett County unit of the N. C. Prison Department, was helping dump a load of dirt along N. C. 24 at Stedman recently. He heard the screams of a child. Then he saw smoke belching from a house trailer

nearby. The convict ran from the highway, realizing his leaving the work crew might spell trouble for him. As he neared the trailer, the screams of the terribly frightened young-

ster spurred him on. He forced open the door of the trailer and grabbed up Miles in his arms and ran out to safety.

The Vander Volunteer Fire Department was summoned to the scene an poured water onto the flar ing trailer. The firemen agreed they probably wouldn't have been able to save the life of the youngster.

The boy's father, Miles O. Edge, Jr., grateful to the convict for his action wrote this letter to Gov. Terry San-

'This is just a letter of what a prisoner did for my

family and me about 9 o'clock

"This morning...our house suddenly caught fire and our home and all our belongings were burned.

"A prisoner. . . Loomis Hill, with a state road crew, heard the screams of my son who was trapped in the house and rushed in the house at great personal risk and rescued my son from being

"I have been reliably advised by family relatives that if Hill had been one minute later. . .my son would not have been saved.

"I want you and the Prison Department to accept this as our humble thanks for what this man did for us."

Murphy, in Cherokee County, smiled wryly after the fire was extinguished. "You know, I could get in trouble," he

But he won't get into any

the N. C. Prison Department, was in Fayetteville Saturday and he praised Hill. He indicated that Hill very

reduction in his time. Hill was sentenced to two years in prison from New

Court last August. He was

Hill, who has worked as a salesman and a house painter, is married and has a son of his own and 5 step-childthanks which is the only way ren. He served with the U.S.

Pre-School Clinic To Be Held Here

MURPHY - School officials announce that a pre-school clinic for children living in the Murphy School District who will be six years old on or before October 15, 1964. will be held at the rock building on the Murphy Elementary School grounds, Friday, May 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Doctors from Murphy and the medical and nursing staff from the Cherokee County Health Department will be present to examine the children. Also, several mothers from the Murphy PTA will be on hand to help with the registration.

Officials in charge of the clinic stress the fact that no immunizations will be given at this clinic. However, it is recommended that parents see their family doctor or go to the Cherokee County Health Department and have the required shots given before the child enters school next fall. This action is required by

law and no child will be allowed to enroll in school next year who hasn't had all the shots. Diptheria, whooping cough, smallpox, tetanus and polio are the required shots. (The Sabin oral polio vaccine will be acceptable).

Parents are asked by the school officials to bring to the clinic a record of the child's shots and also his birth certificate. They state this is required by law and proof of birthdate must be

Parents of the children who are attending the first grades in the Murphy Elementary School are asked to keep these children at home this day in order for the first grade teachers to have time to talk to parents and children attend-

50 Acres Destroyed In Forest Fire Here

MURPHY - A forest fire Cherokee County, fifteen raged out of control for eight hours Monday, April 20, in the New Hope section of

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52 50 68 Forecast: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, fair.

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miles west of Murphy. The first major fire of 1964, caused by a private land owner losing control of a trash fire, destroyed some 50 acres of timber.

Due to National Forest land being threatened, the U. S. Forest Service deployed some forty men to fight the blaze, although the fire was

on private land, Fire crews, called by the Forest Service to fight such fires, are paid by the U. S. Forest Service. The cost to fight this fire was approximately \$1,500.



burned.

Hill, who is a native of

trouble for his bravery. George Randall, director of

likely will be rewarded with a

Hanover County Superior

convicted of forcible tres-

I know how to express to you Army for four and one-half years during World War II.

With Larceny MURPHY- A 15 year-old

Hopewell, Va. youth is being held at County Jail here charged with larceny of an auto. Murphy Policeman Ray Killian stopped the youth coming through Murphy because he

looked too young to be driv-Killian found that the boy had no drivers license, and further investigation revealed that the auto had been stolen in Hopewell, Va., and that the

youth is wanted by Virginia officials on a charge of grand larceny.

The youth was chargedhere for driving without an opera-



road about 5:15 P.M.

Ranger School Vandalized

RANGER - Ranger Elementary School was broken into some time Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

Flames Leap High as Home Burns in Pleasant Valley

April 26 and 27. Albert Beavers, the janior, came to the school about 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, discovered the break-in, locked the school and called the princi-

pal, Douglas Smith. The vandal, or vandals, had broken window panes in the door leading into the gymnasium, unlocked it, and gained entrance to the rest of the school.

The lunchroom was the most heavily damanged room in the

tents poured over the building. Silverware was also scattered throughout.

The office was broken into with the cash register opened and all the money taken. Luckily there was only \$1.62 in the cash register.

Windows in the doors of practically every room had been broken and several light fixtures.

One of the school officials estimated the damage to be at least \$100.00.

Cherokee County Sheriff's Department is investigating

2 H.D. Students Injured In School Bus Accident

CULBERSON- A school bus accident at 3:45 p.m. Friday, April 24, injured two Hiwassee Dam school children. The accident occurred on rural gravel road #1112 in the Cul-

ROBBINSVILLE - A Gra-

drowned Sunday night when

the car in which they were

riding overturned down a 40-

foot embankment into Buffalo

Creek, 12 miles Southwest of

Mrs. Rurie Bell Williams Mc-

Leldry, 41, who lived on U. S.

129 near Tapoco, and Harley

Waldroup, 39, of Robbinsville,

death was due to accidental

drowning. Evidence studied by

State Trooper J. M. Shuler

showed that the car, of which

Mrs. McKeldry was part own-

er, apparently ran onto the

shoulder of unpaved rural road

1123, which gave way and

dropped the car into seven feet

of water. Only the wheels

could be seen above the water-

A coroners jury ruled that

They were identified as

Robbinsville.

Route 1.

Graham County Auto

Accident Drowns Two

ham County man and woman a.m. Monday, April 27, by

ises and released.

The car was seen at 7:15

Timmy Phillips, a 9 year-old

school boy who was walking to

a bus stop. Investigation by

troopers Shuler and W. R.

Boyles, and Sheriff G. E. Bre-

wer, placed the time of the

accident at around 9 p.m.,

Murphy Baseball

Season Opens

Sunday, April 3

MURPHY - The Murphy

Baseball Team will begin

their season of play Sunday,

May 3, against the Copperhill

Ball Club at Copperhill, Tenn.

team. Game time will be 2:00

Come out and support your

Sunday, April 26.

Injured in the accident were a student at Hiwassee Dam Phyllis Newman, 7, and Ann School, was driver of the bus. Montgomery, 15. Both girls According to Perry Wallace, were treated a a local doc- the steering sector came loose tor's office for cuts and bru- and he lost control of the bus. Traveling west on the rur-John Perry Wallace, 17, also al road, the bus skidded ap-

> an embankment. Patrolman Don Reavis, investigating officer, charged the driver, John Perry Wallace, with driving too fast for road conditions.

proximately forty feet into

Damage to the bus was estimated at \$150.00.

Young Harris To Present Musical Concert YOUNG HARRIS, GA. - The

Department and Student Council will present Peter Harrower, young bass-baritone, Tuesday night, May 5, in a concert at 8:00 p.m. in Sharp Memorial Church.

Peter Harrower was born in Atlanta, the son of a musical family. His father, a New Yorker, was a professional singer in the early days of network radio and the New York Roxy Theatre. His mother was a planist and accompanist.

Mr. Harrower first planned an engineering career, receiving his degree from Georgia Tech in Atlanta. While at Tech he joined the Tech Glee Club. From that day

forth, singing took precedence over engineering.

The recipient of two consecutive Fulbright awards to Italy, Peter Harrower carved for himself a reputation as one of that country's leading classic and operatic singers. After appearances with the Theatro dell'Opera of Rome, Radio-Television Italy, and various other organizations, Mr. Harrower returned to the

Mr. Harrower has won for himself great reputation both as a gifted interpreter and as

The public is invited to attend the concert. No admission will be charged.

Man Loses 3 Fingers In Freak Accident Here

MURPHY - William Ray Mission Hospital in Asheville. Moore, 28 of Marble, lost three fingers and part of his right hand in a freak accident at Smoky Mountain Fiber Co., Monday at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Moore, while operating a lathe, caught the glove of his right hand in the gears, pulling his hand into the mach-ine. The third, fourth, and fifth fingers and part of his hand were badly mangled.

As the gears on the lathe are located on the left side, it is not understood how the accident happened.

of the fellow employees possibly saved his arm. They stopped the machine and reversed the gears, freeing him. Mr. Moore was rushed by by ambulance to Providence

Hospital where Dr. W. A.

Hoover gave treatment. He was then sent on to Memorial Citizens-Times Truck Overturns

MARBLE - A Citizen Times truck, traveling East on U. S. 19, overturned Saturday, April 25 around 5:30

Jackie Joe Crowder, 24, of Bryson City, Route 1, driver of the truck, suffered a head laceration.

Investigation State Trooper Don Reavis stated that Mr. Crowder, seeing a pedestrian hitching a ride, applied the brakes. The brakes were wet and locked, causing the truck to leave the roadway on the left side and overturn. The pedestrian, Billy R. Parker, from Marble, Route l, mistook the truck for a bus in the pre-dawn light and was trying to flag it down. No charges were filed.

Home Improvement Meeting Held Here

MURPHY - A meeting of citizens interested in home improvements was held Friday evening April 24, at the Murphy Power Boardbuilding.

The primary concern of this group is the fact that a high percentage of the homes in this area are without running water or indoor plumbing. After an open discussion, conclusions were drawn that the biggest obstacle in home improvements seems to be lack of funds to finance these improvements and the lack of knowledge to obtain an improvement loan.

Another problem pointed out was the necessity of meeting certain standards of plumb ing, from a health standpoint.

Ed Swartz of the Blue Ridge Electric Association, Albert Sosebee of Tri-State Electric Co-Operation, and Mrs. Bervl Fulton of Murphy Electric Power Board announced that cash bonuses are now being offered as an incentive to buy and install electric water heaters and water systems.

A committee was selected to compile information on availability of certain loans and plumbing specifications. Members of this committee are Mrs. Mabel Rayburn, chairman; Dave Moody, Mrs. Ann Kaylor and Mrs. Beryl

Those attending the meeting were Albert Sosebee, Ed Swartz, Charlie Brumfield, Max Blakemore, Mrs. Ann Kaylor, Mrs. Mabel Rayburn, Mrs. Martha Palmer, Mrs. Lloyd Black, V. D. Ayers, Dave Moody, Mrs. Beryl Fulton, C. E. Holder, Mrs. Miriam Moore, Charles West, Ronnie Atkinson, and Jim Stewart.

Young Harris College Music

United States to fulfill engagements.

an operatic singer.

At Asheville he underwent surgery by an orthopedic surgeon. A hospital report from Asheville Wednesday stated that Mr. Moore is in satis-

factory condition. His thumb and forefinger were saved. "This is the worst accident in the fourteen years' history of Smoky Mountain Fiber Co.," a spokesman for the management said today. In 1962 and 1963 the company was awarded a safety citation by the State Board of Labor for no lost time acci-

The management stated further that Mr. Moore is covered by insurance. He is married and the father of 2

Recitation Contest Quick thinking on the part Winners Announced

girls' recitation contest sponsored by the Business and Professional Woman's Club of Murphy was held in the Murphy High Gymatorium Wednesday, Arpil 22, with Mrs. Robert Weaver presiding.

Bobby Odom, first place winner was dymanic with her rendition of James Weldon Johnson's "The Creation"; Peggy English placed second with "De Glory Road" in Negro dialect; Adinah Brown was third with the reading "On His Own Two Feet." Each of the twenty contest-

ants will receive a season's pass to the swimming pool. Girls participating in this

contest and the reading they gave areas follows: Sue Amos, "The Sacraments"; Marilyn Anderson, "The Eulogy given by Chief Justice Warren"; Adinah Brown, "On His Own Adinan Brown, "On His Own Two Feet"; Peggy English, "De Glory Road"; Margie Foster, "Tommy's Prayer"; Janice Hughes, "A Ring From Her Finger"; Carol McRae, "Kentucky Philosophy"; Bobby Odom, "The Creation"; Dorothy Oliver, "How Jimmy

Tended The Baby"; Betty Plemmons, "Little Blossom"; Kathy Ressel, "Little Orphant Annie"; Dorothy Roberts, "Everyday"; Judy Rogers, "The Negro in Art"; Patsy Rogers, "Mountain Whipperwill"; Judy Sanders, "From 'I Do' to 'You Don't"; Nancy Sanders, "The Undelivered Letter"; Brenda Stalcup, "The Squirrell"; Carmolita Smith, "Waiting

For The Telephone Call"; Sarah White, "Thanotopsis." Mrs. William Wishon, Mrs. Larry Black, and Mrs. Robert

Mrs. William Wishon, Mrs. Larry Black, and Mrs. Tom Mauney acted as judtes. Mrs. Robert Minor acted as faculty



Bobby Odom



Peggy English



Adinah Brown

Cherokee County Observes Special Week On Aging

partment of Public Welfare is cooperating in the observance of Special Week on Aging, stated County Director of Public Welfare V. O. Ayers today. Governor Sanford has designated the week of May 3-9 as the 1964 week for special emphasis on the needs of aged persons in the State. The date coincides with the national observance of the month of May, which has been de-

signated by President Johnson as National Senior Citizens

Services available for older persons in this county through public welfare include money grants to needy people who meet eligibility requirements under law. In addition there are many non-financial services available to needy aged persons stated County Welfare Director Ayers. These services are in addition to public welfare services available to children and the disabled.

In March, 1964, there were 343 persons in this county receiving old age assistance. The average monthly grant was \$46.92, Hospitalization for this group of older citi-zens is available where needed from a statewide pooled fund. Nineteen were hospitalized from this fund in March. In addition, ten older citizens whose only need was for hospitalization were given help in March. The lien law

The Cherokee County De- does not apply to the hospitalization program.

Family care homes and homes for the aged in North Carolina are licensed by the State Board of Public Welfare. County department of public welfare assist persons in selecting the appropriate type of home to meet their needs. There is one licensed home in Cherokee County. Additional family care homes for the aged and infirm are one of the most needed facilities for offering services to the aged in Cherokee County. The local agency is interested in discussing the possibility of licensing additional homes with any home maker who would consider operating such facility.

Public welfare assists older persons in finding the home most suitable to their needs. Other public welfare services include counseling on a wide range of problems, rehabilitative services to help older people retain or regain as much independence in living as possible, referral of ages persons to other community resources, and cooperation with other State agencies in improving serivces to older

Lodge Notice

ANDREWS - Andrews Lodge #529 AF & AM will hold their regular meeting at the Andrews Lodge Hall Monday, May 5, at 8:00 p.m.

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN BEGINS MONDAY