

Mrs. Brumby To Serve On Several Committees

RALEIGH - H. P. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives, has announced that he is appointing Mrs. Brumby to serve on several of the most important committees in the House.

Among these are the committees on Conservation and Development, Education, Election and Election Laws, Finance, Health, and Water Resources.

Taylor said that he was very pleased that Mrs. Brumby had agreed to serve on all of these various committees, several of which will consider the most vital legislation that will come before this session of the General Assembly.

Houk Is 30th District Judge

RALEIGH - Governor Dan Moore today appointed Guy L. Houk, Franklin attorney, as Resident Superior Court Judge of the 30th Judicial District. The new judge was sworn in by North Carolina Chief Justice Emery B. Denny at the time of the Governor's announcement.

Judge Houk succeeds Judge George B. Patton, also of Franklin, who retired effective February 1. The new judge's appointive term runs until the general election of November, 1966.

Houk represented Macon County in the General Assemblies of 1955 and 1957. He was born in Morganton on August 2, 1897, the son of H. O. and Lura (Lackey) Houk. He graduated from Morganton High School in 1912 and from Emory and Henry College, where he received an A. B. degree in 1916. He did graduate work at Emory University and North Carolina State.

He was mayor of Franklin in 1938-39, Macon County Superintendent of Schools from 1939 to 1951, and county attorney for Macon County from 1939 to 1948.

He is a Methodist and a Mason and was grand orator of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in 1947. He was district governor of Rotary International in 1937.

He served in the Marine Corps in 1918-19. He is a member of the American Legion.

He married Miss Lynn Johnston on June 8, 1924. They have one son, Fred J. Houk.

James H. Hawkins Killed In Spain

MURPHY - Airman 2/C James H. Hawkins, 24, was killed Tuesday in Spain when he was struck by a car, according to a telegram from the Defense Department.

He was a son of Mrs. T. R. Hawkins of Murphy and the late T. R. Hawkins, and a graduate of Murphy High School. He enlisted about 18 months ago.

Surviving in addition to the mother are the widow, Mrs. Sue Rose Hawkins; a son, Tony Eugene, and one daughter, Teresa Diane Hawkins, both of the home; a brother, Kenneth of Murphy; three sisters, Mrs. William Herron of Flint, Mich., Mrs. Jack Rich of Gastonia, and Mrs. Riley Summers of Cumberland, Ky.

Basketball Box Scores

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

AT HAYESVILLE: Girls game, Hayesville, 49; Hiwassee Dam, 37.

Boys game: Hayesville, 74; Hiwassee Dam, 61.

AT STECOAH: Girls game, Stecoah, 60; Nantahala, 31.

Boys game: Nantahala, 84; Stecoah, 62.

AT ANDREWS: Boys game, Murphy, 82; Andrews, 60.

AT MTN. VIEW: Girls game: Robbinsville, 50; Mtn. View, 37.

Boys game: Robbinsville, 67; Mtn. View, 62.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

AT NANTAHALA: Girls game: Hiwassee Dam, 59; Nantahala, 32.

Boys game: Nantahala, 90; Hiwassee Dam, 54.

AT MURPHY: Girls game, Murphy, 45; Robbinsville, 30.

Boys game: Robbinsville, 69; Murphy, 54.

AT HAYESVILLE: Boys game: Hayesville, 74; Andrews, 53.

Junior Varsity: Andrews, 63; Hayesville, 61.



There She Blows

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THE GENTLEMEN WITH THE UMBRELLA seems to be watching the eruption of Old Faithful as water pours from a ruptured water line, Tuesday morning, February 16, on U. S. 64 east, near the water filtration plant. Water gushed forth when a back-hoe operator struck the pipe while digging a trench.



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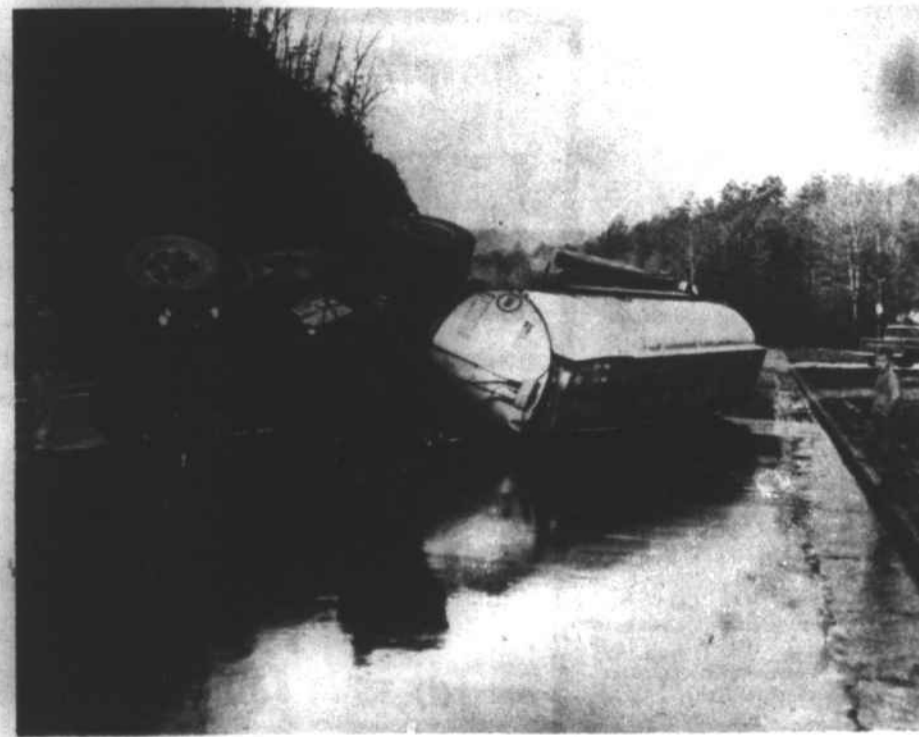


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Damage Extensive In Two Tractor Trailer Accidents

MURPHY - Damage ran into the thousands of dollars when two tractor-trailer trucks overturned near Murphy last week.

The first accident (top photo) occurred Wednesday afternoon, February 10, three miles east of Murphy on U.S. 64. Jackie Morrison Nance, 25, of Route 2, Chadbourn, N. C. was treated at a local hospital for cuts and bruises and dismissed.

The accident occurred when

the right wheels of the 1960 International tractor he was driving dropped off the pavement as he was rounding a curve. In an attempt to get the truck back on the pavement, he lost control and overturned into a ditch.

The truck traveled some 480 feet on the shoulder of the road before overturning.

State Trooper Gary Church investigating the accident, estimated the damage at \$20,000 Saturday, February 13, got

off to an exciting start as sirens wailed. Two ambulances, police cars, and the Murphy fire truck all were dispatched to an accident near the 64 Truck Stop on U. S. 64 west.

The westbound traffic lane was completely blocked by an overturned tractor-trailer owned by Petroleum Transportation of Hendersonville, N. C. Thousands of gallons (Continued Back Page)

Con Artists Victimize Unaka Community Residents

UNAKA - Three unidentified men, driving an automobile with Georgia license plates, swindled two Unaka Community residents out of \$93.00, Wednesday, February 10.

The victims were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac T. Thompson and Mr. C. S. Thompson, who live within two hundred yards of each other. Isaac and C. S. Thompson are brothers.

The trio, posing as employees of Blue Ridge Mountain EMC of Young Harris, Ga., informed the Thompson families that the wiring in their homes was unsafe and repairs had to be made. Of course, charges were made for these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Thompson were told that \$91.00 in repairs was needed to make their home safe. Believing the trio to be representatives of Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, the elderly couple gave them \$36.00 in cash and a \$55.00 Social Security check to make the repairs.

The con men offered to reduce their price to \$76.00 if the couple would take the check back and pay the total in cash. By not being able to get the full amount in cash they decided to keep the check.

Repairs to the Isaac Thompson home consisted of hooking a piece of ordinary clothesline wire over the weather head (the electrical connection on the outside of the house) running the wire down the side of the house, underneath and fastening it to a floor sill.

After a brief inspection of the home owned by C. S. Thompson, an elderly gentleman who lived alone, the three men told him that he needed \$217.00 in electrical repairs.

Mr. Thompson informed them that before he would pay that kind of price, they could cut his electricity off and he would go back to using kero-

sene lamps. They then asked Mr. Thompson how much money he had and he told them \$2.00. They decided to render their services for that amount.

Using the same techniques as they did on the Isaac Thompson home, they ran a clothesline wire from a neutral power line at the weather head down the side of the house, and hooked it securely to a ground rod.

A spokesman for Blue Ridge Mountain EMC stated that in neither instance did the clothesline wire have any electrical connection and they served no useful purpose.

The spokesman stated further, "All members of Blue Ridge Electric EMC are cautioned about strangers and con artists who may visit your premises and try to sell any type of repair services while supposedly representing Blue Ridge Mountain EMC."

"Please be advised, we do not perform any such services. We have nothing to sell except electricity. All informational services are rendered free."

"Blue Ridge Mountain EMC employees are identifiable and will, upon request, personally identify themselves and the nature of their business."

"Should you ever be in doubt of a person being an official of our company, call our offices at Young Harris, Ga."

Ed Swartz, electrification advisor for Blue Ridge Mountain EMC and Mrs. Beryl Fulton, customer relations representative of the Murphy Electric Power Board, will come into your home and help you with your electrical planning. However, these services are rendered only upon request and no charge is made.

Local authorities, State Bureau of Investigation authorities, and the F.B.I. were notified Friday, February 12, and are investigating the case.



ARROW SHOWS piece of ordinary clothesline wire by-passing the electrical meter at the Isaac Thompson home. For this small piece of wire that served no useful purpose, the con artist trio received \$91.00.

Historical Sites To Be Restored

MURPHY - A joint meeting of the Cherokee County Historical Society and the Archibald Murphey Chapter of the D. A. R. was held on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 8:00 p.m. at the Murphy Power Board Building for the purpose of adopting immediate plans for the restoration of Fort Butler as a Historical Site, and the renovation of the Harshaw Chapel, it being one of the oldest churches in this area.

The possibility of acquiring funds from the Richardson Foundation for the restoration of the Chapel was discussed briefly. The discussion ended with the hopes that these funds can be obtained for this purpose.

Bob Conway, Historic Sites Specialist, with the Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, presented a very interesting program of color slides portraying many historical sites in North Carolina and other places which have already been restored, or are now under construction. He narrated the slides as they were shown, after which those present were given an opportunity of a question and discussion period.

Missionary To Speak To Presbyterians

MURPHY - Rev. John E. Talmadge, Presbyterian U. S. Missionary and president of Taejon Presbyterian College, Taejon, Korea, will speak at the Presbyterian Church in Murphy at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night, Feb. 23.

Mr. Talmadge, a second generation Missionary, was born in Korea and spent his early life there. After attending college and seminary in the United States, he returned as a missionary in 1937.

He is a graduate of Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., and holds B. D. and Th. M. degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

He has held pastorates in Winder, Ga., Sumter, S. C., and Canton, Mississippi, and served as a civilian chaplain in the Korean War.

Members of the Historical Society and D. A. R. briefed Mr. Conway on research which had already been done in connection with the availability of Fort Butler and land for the site, and informed him of the Society's desire to proceed with haste in having a bill prepared and presented in this session of the Legislature, requesting state participation in this project.

Mr. Conway advised steps necessary prior to the presentation of a request to the Historical Sites Review Committee, who will decide which projects are approved for financial assistance. Among steps discussed were: determination to proceed; who should handle the project; committees to be appointed to handle particular phases of the project; research, acquisition of land, and methods of financing.

After much discussion it was determined by the Cherokee County Historical Society and the D. A. R. that sufficient preliminary research had been completed and whereas the site for the Fort is available, that a bill requesting state funds for this project now be prepared and presented by our Representative, Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby, so as to get action if possible in this legislative session.

The following members of the D. A. R. and the Cherokee County Historic Society present for the meeting agreed to co-operate wholeheartedly on these projects.

Those present were Mrs. H. A. Mattox, Mrs. Hobart McKeever, Mrs. Edgar Harshaw, Mrs. Jerry Davidson, Mrs. Robert Easley, Mrs. Neil Sneed, Mrs. Duke Whitley, Mrs. Peyton Ivie, Mrs. Walter Mauney, J. A. Phaup, Mrs. Ben Warner, Jr., Mrs. Jimmy Hilton, Mrs. John Davidson, Miss Frances Dickson, Mrs. John Bayless, Mrs. Robert White, Miss Josephine Heighway, Joe Ray, John Jordan, Walter Puett, Cyrus White, Kenneth Godfrey, Charles Johnson, and Bob Conway.

Anyone having documents or materials of any type pertaining to the history of Fort Butler is urged to contact Charles Johnson.



CLOTHESLINE WIRE connected to the ground wire outside the C. S. Thompson home also serves no useful purpose. The trio received only \$2.00 for this installation, cutting their price from the original \$217.00.

Over \$800.00 Raised At Ranger Valentine Carnival

RANGER - At the annual Valentine carnival Saturday night, February 13, \$852.75 was raised for use by the Ranger Elementary School in purchasing bleachers and a score clock for the gymnasium. It was estimated that over 400 persons turned out for the evening.

Paula Lominac, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lominac of Route 2, Culberson, collected \$198.35 through the sale of popcorn, cakes, cup cakes, chances on an electrical can opener and donations.

A second grade student, Paula was crowned Valentine princess and has the distinction of having collected the largest amount of money ever by one contestant in the history of this event.

Vaughn Gibson, 10, was Valentine prince, having a total of \$45.81. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gibson, of Route 2, Culberson.

Winners of the king and queen contest were Jerry Kilpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kilpatrick, and Winnie Overton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Overton. Both are seventh grade students. Jerry had a total of \$80.10 and Winnie had \$65.02.



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Paula Lominac

Douglas Smith, principal of the school, said he wished to express his appreciation to all businesses who helped to make the evening a success and to all patrons of the school for coming out.

The carnival was sponsored by the Ranger Parent-Teacher Association.