

Elmer Taylor Dies In Boating Accident



Hicks boat climbed into the drivers seat of Taylor's boat with the bow striking Taylor in the back of the head. Neither boat overturned.

The accident took place about 500 yards from where Mr. Taylor had operated Elmo's Boat Dock for a number of years.

Services for Mr. Taylor were held at 4 p. m. Friday in Murphy United Methodist Church, of which he was a member.

The Rev. Thorton Hawkins and the Rev. John B. Harris officiated. Burial was in Grape Creek Baptist Cemetery.

Masonic graveside rites were conducted by members of Cherokee Lodge No. 146.

Pallbearers were Steve Dockery, Tommy Gentry, Harry Burgess, John Carringer, Jack Dickey, J. B. Brooks, Charles Whitener and Ralph Killian. Honorary pallbearers were members of the sixth district of North Carolina Highway Patrol.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Jo Burrell Taylor; a daughter, Suzanne, and three sons, Jerry, Denver and Kurt Taylor, all of the home; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Taylor of Murphy; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Stillwell of Alabama; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. W. F. Woods of Murphy.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ELMER TAYLOR

Elmer Taylor, 34, was killed Wednesday, May 21 in a freak boating accident on Lake Hiwassee.

Taylor and three other Murphy men, Cline Hicks, David Hilton and Howard Carter were testing racing boats, particularly a 140 hp boat for a South Carolina client of Mr. Taylors.

According to Hicks, the accident occurred when the boats driven by himself, Taylor and Hilton went into a slow left turn. Taylor was watching Hilton in the outside boat when his boat and Hicks drifted together.

Two Andrews Men Injured In Brawl

A 49 year old Andrews resident is in the Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville in critical condition as a result of knife and gunshot wounds suffered Tuesday night.

Russell Pearson, of Depot Street, Andrews, was first taken to the District Memorial Hospital by the Cherokee County Ambulance Service and then transferred to the Asheville hospital in critical condition as a result of several stab wounds and a gunshot wound.

According to Andrews Police Chief, Milton Mashburn, Pearson was stabbed and shot at the home of 56 year-old

Joby Cathey. According to authorities, Pearson and Cathey were drinking together in Cathey's home when the incident occurred. Cathey was also carried to the District Memorial Hospital with knife wounds.

Pearson's wife and J.B. Palmer are being held as material witnesses. According to authorities, the Pearson woman and Mr. Palmer were present when the incident occurred.

Chief Mashburn said charges are being withheld until a complete investigation can be made.

Kephart Wins 220 Yard Dash

Kephart, a senior, qualified for the state meet by winning the 100 yard dash and placing second in the 220 at Brevard in the District meet.

Harold was voted "Outstanding Track Performer" for his performance in the Conference Meet. He won the 220, 100, ran the anchor leg in the winning 440 relay team, and placed second in the broad jump.

Harold Kephart, the outstanding track performer in

the Smoky Mountain Conference, won the 220 yard dash in the state track meet with a time of 22.5 seconds.

Voted "All SMC" and "Most Valuable Back" on the football, Harold has been an outstanding performer for the Bulldogs during his four years of High School.

Kephart holds school records in the 100 yard dash and in the 220. His record time in the 100 is 9.8 seconds and 22.4 for the 220 yard dash.



Officials Visit Rimco

Three officials of Indian Head, Inc. took an annual Corporate Mill Tour through the Rimco Manufacturing Corporation last Wednesday. Rimco is a subsidiary of Indian Head, Inc. Shown above watching a machine in operation are (L to R): Franklin Barnett,

administrative assistant; Peter J. McKeon, manager of Rimco; Boyd Pullium, supervisor; Mr. James W. Morrison, group vice president; Mr. William A. Drissler, Jr., executive vice-president of the textile group; and Mr. Mathew F. Birnbaum, president of Native Laces and Textiles Company.



"Busy As A Bee"

The bees pictured above were as busy as the old saying goes but seem to have lost their way going to the hive.

All set to make a little honey, the bees took roost on the E. C. Moore Dodge building, last Friday.

Chamber Budget Lagging; Additional Members Needed

Tom Gentry, president of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, told the Scout today that the organizations budget of \$8,000 for the year 1969 is falling short of its goal.

Gentry emphasized the growth of the chamber and pointed out that additional members are needed to offset the expense of the ten major projects scheduled for this year. He also pointed out that payment of 1969 dues by current members would help balance the budget.

The Chamber maintains an office on Peachtree Street with a full time secretary and also houses the Merchants Credit Association, Inc. Office hours are 9:00 to 5:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Wednesday 9:00 to 12:00 and Saturday 9:00 to 1:00. This year's ten Major

projects of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce are:

- (1) Promote five retail sales per year and Shop at Home Campaigns.
- (2) Publish a tourist promotion brochure.
- (3) Encourage the development of more off street parking facilities in the downtown Murphy area.
- (4) Cooperate with the town of Murphy and county officials in helping to plan for present and future traffic.
- (5) Help groups whose function and purpose is the continuing development of the county and assist in their applications for loans or grants from federal, state and other sources.
- (6) Work for more housing, recreation, and community facilities, and establishment of County Dump Sites.
- (7) Cooperate with farm agencies and organizations to increase farm income of Cherokee County.
- (8) Co-sponsor a city beautification program with the Town of Murphy.
- (9) Co-sponsor an annual Christmas parade with the Murphy Jaycees.
- (10) Promote more Industry and Tourism in Cherokee County.

Current members of the Chamber are: American Thread, Arbor Autel, Blue Ridge Trucking Co., Brown's Deluxe Hatching Eggs, Burch Motors, Carolina Hardware, Cato's Department Store, The Cherokee Scout, Cherokee Shopping Center & Toms Foot Store, Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Clifton Precision Products, Coca Cola Bottling Co., Collins Crain Department Store, Columbia Marble Co., Coward's Men and Boys Wear, Curtis Hewlett, Davis Jewelers, Fambro's 5 and 10, Field's of the Woods, Herman Edwards, Federal Land Bank Assoc. of Asheville & Mountain Production Credit Association, Dr. W. R. Gossett, James C. Helton, Henn Theatre, Hitchcock Corporation, Home Credit Corporation, Dr. W. A. Hoover, W. A. Hoover, Jr., Hughes Electric, Ivie Funeral Home & Furniture Co., Jableys Department Store, Lay's 5 & 10, Levi Strauss and Co., M & J Finance Co., Hobart McKeever, E. C. Moore Co., Murphy Supply Co., Moore Jewelers, Mooreland Heights Tourist Court, Murphy Power Board, Murphy Tire and Appliance, Peachtree Products, Phillips 66 Station, Rimco Manufacturing Co., Singleton Insurance & Western Auto, Smoky Mountain Gas Co., Sunset Motel, Town of Murphy, Tri-County Tech., Trudy's, Roy Weber, Wells & West, Inc., Herman H. West & Co., Westco Telephone Co., and Dr. Bryan W. Whitfield.

Softball Games Rescheduled

Softball games scheduled for Thursday night will be cancelled due to graduation exercises.

Friday night Clifton Precision vs. Citizens Bank 7:00 p.m., W.O.W. vs. Coble 8:15, Rimco vs. Independents 9:15.

Next Tuesday, June 3, Independents vs. Coble 6:15, Martins Creek vs. Citizens Bank Girls 7:30, Citizens Bank vs. W.O.W. Boys at 8:15.

Scout Office To Close

Offices of The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress will be closed Friday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

The office will return to it's regular hours, which are 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, Monday morning.

Speeding, Driving Under The Influence Heads Court Docket

The Cherokee County District Court met in regular session Monday, May 19 with the Honorable Robert Leatherwood, III presiding and James H. Howell, Jr., prosecuting.

Of the 73 cases before the court, speeding topped the list with driving under the influence second and public drunkenness third.

Proceedings before the two day court were:

State - vs - Edward Lee Ledford, Charge: A & A. Driving under the influence. Plea: Guilty Judgment - Fine \$100. and cost. Surrender license.

State - vs - Bass Stiles Charge: Possession of non tax paid whiskey. Plea: Guilty, Judgment - Defendant pay cost.

State - vs - Phillip Lionel Stewart Charge: Driving under the influence. Plea: Guilty, Fine \$100.00 and the cost. Surrender License.

State - vs - Ray McClure, Charge: Public Drunkenness. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$10.00 and the cost.

State - vs - William Powell, Charge: Public Drunkenness. Plea Guilty. Fine \$10.00 and the cost.

State - vs - Lillian Rae Cheatham, Charge: Speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$20.00 and the cost.

State - vs - Kenneth James, Charge: Public Drunkenness. Plea: Not Guilty. Verdict: Guilty. Sentenced 30 days to six months. Suspended and probation for 18 months. Fine \$25.00 and cost. Sentence consecutively to Cast No. 69-Cr-669.

State - vs - Kenneth James, Charge: Public Drunkenness. Plea: Not Guilty. Verdict: Guilty. Sentenced 30 days to six months. Suspended and placed on probation for 18 months. Fine \$25.00 and cost. Sentence to run consecutively with case No. 69-Cr-669.

State - vs - Kenneth James, Charge: Public Drunkenness. Plea: Not Guilty. Verdict: Guilty. Sentenced 30 days to six months. Suspended and placed on probation for 18 months. Fine \$50.00 and cost.

State - vs - Charles Ray Stiles, Charge: A & A Prearranged speed competition. Plea: Nolo Contendere. Verdict: Guilty. Sentenced six months suspended/& probation 3 years. Pay fine \$1,000.00. Automobile to be sold. Defendant not to petition Department of Motor Vehicles to have license reinstated. Surrender license.

State - vs - Robert B. Rogers, Charge: Public Drunkenness & Possession. Plea Guilty. Fine \$25.00 and cost.

State - vs - John Quincy Hambree, Charge: Speeding 65-55. Placed on inactive docket.

State - vs - Dickie Tatham,

Charge: Reckless Driving. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$25.00 and cost. Surrender license.

State - vs - Cline Evans Tanner, Charge: Driving under the influence. Called and failed. Judgment absolute on cash bond. Defendant a resident of Georgia, State takes a nol pros with leave. Capias outstanding.

State - vs - Doyle Guine White, Charge: Speeding 90 mph in a 55 mph zone. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$75.00 and cost. Surrender license.

State - vs - Hattie Penland, Charge: Public Drunkenness. The defendant is called and failed. Judgment absolute on cash bond. State takes nol pros with leave.

State - vs - Billy Ralph Hall, Charge: Assault on female. Court finds that the matter has been settled civilly, therefore nol pros with leave on payment of cost.

State - vs - Lawrence Loran Lyles, Charge: Driving under the influence. Continued for the defendant until June 16, 1969. Judgment absolute on the cash bond heretofore entered be stricken.

State - vs - Billy Ray Smith, Charge: Pass stopped school bus. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$25.00 and cost.

State - vs - Ruth Painter, Charge: Public Drunkenness. Plea: Not Guilty. Verdict: Guilty. Sentenced 20 days - suspended - Fine \$10.00 and cost.

State - vs - Franklin Thompson, Charge: Non Support. Plea: Not Guilty. Verdict: Guilty. Sentenced six months.

State - vs - Billy Frank Smith, Charge: Speeding 79-55. Plea: Guilty of speeding 70-55 Plea accepted. Fine \$25.00 and cost.

State - vs - Franklin Thompson, Charge: Driving under the influence: No operator's license. Verdict: Not Guilty of no operator's license.

Motion of non suit as to charge of driving under the influence - Motion allowed.

State - vs - James Charles Hardin, Charge: Speeding 80 mph in a 55 mph zone. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$30.00 and cost. Surrender license.

State - vs - Garrett Thomas McKernan, Jr., Charge: Speeding 80-55 zone. Plea: Not Guilty, Verdict: Guilty. Fine \$30.00 and cost. Surrender license. Defendant appeals to Superior Court. Bond set at \$100.00.

State - vs - Gary Stephen Hall, Charge: V.P.L.; Impeed

traffic; carry concealed weapon. Plea: nolo contendere. Sentenced six months. Suspended and probation 18 months. Fine \$50.00 and cost.

State - vs - Dickie Tatham, Charge: Speeding 60-35. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$25.00 and cost.

State - vs - Dickie Tatham, Charge: Fail to stop for light and siren. Plea: Guilty. Fine \$25.00 and cost.

State - vs - Leonard Colbert, Charge: Public Drunkenness. Plea: Guilty. Sentenced twenty days. Suspended on

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Murphy Woman Satisfactory Following Copperhead Bite

Mrs. Julia B. Killian of Rt. 3 Murphy is listed in satisfactory condition at Providence Hospital following a Copperhead bite last Friday evening.

Mrs. Killian, 76, said that she was walking toward her garden at approximately 7:00 p.m. Friday, and when she reached up to break a limb from a tree the snake struck her on the right leg just above the ankle. She said the snake was apparently lying in some bean sticks, stacked at the base of the tree.

Mrs. Killian did not see a doctor until Saturday morning. She said that her leg began to swell after the bite and that she put table salt on the wound. She said that the pain began to worsen and that the ankle continued to swell, and she decided to go to a doctor.

A nurse at the hospital said that Mrs. Killian leg was swollen badly when she came to the hospital Saturday.

There are three types of poisonous snakes in Western

North Carolina. They are Rattlesnake, Copperhead and Cottonmouth. North Carolina is the leading state in snakebite deaths per population, according to a Reader's Digest article.

Stevens Signs Grant-In-Aid

Doug Stevens, senior linebacker, quarterback and place kicker, has signed a football grant-in-aid with Mars Hill College.

Stevens, a three-year varsity starter, has been an outstanding performer for the Bulldogs, being selected to the All-Conference team his junior and senior years.

Standing five feet-eight inches tall and weighing 155 pounds, Doug showed fine leadership abilities and was voted the "Unsung Hero" of the '68 Bulldogs by the Murphy Quarterback Club.

Doug will be used primarily as a placekicker at Mars Hill.

Alexander Winner Of Declamation Contest

Lawrence Alexander was the first place winner of the 14th annual Declamation Contest at Murphy High School Wednesday, May 14.

Alexander won first place honors with his presentation of "Americans for America". Alexander wrote his own speech.

Peden Gains presentation of "I Believe" by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. took second place honors.

Honorable mention went to Terry Puett for his presentation of "Death Bed of Benedict Arnold".

Sam Elliott who placed first

in last years contest was ineligible to win this year. Elliott's speech this year was entitled "LEE" by Stephen Vincent Bennet.

Other contestants in the contest were Bruce Coward with "I am An American"; Carlton Van Horn, President Roosevelt's Speech, December 8, 1941, asking Congress for declaration of war on Japan; Brian Coward "Churchill Anticipates the Battle of Britain"; Herbie Gibson, "Democracy The Hope of the World"; Terry Sanders "Visions of War"; Terry Newman, "These Are The

Times That Try Men's Souls"; Mike Godfrey, "The Gettysburg Address"; and Eddie Hughes "The Return of the Confederate Soldier".

The contest, directed by Joe Ray, is sponsored by the Daughters of American Revolution, Fort Butler Historical Society and the Joe Miller Elkins Post 96 of the American Legion.

John Jordan presided at the program.

The Rev. Woodrow Flynn, Honorable Fred Christopher and Honorable Herman Edwards served as judges.



Lawrence Alexander (third from right, on front row) was the winner of the 14th annual Declamation Contest at Murphy High School on May 14. Peden Gains (third from left, on front row) was the second place winner. Terry Puett (second from left, on front row) received honorable mention. Other contestants

were (front row left) Herbie Gibson, (front row second from right) Carlton Van Horn, (front row right) Terry Sanders. Back row (l to r) Mike Godfrey, Eddie Hughes, Sam Elliott, Bryan Coward, Bruce Coward and Terry Newman.