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Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF ATHENS

Today, August 1st, is the 71st anniversary of the "Battle of Athens" that took place on August 1-2, 1946. The "Battle of Athens" was the only successful rebellion in the United States since the Revolutionary War. The battle was a rebellion of veterans and other citizens in McMinn



County as a result of a culmination of events leading up to the August 1946 election. These photos are from the Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association. They show the G.I. Headquarters, the hillside from which the G.I.'s fired on the jail (on right), and the location of the jail as it looks today. (The site of Carter Insurance)



National & World News

◆ Ten days after the announcement of his appointment, Anthony Scaramucci is no longer the White House communications director. Scaramucci's departure comes just days after former White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus and Press Secretary Sean Spicer left the Trump administration.

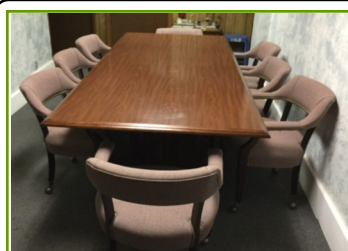
◆ A dozen Alabama inmates cooked up a plot to hoodwink a worker at the Walker County Jail, using peanut butter to change the number above a door to the outside and tricking the employee into opening it. Eleven of the 12 escapees have since been caught, including the two most serious offenders.

◆ The U.S. Treasury Department has sanctioned Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro one day after his government held elections for a constituent assembly that would rewrite the country's constitution. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin blasted Maduro as a "dictator" and said that his "illegitimate" election proved that the leader "disregards the will of the Venezuelan people."

◆ The Dow Jones Industrial Average reached a new record on Monday, while the Nasdaq Composite and S&P 500 posted declines. The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 60.81 to finish at 21,891.12. The Nasdaq slid 26.55 to close at 6,348.12, and the S&P 500 finished down 1.80 at 2,470.30.

◆ MEIGS COUNTY MAN KILLED IN CRASH

A Decatur man, 47-year-old Melvin McCoy, was killed in a motorcycle crash on Saturday. The Tennessee Highway Patrol says McCoy was traveling on Shiloh Road when he ran off the road and hit a tree head-on. Troopers say McCoy landed on a barbed wire fence, and the impact forced the helmet off his head.



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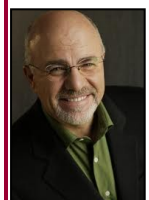
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Paula Sue Hackney Sharp**, age 69, of Riceville, died last Saturday. She was a former employee of Athens Products. Funeral services were held Monday night. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.
- ♦ **Thomas E. Sitzlar**, age 68, of Ten Mile, died Saturday at his home. He was a Sergeant in the Army, and served in Vietnam. Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **F.G. (Gordon) Morgan**, age 81, of Englewood, died Saturday at his home after a three-year battle with Parkinson's Disease. He joined the U.S. Army when he was 18 and was a paratrooper, making 14 jumps. He retired from CSX Railroad as an engineer after 37 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Reba Watson Chisam**, age 81, of Alcoa (and formerly of Athens), died Saturday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.
- ♦ **Jean White Robbins**, age 91, of Riceville, died Sunday at Life Care Center of Athens. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Paul Kenneth Miller**, age 84, of Etowah, died Saturday in Chattanooga. He retired after 10 years in the Air Force and later became an independent truck driver. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mars Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge.

More Obituaries

- ♦ **Cecil Ross Coleman**, age 81, of Athens, died Sunday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. He was a former employee of Athens Stove Works. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Marie Spivey Gregory**, age 77, of Etowah, died Saturday. She was a retired X-ray technician. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

AUB TO SNIFF FOR GAS LEAKS

AUB and its contractor, Leak Detection Services, Inc., will perform required leak surveys of natural gas lines from the street all the way to customer meters. To expedite the work, technicians will use a four-wheeler equipped with sensitive leak detection equipment. The work will start in Calhoun and then move to downtown Athens. A photo of the four-wheeler is shown to the right.



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