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## CITIZENS BANK PLANS TO OPEN NEW BRANCHES

### Ferebee Announces Sites at Hayesville And at Robbinsville

Plans for opening branch offices of the Citizens Bank & Trust company at Andrews and Murphy at Hayesville in Clay county and Robbinsville in Graham county were announced this week by P. B. Ferebee, president. These branches will be opened as soon as locations can be found.

Decision to open these two offices was reached at a meeting of the board of directors last week upon the consideration that each of these two towns could now support such an institution.

Branches have been planned in both towns for the past four or five years, Ferebee said, but only recently was it found they would be able to support them. A general increase in business conditions and the plan for construction by the TVA of two large dams near both towns, which undoubtedly will greatly stimulate business, were reasons advanced for the plans. Installation now awaits only location and equipment for the offices.

Both Hayesville and Robbinsville branched before the banking holidays in 1932 but have had no banking facilities since.

The Citizens Bank & Trust company, in its last report to the commissioner of banks, showed a total of more undivided profits in excess of \$100,000.

## Wandering Puppies Take Long Trip but Come Home to Roost

A few weeks ago a pair of tiny black puppies found their way to the home and kitchen of Mrs. Thomas Dickey and, finding everything satisfactory, became squatters.

Being extremely "cute" and having a great appeal for everyone in the household (who, by the way, would feed and a snake, we believe, by the number of stray pets they' taken in), they were fed and cared for like one of the family.

Really soon, however, the daughter of Mr. Noland Wells decided she liked the pups very much and they were given to her and she took them home with her. Mr. Wells, who has a soft spot himself, also fell for the pups and decided to take them with him up to the prison camp where he is superintendent. So he loaded them in and away they went to what was meant to be their permanent home.

But the pups had other ideas. After traveling about five miles to one destination and then being taken ten miles to prison, they became irksome and got the wonderlust again. After a few days they turned up at their self-selected home, lean and a little weak, but firmly decided that they liked the Dickey home best.

## Catholics Will Conduct Services Each Sunday

Beginning Sunday, July 27, Catholic services will be conducted each Sunday at the Regal Hotel at 10 o'clock a. m., according to an announcement made this week by the Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher of Waynesville.

Formerly these services were conducted only on every fifth Sunday but the large influx of people to this section has brought about the necessity of making possible to them an opportunity to worship regularly.

## ANDREWS STORES CLOSE EACH WEEK FOR HALF-HOLIDAY

All retail stores in Andrews, with the exception of drug stores and restaurants, will close every Wednesday afternoon for the duration of the summer months, beginning Wednesday, July 23.

A petition was carried among all merchants and business men in the town early in the week and all agreed to close in order to give employees a half-holiday. In such businesses employees must work harder and longer on Saturdays than any other day, but for other type of business Saturday is the holiday.

## ALUMINUM PLANT LOSS DOES NOT HALT PURPOSE

### Citizens Determined To Secure Industry If Any Yet Available

Public ranking citizens of both Andrews and Murphy have not given up the fight yet for an industry in this county and there is a great probability that there will be other factories available before emergency manufacturing is brought to an end, leaders proclaimed this week.

It was also pointed out that the loss of the aluminum plant to this section on two occasions did not necessarily mean that other similar factories might soon be available or that some defense industry might be exactly suitable for location here.

Governor Brantley, on a recent visit of ranking officials in Washington, made a definite plea for the location of industry at Andrews and in Cherokee county and advanced further the drive for industry in this section.

The governor was indignant over the prospect of more electric power, the only resource fully developed in this section, being given another state for development of its industries.

"We cannot afford to sit idly by and see the potential water power of Western North Carolina utilized for..."

## Red Cross Worker Meets with Murphy Chapter Last Week

Mrs. Catherine M. Stewart, of Asheville, general field representative of the American Red Cross, recently held a meeting with the Cherokee county chapter at the Regal hotel here, to plan the program of the chapter for the rest of the year. W. M. Fain, chairman, presided. Mrs. Stewart congratulated the chapter upon its membership, and the excellent work that has been done.

A program for the Junior Red Cross was outlined, and a committee, composed of Mrs. C. E. Hyde, Mrs. Virginia Cobb, and Mrs. Martha Adams, was appointed to work with the chairman, Mrs. H. Bueck.

A Red Cross home nursing committee was appointed. On this committee are: Mrs. W. H. Axley, Mrs. T. A. Case, and Mrs. C. L. Alverson.

## TVA Given Authority To Deal in Properties

President Roosevelt Saturday signed a bill authorizing the Tennessee Valley authority to rent, sell, lease or transfer property for recreational and other properties.

The bill also would allow transfer of TVA property from the jurisdiction to other government departments.

## LARGE PROGRAM UNDERTAKEN BY ALUMINUM GROUP

### Collection Campaign, Free Movie Tried For Defense Plan

The Aluminum Industry in this county is undertaking a large program for gathering information and funds for the defense plan. The campaign is being carried on through the week and part of next week in Andrews. The aluminum collection is being made by the Kiwanis club with the assistance of the Boy Scouts; the Boy Scouts will make the collection in Murphy, in addition to a large party, possibly the party and part of the campaign, the campaign will be a free movie at the Henn Theatre admission to which will be aluminum.

The drive in the rural communities of the county is being carried out through the county agent's department. A. Q. Ketter, county agent, has announced that 4-11 club members and Home Demonstration club members will do the canvassing in these communities.

Concentrating on July 24 and 25, the Boy Scout troop of Murphy, with Ernest Nutting, Scoutmaster, directed the campaign, will canvass from house-to-house throughout the town.

The county-wide campaign will be brought to an end on Thursday, July 31. At 10:30 o'clock this day a movie, "Twenty Thousand Men a Year," will be presented at the Henn Theatre through the courtesy of Mr. J. J. Henn, owner. This is an interesting story which will be greatly enjoyed by both children and adults.

There will also be cartoon comedies for the children. Admission for the movie will be two articles of aluminum for children or three articles of aluminum for adults.

The aluminum can by the court-house already held several pots and pans before completion. All persons who are not contacted are asked to show their old aluminum in this place. At the end of the drive at the aluminum gathered will be assembled here before being shipped to headquarters.

## CHAIRMAN URGES COOPERATION OF ADULTS IN DRIVE

The youth of North Carolina have taken the unquestioned lead in contributing to the Old North State Fund. Mrs. J. N. Moody, chairman of the Cherokee county committee, declared this week in asking equal cooperation from adults.

The fund is being raised to buy an ambulance airplane to be donated to Great Britain for medical use in carrying on her campaign against the Germans. The total cost is \$750,000 of which \$150 is this county's quota.

Appealing posters, literature and various other methods are being used in an attempt to raise the quota. Mrs. Moody said, for what she termed a "truly worthwhile cause."

Persons who are not contacted by community chairman or other members of the drive are asked to send their donations to either Mrs. Moody, Miss Sara Ruth Posey, or to George Ross Pou, Raleigh.

Members of the executive committee are: Mrs. J. N. Moody, chairman, W. M. Mauney, P. B. Ferebee, A. B. Chandler, P. J. Henn, Mrs. H. Bueck and Miss Sara Ruth Posey, treasurer.

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## MURPHY GOES ON DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME AUGUST 1ST

For the first time in the history of the town Murphy will change its time standard beginning August 1. In the interest of national defense the town will go on Daylight Saving time at midnight July 31.

In a general order issued all over the country time is being set up an hour in order to save electricity for use in the manufacture of defense materials. The change in Murphy was decided upon this week by the board of commissioners.

## PAVING STARTED ON NEW HIGHWAY NO. 19 TO TOPTON

### Other Roads Being Surfaced, Repaired Thru this Section

Paving of the stretch of highway between Andrews and Tipton was started Monday and is expected to be finished within about 10 days, making it ready for traffic in a very short time. P. B. Ferebee, highway commissioner, stated today.

Paving and resurfacing is also being carried out on various other highways in the county in a general move for improvement.

The Tipton-Andrews road, which has been under construction for several months in process of relocation has a 30-foot bed and the asphalt surface will be 20 feet wide, connecting the recently paved highway through Northlake area and the concrete highway at Andrews.

Resurfacing is under way on the Murphy-Haverly highway between Brantley and Hayesville. This road has had a good spring for several years but had been worn very much and the resurfacing was made necessary.

A stretch of gravel road on the road between Murphy and Haverly Dam, around the Wolf Lake has been surfaced. The main distance this road will be surfaced has not yet been determined.

## No Murder Cases Listed for August Session of Court

The August term of Cherokee county superior court opens for criminal session Monday, August 4, for the first time without a murder case in many terms.

Several serious cases are on the docket, however, which includes over 200 cases for trial. Hon. William H. Bobbitt will be judge presiding.

Probably most interesting is a case of highway robbery and impersonating an officer, charges being brought against Jesse, Claude, R. B. and H. P. Picklesimer for the robbery of L. W. Patton. All four defendants were placed under \$1000 bond.

Other recent cases to be heard this session include a case against Ernest Byars for the alleged theft of a steer from his father at Marble. His bond was set at \$300.

All other cases involve the usual violation of prohibition law, reckless drunken driving, assaults, arson, larceny, etc.

## Cash Takes up Duties As Pastor this Sunday

Rev. A. B. Cash, recently elected pastor of the First Baptist church of Murphy, will conduct services in the local church Sunday morning beginning his regular duties as pastor.

## OPM APPROVES HUGE FONTANA POWER PROJECT

### \$50,000,000 Dam Would Be Largest East of Boulder

The Office of Production Management has approved plans of the Tennessee Valley authority for construction of a \$50,000,000 hydroelectric plant in Western North Carolina on the Little Tennessee river.

The plant will be specifically located at Fontana, a site originally planned for a dam by the Aluminum Company of America. This site is in Graham county, near Robbinsville.

The dam is to be Government-owned and operated and will be located on a site owned nearly 30 years ago by the Aluminum Company of America. An appropriation by Congress is required.

J. A. Krug, head of the OPM power unit announced that the Aluminum Company and TVA had reached an oral agreement on development plans, and that negotiations are under way for an operating agreement.

Krug, on leave from his position as TVA power manager, said the undertaking would be the largest of its kind east of Boulder Dam and Grand Coulee, and that the plant would have a capacity of 160,000 kilowatts.

It was estimated that the plant would be partially in operation in 18 to 24 months and would be completed in 30 to 36 months.

The Aluminum Co. abandoned original plans for construction of a plant at the site when the Federal Power Commission ruled that a commission license would be required which would permit the Government to acquire the plant at the end of 50 years if it is desired.

## Four Brothers Held On Assault, Highway Robbery Charges

Four brothers were lodged in jail here Saturday night charged with highway robbery and assault on Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Patton of Georgia.

The four are Claude, R. B., H. B. and Jesse Picklesimer. A fifth of the men escaped. All four charged have been placed under \$1000 bond for their appearance in court when court opens here August 4.

The Patton family resides through Murphy, could find no place to stay and had parked their car near the railroad crossing factory town to sleep in the car for the night. About 1:30 o'clock the Picklesimer boys came up them and held them up, one impersonating an officer. While convincing the robbery, the marauders also beat the couple badly.

Lawry Gentry, local man, happened to approach while the Picklesimers were in the act of robbing the couple and the lights of his car scared them away. He stopped and gave the Pattons aid.

## Bishop Clare Purcell To Conduct Dedication Services at Methodist

Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte, will preach at the dedication services of the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. L. Hutchins, superintendent of the Waynesville district, will also take part in the service.

The purpose of the service will be to dedicate the new pews and new pulpit furniture of the church. The floors of the church have recently been refinished and the building repainted, along with other repair work, in preparation for the dedication.