

## SCARLET FEVER AND DIPHTHERIA STRIKE COUNTY

### Andrews And Murphy Are Both Afflicted; Culberson Girl Dies

With five scarlet fever cases reported in Cherokee County during the past three weeks, Health Officer M. F. Whichard announced the death from diphtheria of a two-year-old Culberson child and expressed the fear that others have been exposed to the disease.

The child was Hazel Newman, daughter of Will Newman. She was stricken with a sore throat early last week, and it was not found that she had diphtheria until shortly before her death on October 26.

By the time the disease was identified it was too late to administer toxoid, Dr. Whichard said.

Two more Andrews children were stricken with scarlet fever during the last week, and a case also was reported in Murphy.

Although the disease has not reached epidemic proportions, County Health Officer Dr. M. P. Whichard said a close check was being kept on all classmates of the stricken children in an effort to ward off any such eventuality.

The two children who became ill in Andrews are Shirley Matheson, five-year-old daughter of Mr. Wayne Matheson, and Billy Raxter, son of Ernest Raxter.

On Saturday Jimmie Davis, six-year-old daughter of Arden Davis and first grade student at the Murphy Elementary School, was stricken. She had attended school the preceding day and there is a possibility that her classmates were exposed to the disease, Dr. Whichard said.

The fever broke out in Andrews a little over two weeks ago when Tod and Jerry, the two children of this town's former Mayor, Wade A. Reece, were afflicted. Tod was stricken first, and was recuperating when Jerry developed symptoms of the malady.

Classes at all schools will continue as usual, Dr. Whichard said, but daily examinations will be given students to determine the true extent of the fever's spread.

The Newman child was the second case of diphtheria to be reported in Cherokee County recently. Five-year-old Robert Chapman, of Route 2, Murphy, was examined by physicians on October 15, after he had complained of a severe sore throat. A smear examination revealed the dreaded germ, and toxoids were administered immediately. His recovery is practically complete, Dr. Whichard said.

The Health Office says the Newman child probably contracted the disease from a carrier, as more than 250 cases have already been reported throughout the State.

A close check is being kept on schools attended by the Newman child's brothers and sisters to avoid any further spread of the disease.

## Ban Ordered On Ad Signs Along Highways By State Edict, Effective November 1st

That old eye-sore, the roadside sign, is doomed.

An announcement just released by the State Highway and Public Works Commission states that the familiar series of shaving product signs, billboards which tell of the luxuries of hotels in towns along the road, and all other forms of the persuasive art of outdoor advertising are a menace to traffic.

So, the Commission says, they must go.

The Commission is careful to point out that most of signs "tend to distract the attention of automobile drivers, both from the road and from

## Shelter And Helmet Save T. V. A. Worker From Blast At Notla

A steel helmet, an improvised blast shelter, and a lot of good luck, saved 49-year-old Jess Pilgrim, a TVA worker from death near the Notla Dam on Friday.

Pilgrim took his station in the shelter Friday morning while TVA engineers prepared to blast. A large piece of stone hurtled through the air, crashed through the shelter and pinned him beneath the debris.

Pilgrim was brought to Murphy General Hospital by fellow workers to be treated for severe head injuries. Attending physicians said the helmet and the shelter were all that saved his life.

His condition is greatly improved, doctors said, and he probably will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

## Hospital-Airplane For Britain Held Up By Lack Of Funds

Gift of the airplane ambulance to England, toward which many residents of this section contributed is being held back for lack of funds. The cost is approximately \$75,000 and according to Judge Frederick O. Bowman, of Raleigh, chairman of the Old North State Fund, more than \$8,000 is lacking.

"Among the counties which have fallen short of their quota are two or three of the largest in the State," Judge Bowman reported. "We are hopeful that these and others which have not produced quota, will come in during the home stretch, so that the plane can be delivered without further delay."

The Committee has exercised an option on an amphibian, twin-motored Gruman plane, and has made a substantial payment. The plane is an exact duplicate of the mercy ship which toured the State early last summer.

Securing even an option was effected only with the greatest difficulty because other States have been seeking planes of the same sort, for the same purpose.

## Library Will Be Open On Tuesday Evenings

Miss Josephine Heighway has announced that Murphy Carnegie Public Library will be open on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 o'clock in addition to the regular hours. The complete schedule is:

Mornings—Wed.-Thurs.-Sat. 9-12.  
Afternoons—Daily 2-5.  
Evenings—Tuesday, Saturday, 9-7.

## "Story Hour" Planned November 6, In Library

A Book Week Story Hour will be presented at the Murphy Carnegie Library on Thursday, November 6, at 3:15 P. M. Miss Josephine Heighway has announced. Mrs. Harry Miller will be the story teller. All children are invited.

## LIMIT OF 35 M.P.H. TO BE ENFORCED ON MANY ROADS

### Speed To Be Decided By Amount Of Traffic; Signs To Be Placed

High speeds on the almost constantly travelled highways of this section are doomed, as a result of action taken last week by the State Highway Commission. Meeting in Raleigh, the Commission adopted an ordinance limiting speeds on heavily travelled roads to 35 miles an hour.

The action is the result of both engineering and traffic surveys recently ordered by the Commission. The surveys have not yet been completed, but their findings were seen to be sufficiently advanced to prove that speeds generally travelled on much used highways are too fast for safety, either of the car occupants, or of pedestrians.

To make certain that every driver be informed of the new speed schedules, the Commission ordered that wherever congested traffic conditions exist, throughout the entire State, division engineers "shall cause to be erected, with the approval of the Chairman, signs stating the maximum speed."

Although 35 miles an hour will be the maximum, there may be highways in this immediate section where the limit will be less. The exact speed limit will be determined by the amount of traffic.

The new ordinance is expected to result in a sharp drop in motor wrecks, and injuries to pedestrians, which have been steadily mounting.

The Commission also approved the addition of 91.33 miles of county roads to the State's system.

## Sunday Schools Meet At Brasstown Church; Valleytown Wins Prize

The Western North Carolina Association Sunday School Convention met with the Little Brasstown Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. The Andrews, Murphy, Hayesville, Little Brasstown, Marble, Notla, Peachtree, Pine Log, Valley River and Valleytown churches were represented.

Frank Walsh of Marble presided over the meeting. The Rev. Fred Forrester conducted the devotional and brought greetings from the Tuckaseegee Association.

Special music was rendered by the Little Brasstown, the Valleytown, the Murphy Calvary Choirs, and the Hayesville quartet.

Two addresses were made:—"The Sunday School Teacher's Duty to His Church and to His Class," by Victor West; and "The Supreme Mission of the Sunday School," by Lawson Lunsford.

Announcement was made that a carload of produce would be loaded in Murphy November 10th and 11th and in Andrews on November 12th for the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. Every church is urged to have a part in sending any food, such as apples, pumpkins, potatoes, etc., to either of the towns on specified dates.

The Valleytown church was awarded the banner for having the largest attendance and having traveled the farthest to the meeting.

The next meeting will be held with the Marble Baptist Church the 4th Sunday in November at 2:30.

## Lilienthal, Head Of TVA Will Speak In Murphy On Wednesday Evening

David E. Lilienthal, Chairman of the Board of Tennessee Valley Authority, will speak at the Murphy High School next Wednesday, November 5, at 7:30 P. M. on "TVA and National Defense."

Employees of the Authority and the general public are cordially invited to be present.

## County Board Named To Help Farmers Meet Defense Food Quotas

Mrs. Alline King, home demonstration agent, County Agent Quay Ketner, and Assistant County Agent Dale Snodgrass represented Cherokee County at the recent meeting of Triple A farm committeemen from Western North Carolina in Waynesville.

A number of district and state representatives in agriculture were in attendance, and led in the discussions which centered about the food-for-defense program.

The following Governmental Agency representatives will serve on the Defense Board for Cherokee County: James H. Hamptan, Murphy, AAA; Quay Ketner, Murphy, Extension Service; Wayne L. Franklin, Murphy, Farm Credit Administration; Fred O. Scroggs, Brasstown, R.E.A.; Sidney R. Griffin, Franklin, Emergency Crop and Feed Loans.

## Ralph Moody Made Chief Counsel For State Commission

Ralph Moody, Senior Attorney for the State Unemployment Compensation Commission and widely known in this section, was appointed Chief Counsel of the Commission last Friday. He succeeds Adrian J. Newton, who has accepted appointment as Clerk of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Mr. Moody, native of Robbinsville and resident from youth of Murphy, attended the Asheville School for Boys and was a student at the State University from 1917-1922. He was admitted to the bar following his graduation and became associated with his father under the firm name of Moody and Moody. In October, 1924, he married Miss Carrie Payne.

Appointed Senior Attorney December 16, 1937, Mr. Moody served under Mr. Newton and with J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Jr., taking part in the many important cases that have been contested up to the Supreme Court on the Unemployment Compensation Law.

Mr. Moody was one of the three top ranking men under the Merit Examination system certified to the Commission by the Merit System Council for the Chief Counsel position.

A successor to Mr. Moody as Senior Attorney will be appointed later.

## Andrews M. E. Church Is Given New Pastor

Reverend G. N. Dulin, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of Andrews, for the past three years, left Wednesday to assume his new duties as pastor of the First Street Church in Albemarle, N. C.

Mr. Dulin will be replaced by Rev. Roy T. Houts, who arrived on Thursday. Rev. Houts for the past several years has been pastor of the Methodist Church in Spray, N. C.

## Skeletons Of Two Crash Victims, Killed In 1926, Found Says Copperhill Story

The skeletons of two men have been found in a wrecked automobile at the foot of a mountain just outside Copperhill—unknown and undiscovered since the day of their accident in 1926!

That is the story that came last week from the western part of Cherokee County, and soon spread through all this section.

The story, more weird and more gruesome than any written by Edgar Allen Poe, soon brought scores of motorists eager to view the unidentified skeletons.

Police records were studied for re-

## FEREBEE SEEKS FEDERAL AID FOR BLUE RIDGE ROAD

### N. Carolina And Georgia Plan Joint Request For Appropriation

Applications to the Federal Government for aid in improving the Blue Ridge Highway between here and Atlanta will be filed within the next few weeks, Percy B. Ferebee, State Highway Commissioner has announced.

Improvement of the highway, long a source of despair to motorists, has been held up because up until now the State of Georgia refused to make repairs because of their cost.

If the applications are approved, half the funds for the renovation will be furnished by the State, and half by the Federal Government.

As the highway runs through Georgia and North Carolina, both States will have to submit applications before the project can receive Governmental sanction. Georgia highway officials have agreed to forward their application simultaneously with that of the North Carolina Commission.

Only one section of the road needs repairs badly. It is the stretch between the North Carolina line and Mineral Bluff, Ga.

Mr. Ferebee explained that although all the road on the North Carolina side of the line is in good repair, this state must include the Georgia section of the road in its specifications.

Federal allotments, however, will be given the states separately, and the cost of repairs made in Georgia will not become an obligation of North Carolina.

Ferebee said the Chief Engineer of the North Carolina Highway Commission is preparing an application for Federalization and it should be forwarded to the Federal Government within the next few days.

Mr. C. W. Savage, joint owner of the Regal Hotel, in Murphy, has made several trips to Atlanta and has had several talks with the Georgia Highway Commission and Governor Talmadge about the road.

On Thursday, Governor Talmadge wrote Mr. Savage that he was taking the matter up with the Highway Board, urging them to give this road "every consideration."

## Mary Frances Bell Wins Editorship At College

Miss Mary Frances Bell, pretty daughter of Attorney and Mrs. M. W. Bell, of Murphy, and a student in the Woman's College, Greensboro, has been honored with appointment as an Associate Editor on the staff of "The Carolinian," weekly magazine of the student body.

### PASTORS TO MEET

Pastors of Cherokee and Clay Counties will resume their monthly meetings on Monday, Nov. 3, when they will convene at the Baptist Church, in Murphy, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ports of missing persons, and relatives of long-gone loved ones came to see if the victims were their kin.

Meanwhile, a reporter from this paper was on the job. He found the tale had almost as many origins as there are mouths in Copperhill.

"That story," explained an old resident, "springs up every year or so. Last year the bodies were found and they had been there since 1925. The year before, the accident was put back to 1924.

"No, there is no truth to it. It is just a gag to stir up the interest of visitors."