

Flu Begins To Ease Grip On County, Medics Say

Sickness Not To Stop Andrews Bloodmobile Visit Wednesday

Must Collect As Much Blood As Possible Despite Flu Threat

A desperate Bloodmobile will roll into Andrews Wednesday, Feb. 4, to "collect as much blood as we can despite the current flu in the area," Dr. Charles O. Van Gorder, president of the Andrews Lions Club, was told by the Red Cross in Asheville.

The bloodmobile will go to Andrews because blood is needed immediately, the Red Cross said. They will make the trip even if they get only 10 pints of blood, Dr. Van Gorder was told.

The Andrews Lions Club is sponsoring the visit by the Bloodmobile. The blood unit will arrive at the Andrews City hall noon Wednesday, Feb. 4. The Lions Club has set up a transportation system for those in the Andrews area who wish to give blood but have no ride to the City Hall.

RIDES LISTED

People living in the following sections are asked to contact the following persons for transportation to the Bloodmobile:

Flats section or Aquone; Warren Deyermond; Marble section, James Bryson; Topton section, Earl Munger; Nantahala section, Fred Babington; Berkshire Plant, Harold Katzman, and North Ward, A. B. Chandler or Boyd Cooper.

Also South Ward, Arnold Derreberry or Mark Elliott; Mud Town, Bill Hoblitzel; Fairview, William Walker; Columbia Marble Company, Roscoe Wilkins, and Woods Dairy area, Eric Reichman.

Or a person wishing to give blood can notify any member of the Andrews Lions Club. The club will see that everyone has a ride to the unit.

Also, an attendant will be by the telephone at Sam Jones office on Wednesday to answer any calls for transportation. People are urged to call 120 for a ride to the bloodmobile.

WNC Historical Association To Meet Saturday

The Western North Carolina Historical Association will meet Saturday, Jan. 31, in Asheville with George W. McCoy, managing editor of the Asheville Citizen as one of the speakers.

Mr. McCoy will speak on "Asheville and Thomas Wolfe".

Edward A. Hummel of Gatlinburg, Tenn., superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park will speak on "A Phase of the Historic Sites Development of the National Park Service".

In the afternoon the association is invited to visit the Thomas Wolfe home, 48 Spruce St.

The Dutch luncheon at the S. and W. Cafeteria at 12:30 p. m. will be followed by the business session in the Park Memorial Public Library.

Highway Patrol Tells Year End Report

RALEIGH—The State Highway Patrol released its year end report today covering the patrol's activities for 1952.

Operating most of the year at full authorized strength (528 men) the highway patrol traveled 22,028,657 miles in statewide coverage of both primary and secondary roads.

Konnaheeta Club Hears Miss Shields

Miss Dorothy Shields, of Murphy was the guest speaker at the Konnaheeta Club in Andrews Thursday evening, Jan. 15.

Miss Shields gave a delightful talk on her recent visit to Holland where she stayed in three different farm homes as a farm exchange student. Her talk was illustrated by a large number of beautiful color slides, picturing her visit from embarkation at New York through her entire sojourn in Holland, a sightseeing tour of other European countries and back to the United States.

Miss Shields was assisted by Mrs. Frances Puett, assistant home demonstration agent of Cherokee County.

The program was presented by the Americanism Department of the Club, with Mrs. Joe Sursavage as chairman.

The meeting was a dinner meeting held at the Shell Dining Room in Andrews. Hostesses were, Mrs. Vernon McGuire, Mrs. H. H. Enloe, Mrs. L. B. Womack, Mrs. Louise McFalls, Mrs. Lenna Ford, Miss Polly Hicks and Mrs. Olen Stratton.

During the business session, presided over by Mrs. Ruth Starr Pullium, president, Gordon L. Butler outlined plans for the next visit of the Bloodmobile. The club agreed to assist with the arrangements for the Bloodmobile. A final report of tubercular seals, which was very successful. A nominating committee was named and was instructed to make its report at the regular February meeting.

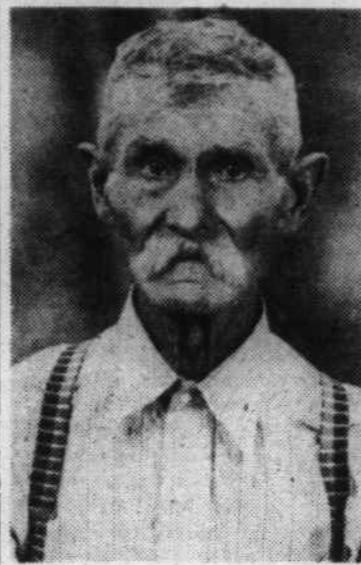
Revenue Agent To Be Here March 5

H. H. Hogan, Internal Revenue agent, will be at the register of deeds office in the Cherokee County Courthouse March 5 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and on March 6 from 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. to assist persons with their income tax reports.

TRAFFIC CLUB BALL

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Burgess attended the Western North Carolina Traffic Club Ball at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville Tuesday night, by invitation of the club.

Robert H. Kephart Dies, Age 87



'UNCLE BOB' KEPHART

Robert H. Kephart, 87, retired farmer, died at 5 a. m. Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. H. Palmer, Rt. 3, Murphy, following an illness of only a few hours.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 a. m. in White Church of which he had been a member for more than 50 years. He was a native of Cherokee County.

The Rev. Thomas Leatherwood Jr., of Akron, Ohio, great-grandson, officiated and burial was in the church cemetery with Townsion Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers were: Clifton Kephart, Dillard Palmer, Luther Kephart, Henry Kephart, Sam Kephart and Ross Lovingsood. Flower girls were granddaughters and nieces.

He is survived by his wife, Tobitha Louisa Kephart and the daughter, nine grandchildren and 28 great-grand children and one great-great-grandchild.

Mr. Kephart was the son of the late Andy Taylor Kephart and Dorcas Ann Ray. The father of the deceased came to Cherokee County from Germany when he was a young man, and married Miss Ray, a native of Cherokee.

Robert, known to all his friends as 'Uncle Bob' was one of a family of six boys and two girls.

Directed Dances, Games Planned At Folk School

A benefit party for the March of Dimes will be staged at the Folk School at Brasstown Saturday night, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p. m.

This is an open party with 50 cents admission for adults and 25 cents for children (under 12). The evening will include a program and directed dances with Lynn Gault in charge of arrangements. Light refreshments will be served.

Civics Classes Help Polio Drive

Two Murphy High School Civics Classes taught by Mrs. Anne Ward, have the true spirit of giving for the March of Dimes Campaign, and their efforts have resulted in \$50 for the worthy cause.

Sue Dockery was manager of the campaign, Jack Flemming was treasurer and Phyllis Hembree, advertising head.

Most of the money was raised through projects, ranging in one class from a beautiful cornhusk doll made by William Lee to an organdy apron by Jenny Fowler.

Other projects in this class were candles made by Fred Carver, candies and cookies made by Sue Beth Rowland, Mary Lepsler and June Crawford, with each person in the class making one project and contributing net earnings to the polio drive.

Others gave up movies, did baby sitting or other chores.

In the other class students brought homemade cookies, candies, cakes, canned goods and pop corn.

Some of the main workers in this class were Wanda Cornwell, Nora Swanson, Josephine Kilpatrick, Anna Ruth Seroggs, Mary Ruth Logan, Louise Dockery, Mary Alice Chastain, Imogene Brendle and Robbie Lee Morris.

AT CD MEETING

G. H. Farley, Miss Edna Bishop, Mrs. Frances Puett, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Ellis and A. G. Smith were in Asheville attending the Community Development Association meeting.

Milk-Shed Has High 92 Per Cent Federal Sanitary Rate

Cherokee and Clay County producers of milk to be sold to Grade A dairies in the two counties can look with pride on the current Federal sanitary rating of their milk-shed.

In 1952 their rating was a high 92, showing an increase of five percent from 1950's 87, and a nine per cent increase from their low 83 per cent in 1948.

Dave Moody, senior sanitarian of the District Health Department, announced the local milk-shed rating this week, when he pointed out the improvement in the milk since he came to the county in 1948.

Moody said that federal inspection is made every two years and local inspectors get milk samples every month and inspect the producer dairies one or more times every six months.

The sanitarians have shown improvement, too, Moody said. In 1948 the enforcement rating was 90 percent and in 1950 the rating was 91 per cent.

Cleaner dairies and better milk cause greater milk consumption, Mr. Moody said, as proven by the big increase in the number of producer dairies in the district.

In 1948 there were 19 grade A dairies and by the end of 1952 that number had risen to 72 grade A dairies, milking 1167 cows. The milk plants delivering

Civians Say "Dance, So Others May Walk"

The Murphy Civitan Club is issuing a call for county residents to dance, in order that others may walk.

The club will sponsor a square dance for the March of Dimes Saturday, Jan. 31, at 8 p. m. in the school gymnasium.

The following committees have been set up: tickets and advertisement, Rae Moore, "Bud" Alverson, "Doc" Headrick; music, Ben Ragsdale, Wayne Holland; arrangements, Walter Puett, John Jordan; reception, "Doc" Headrick, Ben Ragsdale, Vincent Eltester, "Rev." Rhett Winters; Concessions, Walter Puett, A. G. Quinn.

Music will be furnished by the "Blue Mountain Boys." These

grade A pasteurized milk, butter-milk and chocolate milk are Hall's Dairy of Murphy, Coble Dairies Plant at Brasstown and Southern Dairies Sealtest of Asheville. Pontana Village is furnished by Pet Dairy Co., of Knoxville.

Mr. Moody cautions, "unless you can produce your own home supply of milk, do not take a chance—buy nothing but pasteurized."

boys have given a great deal of time and effort in helping out with the March of Dimes Campaign.

They provide good music for dancing and offer a variety of (Continued on page 8)

Andrews School Shuts Door; Murphy Kids Continue

The flu germ eased up on its tight grasp in Cherokee County this week with doctors reporting they are seeing "slightly fewer cases since last week."

But area folks are still taking to their beds with high temperatures, aching bones and coughs as flu continues to reign over most of the nation.

The Andrews schools were ordered closed Monday by J. E. Ruffy, superintendent, after the Board of Education voted unanimously to close until next Monday.

Some 400 pupils and several teachers were absent Monday.

All basketball games and other activities scheduled in the school for this week were cancelled. The order came after Mr. Ruffy met with Dr. Charles O. Van Gorder, acting district health officer, and the Board of Education.

Meanwhile, area folks were remembering the flu epidemic that hit the nation after World War I. A more deadly sickness during those days, the disease took many lives in this section.

Last week, a Murphy doctor said the spreading cases of flu had not hit the epidemic stage, but the number of victims was high.

The section has had many more cases of flu at the same time the doctor pointed out, but the present number is far higher than normal.

Another doctor urged people to stay out of crowds. For those who have contracted the germ he said they should take plenty of fluids, use antibiotics only at a doctor's direction, and maintain regular elimination, and go to bed.

He emphasized that plenty of rest in bed can do a great deal toward beating the sickness. He urged people who perspire in bed while suffering from the sickness to change night and bed clothing in order to keep perfectly dry.

H. Bueck, superintendent of Murphy City Schools, said he will not close down schools in Murphy. He pointed out that the number of children missing school failed to reach a number high enough to warrant closing.

With flu cases now on the decrease, Mr. Bueck said he will continue to keep the schools open but will continue his constant check on the number of children out.

Hiwassee Lake, Dam Be Featured In Show

Cherokee County's major tourist attraction, Hiwassee Lake and dam, will be featured in the forthcoming National Travel Show in Chicago, according to O. A. Fetch, president of Western North Carolina Highlanders, Inc., the promotional organization that recently superseded the W. N. C. Tourist Association.

The reason for selecting Hiwassee is the fact that according to the North Carolina Advertising Division, this dam is the highest overflow spillway dam in the world.

NOVEL FEATURE

A novel method of attracting visitor attention is planned through the use of an antique spinning wheel, the panels between the spokes carrying color transparencies of these highlight scenic features. By spinning the wheel to have it come to rest on a panel bearing the word highest or tallest, the visitor may win free admission tickets to some six of these travel objectives.

Seven-day vacation lodgings are also to be offered in another novel presentation to fortunate winners at the Travel Show. The Highlanders have been assured that there will be quite a number of these made available by various operators in the area, to be used prior to the vacation period, June 1.

There will be a constant display of beautiful color transparency slides in an automatic projection machine, throughout the period of the Travel Show that extends from February 20 to March 1st.

Anyone in the Cherokee County area who cares to loan 35mm color slides for this purpose may do so by contacting Bart Leiper at the Highlanders headquarters, Waynesville, N. C.

Those operators wishing to take part in the promotion plans by making available a seven-day visit by a fortunate couple at their establishment, should contact Ben Palmer in Murphy, or Steve Owens in Andrews.

New Films Be Shown In Andrews, Murphy

Two preview sessions have been arranged for the new collection of films which will be available for loan from the Nantahala Regional Library from February 2 to 27.

There will be a preview showing of the films at Andrews Carnegie Library at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, February 2 and another at Murphy, Carnegie Library at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, February 3.

Anyone interested in seeing the films or booking them for a February program is invited to attend, Miss Phyllis Snyder, regional librarian, said.

The following is the list of films in the new collection: CHANCE TO LIVE—19 minutes.

The story of an Italian boy, left to wander alone and unwanted in the aftermath of World War II, who is given a chance to live by the American-supported Boys' Republic at Santa Mariella, near Rome. The film traces the boy's difficult adjustment to a life of decency, his desperate struggle for friendship and recognition, and his eventual triumph as he learns a trade and makes good with the other boys.

COLOR KEYING IN ART AND LIVING—11 minutes—color.

A study of color relationships. Employs abstract demonstrations of color deceptions followed by practical applications. Color relations are applied to art subjects and to aspects of everyday life such as hair, eyes, dress, complexion and home decoration.

FAMILY LIFE—10 minutes. "Gee, how do they do it? There go the Millers again, off for another day at Crystal Lake!" Once disorganized and hard pressed, we see how through proper home management of schedules, responsibilities, privileges, and finances, they begin to enjoy life as they should: his film creates an awareness of the happiness to be gained

from a well-managed home, and outlines a program for achieving it.

KITCHEN SAFETY—10 minutes.

Stresses the common safety hazards that exist in every kitchen, and illustrates specific examples of each. Discusses and demonstrates simple precautions that can be taken to prevent accidents in the kitchen.

ROOM FOR DISCUSSION—25 minutes.

Develops an understanding of the process of discussion and a desire to participate in it. Emphasizes that discussion is the privilege and responsibility of all citizens living in a democracy.

WILL EUROPE UNITE—20 minutes.

Discusses the topical question of whether or not the countries of Europe will cooperate as a geographic and economic whole, the possible benefits if they do so, the possible penalties if they do not. A comprehensive picture of Europe's past and the present contributions to industry and culture.



SOMETHING NEW was added to the parking spaces at the Post Office. Postmaster Joe Ray is shown at one of the new 15-minute parking signs. (Scout Photo)

WNC Communities Assn. To Meet In Bryson City Soon

Several representatives from Murphy and Cherokee County are expected to attend the quarterly meeting of Western North Carolina Associated Communities in Bryson City on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock with a "Thank You" to

County Polio Fund Totals \$1,007.39

Two Civic Clubs Set Benefit Activities

Cherokee County dimes and dollars so far was collected by the Mothers' March on Polio held in Murphy and Andrews.

Meanwhile, two-civic clubs set

activities to help raise funds for the drive.

The Murphy Civitan Club will hold a square dance in the gym starting at 8:30 p. m. Saturday. Admission will be \$1 per couple.

On Friday night, Feb. 6, the Murphy Lions Club will hold a box supper in the Murphy lunchroom. The affair will start at 7 p. m. Loren Davis, committee chairman, said.

Others on the supper committee are John Davidson, Ed Hyde and Joe Ray.