



ABOUT 1900 Andrews School looked like this. The building was located where Dick Ramsey's house now stands. The upstairs, where two lads are pictured in the window, was used as a Masonic hall. The teachers were Mr. Stallings, far left, and Miss Daisy Nanny, far right. These two later got together and were married.

Split Logs Were First Andrews School Benches

By MRS. ALINE BRISTOL
According to the best recollections available, the earliest school in the Andrews district was located in what is now the Fairview section and was taught in the early 1880's by Mr. Bob Mooney of Murphy.

People now residing in Andrews recall having attended this school where pupils sat on logs split open while the teacher heard their lessons. This school moved later to a site in the vicinity of the Valley

River Baptist Church and was taught by Mrs. Clara Mauney Sherrill.

Mr. Bam Kimsey of Murphy is known to have taught a two-months term - arithmetic only - in the same area.

Later Mr. Kimsey conducted the same type school where now stands the funeral building at the Valleytown Cemetery in a building used for both church and school. Likewise Mrs. Vearnah Mauney Stewart taught school of two or three

months terms about 1884-1888.

In 1890 a special school tax was voted at Marble where Mr. Jim Lovingood was the teacher. Some young men of Andrews took up residence at Marble to attend this school.

In 1895 on the corner where Mr. Richard Ramsey's home now is was erected a 2-story building, the 2nd floor of which was used by the Masonic Lodge. The first teach-

er was Mr. Stallings. The school was continued on page 5 — this sec.

New Brick School At Unaka Completed In 1952

The Unaka School is a modern brick and block structure with five well lighted, roomy class rooms, a modern lunchroom, and an office. It was completed in 1952.

Prior to the completion of the present building there had been a one-teacher school at Ogreeta with grades one thru seven, a one-teacher school at Bethel with grades one thru seven, a two-teacher school at Upper Beaver Dam with grades one thru seven.

The school at Bethel became dilapidated and unfit for use and was abandoned more than twenty-five years ago.

A study made in 1940 of the other schools shows that the school at Ogreeta had an enrollment of seventeen, that the building was "small, unkept" and that the "teacher was not present when the school was visited on November 16".

Furthermore the report stated that "the building was open dirty, furniture disarranged and not a single evidence of good teaching was carried on".

The school at Upper Beaver Dam was reported as "unfit, dilapidated structure."

The same report stated in regard to the Unaka school of 1940 the following: "Two story frame structure. Containing approximately 6600 square feet. Large room on second floor used by Fraternal Order, half of first floor is an auditorium. Improvement in lighting has been made, but now is inadequate due to porch roof, clumsy type of homemade desk, water from spring two small pit privies".

The present school at Unaka has modern lighting and equipment. The enrollment is 153 in eight grades. Five teachers, one part time music teacher, two lunchroom workers, two bus drivers, and a full time janitor, serve the school.

Two teachers have completed five years of college work for Masters Degrees, one has four years of college work and a B S Degree the other two have done three years of college work and each hold Grammar Grade B certificates.

The school has recently purchased film projector, a rectograph, a tape recorder, and a multiplespeed phonograph. These are used as audio-visual means of increasing efficiency in instructions.

A piano has been added this year and private music lessons are being taken by several students.

Mrs. Candas Hogan Carringer, Mrs. Lucille Matheson Morrow, Mrs. Alton Morris, J. Alden Cooke, are the teachers. J. Franklin Smith is principal.

Peachtree Begins With Five One-Room Schools

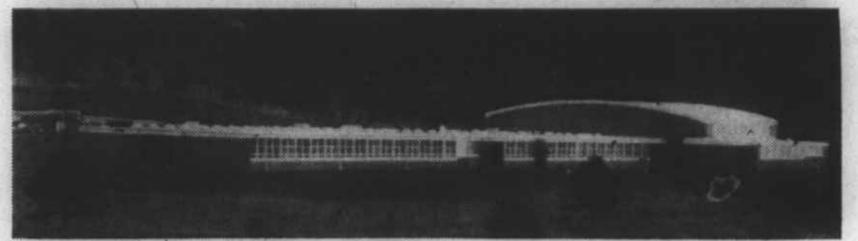
In 1901 when Charles B. Aycock became governor, he inaugurated a special educational program for North Carolina. Part of his educational creed was to place a school in walking reach of every boy and girl in the state. In 1902, five small, one room school buildings were erected in the different sections of the Peachtree community. These schools operated with one teacher until 1910.

The citizens of the Peachtree Community, realizing the need for better education and high school training for their children, voted bonds to build a new consolidated school building and a special school tax for running a Junior High School.

This new building was erected in the center of the community on a hill back of the Baptist Church overlooking the Peachtree Valley. It was a wooden structure and a good building for its time. It was completed in 1910 and served the community well for a period of 19 years. Out of this school came many of the prominent teachers of our county, also many preachers, professional, and business men.

In 1928, six acres of level land was purchased off the lower end of the W. P. Brittain farm and on this was constructed a new brick building. This building was completed in 1929 and was modern in every way. It contained seven

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NEW MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL ALMOST COMPLETED

The new Murphy High School is built on a 218 acre site adjoining the Murphy City limits on the Andrews road.

The purchase price of the site was \$23,000. Of this amount \$10,000 came from the county-wide bond issue and \$13,000 from a special appropriation by the Cherokee County Commissioners.

The building consists of: high school library, biology and general science laboratory, physics-chemistry laboratory, two business education rooms, 16 other high school classrooms, health clinic room, guidance room, two teach-

Annual Senior Trip Integral Part Of Education

Although considered by some an "educational frill" — the absence of which from the school program, its best possible feature — an opposing school of thought considers a supervised educational trip for seniors an integral facet in the education of the "whole child."

That the senior class trip is of great educational importance is the opinion of the administration and faculty of Andrews High School.

One need only observe a typical group of seniors from this locality on a tour of the nation's capital city or of the nation's largest city to understand why the Andrews High School continues this intracurricular activity.

ers' room, combination gymnasium-auditorium, administrative office room, two pupils toilet rooms, two gymnasium dressing-shower-ing room, boiler room and sewage disposal system.

The overall construction cost was

\$279,217.70 or \$6 per square foot. This figure does not include provision for furniture and equipment. Some \$17,000 must be secured for these items through the County Commissioners before the building will be ready for occupancy.

Beta Club Encourages Students Morally And Academically

The Andrews chapter of the National Beta Club can boast of existing almost from the time the Club was chartered in 1936 under the laws of South Carolina as an elementary organization.

The need for such an achievement service club having been determined, North Carolina was the next state to organize local chapters and to hold a state convention. The late Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was elected first president of the National Senate.

Under the progressive sponsorship of Miss Gladys Chadwick, for 12 years a teacher in the Andrews High School, the local chapter had its organization and experienced steady advancement and healthy growth. With the exception of one interval of inactivity the local chapter has functioned as an accepted part of the program of Andrews High School.

The sole function of the National Beta Club is to encourage the student to do his best academically

and morally, and to strive to make himself a real asset to his school and community. Membership is limited to students whose scholastic standing is sufficiently creditable to indicate his superior mental qualifications. No student however, may attain membership without the recommendation of the administrative head of his high school.

At present the Andrews chapter of the Beta Club, under the co-sponsorship of Mrs. Aline E. Bristol and Miss Louise Brendle, has 17 members. They are Ardith Hay, president; Jerry Pullium, vice-president; Janice Watts, secretary, Carolyn West, treasurer; Kate Passmore, John Carringer, Wayne Battle, Thomas George, Jean Edwards, Pete Gernert, Francis Lunsford, Katherine Sursavage, Melva West, Wade Brooks, Gerald Gibby, Jannette Carringer, and Vicki Derreberry.

The state convention will convene on April 12 and 13 in Asheville at the George Vanderbilt Hotel.



UNAKA PUPILS ENJOY NEW AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT...

Unaka School's newest aid to education, the audio-visual equipment pictured here, is thoroughly enjoyed by the school's students. J. Franklin Smith is the principal and responsible for the new equipment.

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ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB

Here is Andrews High School 17-member Beta Club, left to right, they are Wayne Battle, Kate Passmore, Carolyn West, treasurer; Ardith Hay, president; Janice Watts, secretary, and John Carringer. Standing, from left, are Pete Gernert, Katherine Sursavage, Thomas George, Vicki Derreberry, Jean Edwards, Melva West, Frances Lunsford, Janette Carringer, Gerald Gibby and Wade Brooks.

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