

Editor's Note-Book

Look for at least one more short cold blast, but Spring has arrived already, and all the signs point to mostly good weather from here on.

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Word on the new furniture plant at Andrews is that only the green light from the government (through ARA which is financing 85 per cent of build costs) is holding up the official announcement. The local share of \$135,000 is pledged, plus some, and spokesmen say the plant is assured, with the final go-ahead expected any day.

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Government budget cuts have brought on a six per cent cut in the local ACP allotment, according to word picked up this week.

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A hot session is expected at the Planning Board meeting in Murphy tonight (Thursday) when the public is invited to discuss the sub-division regulation proposal.

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The Andrews Elementary pre-school clinic is set for Mar. 20 in the Primary building there from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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Plans are complete for the Union Good Friday service here Feb. 27, and for the Easter Sunrise Service. The complete details will be carried next week.

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Several county teachers plan to attend the North Carolina Education Association's three-day 80th annual convention which begins today (Thursday) in Raleigh.

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The first distribution of free surplus food to low income families in the county is scheduled for next Tuesday, Mar. 24.

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Tax listing in the county ended last Saturday, and tax office personnel reported that most people made their listings before the deadline, but that a good number of Valley-town Township taxpayers failed to list in time to avoid the penalty for late listing.

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Don't forget that the County Board of Equalization and Review meets next Wednesday, Mar. 25.

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James R. Kimsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kimsey of Murphy, has been elected chaplain of Phi Kappa Tau, social fraternity at East Carolina College, Greenville.

West Co. Contracts Indiana Job

MURPHY - Herman H. West and Company has been awarded a contract in the amount of \$717,500.00 for the clearing of Monroe Reservoir near Bloomington, Indiana, by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The corporation, headed by Herman H. West, President, who is also present Representative to the North Carolina General Assembly from Cherokee County, has been engaged in land clearing business exclusively since 1947. Home office of the firm is in the Professional Building in Murphy, with clearing operations across the nation.

Recent projects have been completed in Tennessee, Utah, Kentucky, Georgia, and Alabama.

Heavy Rain During Weekend Saturates County

MURPHY - One of the heaviest rains in recent years saturated the area during the day Saturday and into the night. Constant precipitation, at times falling quite heavily, sent the total at Murphy to 3.65 inches --- a hundredth of an inch for each day of the year, on an average --- and pushed the Hiwassee out of banks in the lowlands by daylight Sunday. Some trouble was reported by Westco Telephone Co. through water infiltration of a cable in the Peachtree area. Sunny skies early in the week reduced possible flooding hazards.



IF YOU DOUBT THAT SPRING is here, just take notice of pretty Miss Connie Farmer of Murphy who was out last Tuesday looking over the first blooms of spring. Friday is officially the first day of Spring, but with a lovely lass like this illustrating the point, who wants to look at a calendar.

Cats Win District 8 Crown

Andrews Basketball Team In Durham For State Class A Tournament Play



THE DISTRICT 8 Class A trophy presentation at Erwin High gym in Asheville last Friday night was made by Asheville Citizen Sports Writer Al Geremonte. Co-captains Terry Winfrey (24) and Thomas Brooks (22) accepted the trophy for Andrews.

Rotary Exchange Student To Speak Here March 24

MURPHY - Hans Tholander, an exchange student at Western Carolina College from Borlange, Sweden, will speak to a joint meeting of the Andrews and Murphy Rotary Clubs Tuesday night, Mar. 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Family Restaurant here.

Mr. Tholander is studying at WCC on the Rotary Chan Gordon Memorial Scholarship.

He entered school in the fall quarter of 1963, after arriving in the U. S. in August. Before coming to the U. S. Mr. Tholander completed two years of junior college in Sweden, and is presently a third quarter junior student. He is majoring in business administration, and is especially interested in the school's automatic and electronic data processing courses.

Mr. Tholander said this week he hopes to be able to stay at WCC another year in order to graduate. He visited in New York for eight days when he first arrived, and hopes to visit Miami, Florida later this year.

Mr. Tholander said he has been very impressed with Western Carolina College, especially the friendly atmosphere among the students and professors.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
11	64	21	0
12	65	29	0
13	65	22	0
14	65	47	1.98
15	57	54	1.75
16	65	23	0
17	65	26	0

Forecast: Thursday, partly cloudy; rain Thursday night.

ANDREWS - The Andrews High School boys basketball team is in Durham this week to go for the State Class A Championship, in a tournament that involves winners from eight districts in N. C. and runs Wednesday through Saturday.

Andrews' cagers gained a berth in the tournament by beating Mars Hill High 62-52 for the District 8 crown last Friday night at the Erwin High gym in Asheville. Andrews' lads were scheduled to take on Pinehurst Wednesday night in the tournament's opening game. Both teams are undefeated, Andrews sporting a 27-0 record and Pinehurst, the District 4 champ, boasting 35 straight wins.

If Andrews won their opening tournament game Wednesday, the team will play in the 7:15 semi-final game Friday night, meeting the winner of a second game Wednesday night between Red Oak, District 3 champ, and District five's Farmer.

Whether Andrews wins or loses Friday night, the Wildcats will play Saturday. If they make it to Friday night and win, the Wildcats play for the Championship Saturday night. Should they make it to Friday's game and lose, the Wildcats would appear in a consolation game Saturday.

Two games will be played each night of the tourney, at 7:15 and 9:00 p.m. The other four teams involved in the tourney include Salem of District 6 and Bethel of District 1 who meet Thursday night; and East Surrey of District 7 and Midway of District 2, who also play on Thursday night.

The Andrews team left town Tuesday morning, planning to travel as far as Burlington, spend the night there, then go on into Durham Wednesday morning.

Accompanying the team were Coach Cecil Mashburn and AHS Athletic Director Hugh Hamilton. The team will stay in the Holiday Inn Motel in Durham.

Coach Mashburn said this week he hoped to find a gym in Durham where the boys could work out and limber up Wednesday. Competing teams are now allowed to work out in the gym where the tourney will be played until 15 minutes before game time.

The team and coaches made the trip in private cars. The North Carolina High School Athletic Association takes care of all team expenses Wednesday through Saturday, but because it is almost 350 miles from Andrews to Durham, school officials decided to send the team on Tuesday, and take care of Tuesday expenses themselves.

In the District 8 championship game last Friday, the Andrews lads had a rough time of handling Mars Hill for three quarters, leading 41-40 going into the final period, but the Wildcats tough defense, good rebounding and fast-break ability enabled them to pull away for a 10 point victory in the last quarter.

Both teams were 'tight' during the first period, which ended with Mars Hill ahead 8-5. A pair of free throws by Andrews John Gernert with 5:25 remaining in the first half tied the score for the first time 13-13.

At halftime, the teams were deadlocked 22-22. Both teams

found the range in the third period, and matched point for point, with the action fast and furious.

Butch Sursavage was Andrews' big gun during the third period, hitting for nine points. With 1:42 left in the final period and Andrews leading 53-48, Terry Winfrey hit on two free shots, and Andrews ranged the court from there on, increasing their lead until the final buzzer.

Gernert took top scoring honors with 20 points. Winfrey and Sursavage added 17 and 14 respectively, Thomas Brooks hit for 6 and Larry Owenby for 5.

Andrews' five starters played the whole game. Fouls by Mars Hill cagers kept Andrews in the game for three periods, as the Wildcats hit on 18 of 33 free throws, while Mars Hill only accounted for 6 of 11 chances at the foul line.

A number of Andrews fans are expected to follow the team to Durham, and if the Wildcats make it to the Friday and Saturday games, many more fans will follow the team to Durham.

Julian S. Suggs Resigns At First Baptist Church

MURPHY - On Sunday, March 8, during the evening worship service, Julian S. Suggs submitted his resignation as Minister of Music and Education at the First Baptist Church of Murphy effective April 12, 1964. He has accepted a position as Minister of Music and Edu-

cation at the First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, Tenn., beginning April 15, 1964. Mr. Suggs began his duties in Murphy December 1, 1961. During this time the music program of the church has grown to six graded choirs with a total enrollment of 170 members. During the recent Choir Festival held in February, the Junior, Intermediate and Youth Chorus each received an A- or Excellent rating.

Since moving to Murphy, Mr. Suggs has held various positions in the Western North Carolina Baptist Association and is presently serving as Associational Vacation Bible School Superintendent. He is also a Regional Training Union officer.

He has represented the State Baptist Convention as Regional Music Director for 2 years and is to serve as a Southern Baptist Convention worker in an Associational School of Music this fall. He



Mr. Suggs

Before Rural Renewal Assistance Is Available-County Planning Board Advised To Seek Aid On Proposals From Existing Agencies

ANDREWS - At a meeting in Andrews Monday night, the Cherokee County Planning Board was told that before the county could apply for specific projects aided by the Federal Rural Renewal Program, the resources and aid of all existing agencies should be exhausted.

Chairman S. J. Gernert reported to the Board that he had received this word from Melvin H. Hearn of Raleigh, Chairman of the State Technical Action Panel.

The Planning Board recently submitted a revised Overall Economic Develop-

ment Plan, asking for aid on specific projects in the county, along with a request for aid from the Rural Renewal Program.

In his letter to the County Planning Board, Mr. Hearn explained that the State Technical Action Panel met Feb. 28 and noted that many of the projects proposed by the County Planning Board could be met by existing agencies.

He sent letters to the various agencies where the agencies had agreed to work with the County Planning Board on the proposed projects.

The Board also took note

at the meeting Monday that many of the proposed projects in the revised OEDP would be handled by individuals who were willing to undertake them, and that they were working only to make the aid possible, and not for any particular individual.

Anyone in the county who comes up with a plan to begin a business that might be eligible for Federal Aid would be eligible for any aid secured through the work of the County Planning Board.

Some of the projects proposed by the County Planning Board and the agencies they

were referred to for aid include:

1. A complete soil survey for the county, and assistance in developing Peachtree, Valley River and Little Brass-town watershed programs were referred to the Soil Conservation Service. John Nelson of the county SCS office was at the meeting Monday to explain what aid his agency might offer.

2. The Board proposed to shift 5,000 acres of idle farm land in the county to forestry, pasture and recreational purposes. This proposal was referred to the ASCS through ACP funds, and Bass Hyatt of the county ASCS office was at the meeting to represent his agency.

3. The Board requested consideration for an egg-grading station, an experimental plot for fruits, vegetables and shrubbery and expansion of the community development program. These proposals were referred to the Agricultural Extension Service, and County Extension Chairman Jim Stewart will follow up on these subjects.

4. Projects which might get aid from the U. S. Forest Service included establishment of a charcoal kiln to utilize hard woods, conversion of idle land to forestry, and further development of recreational facilities in National Forest lands in the area. District Ranger Bunch Nugent attended the meeting and explained the Forest Service Program.

5. One item proposed by the County Planning Board was the establishment of a modern restaurant in Andrews. The County Technical Action Panel Chairman, Robert Bruce, who was at the meeting Monday, was advised to determine if a site is available for a restaurant, whether a local development corporation or an individual would be interested in aid on the financing, and the estimated cost.

The Planning Board was advised that the State Panel would make 'every effort' to see that adequate credit is provided from 'some source' if an individual or corporation desires to build a restaurant. The Board noted that anyone in the county could apply for this aid.

6. The Board also proposed housing for elderly persons, and this was referred to FHA, for the possibility of credit from that agency; and to the Small Business Administration and Community Facilities Administration.

Board members at the meeting Monday included the Chairman, S. J. Gernert, Merle Davis of Murphy, John Gill of Murphy, Dr. C. O. Van Gorder and Jim Baker of Andrews. One member, Wayne Holland of Murphy, was absent.

Employment Office Here Offers Aid To Veterans

MURPHY - Local veterans who are out of work, or who must change jobs or want to move to another town where employment prospects are better, may not know it, but there's help available for them.

It's to be found at the Employment Security Commission office in Murphy in the person of John Ellis, Office manager.

There's a wide variety of help available to veterans, Mr. Ellis said. Among them are those listed, plus a large listing of opportunities in all occupations, whether they be professional, clerical, skilled, semi-skilled, apprenticeable trades, entry or production jobs, or something else.

The ESC matches qualifications and skills of the veteran to requirements of specific jobs through the use of up-to-date interviewing and selection techniques. In addition, some veterans, whose jobs may be lost because of automation, or change in technique, can take aptitude tests to find out whether they are fitted for some type of work other than that which they've been doing, Mr. Ellis said.

To, there is an inter-area recruitment system, by which a worker possessing needed skills, but is out of work, can be referred to his type of job in another area, he said.

While most veterans know they can look for a job through ESC, many don't realize that the office provides these other services, he added.

Veterans who would like to know more about the range of services may contact Mr. Ellis at the Murphy ESC office.

Meeting Set Today On County Goals For Coming Year

MURPHY - Goals for Cherokee County for the coming year will be discussed at a meeting Thursday (today) at 10:00 a.m. in the Murphy Power Board Building.

One of the major problems to be discussed is the need for improvement in living conditions in the county. The 1960 census showed that 50.7 per cent of the homes in the county are without running water and bathroom facilities.

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