

Rev. Dowdle Takes Bent Creek Pulpit

MARBLE - The Rev. Thad R. Dowdle began his duties as pastor of the Bent Creek Baptist Church this week. He came to Asheville from Marble Springs Baptist Church. While at Marble he was vice-moderator of the Western North Carolina Baptist Association and had been elected as the new president of the Tri-County Ministerial Association.

He is a native of Franklin and is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Dowdle is the former Miss Shirley Smith of Clyde. They are residing in the parsonage on Stradley Mountain Road. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ennis of Erwin, N. C. were weekend guests of their son, Marion Ennis and family.



MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL MAJORETTES lead the annual Andrews Christmas parade down Main Street in Andrews while more than five hundred spectators line the streets to view the floats, bands, and other participants.

Over 500 View Andrews Christmas Parade

ANDREWS - More than 500 persons viewed the annual Christmas parade on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 10, at 4:00 p.m. Year after year the young and old gather on the gayly decorated main street where the signs of Christmas are very much with them. Everywhere there's the hustle and bustle of the arrival of Santa Claus, followed by floats, bands, and horseback riders. Nearby town of Murphy and Robbinsville add to the success of the parade by their participation. This year's parade was led by the Murphy Band and their majorettes, followed by the Junior Girl Scouts, Girl Scout Cadette Troop 217 and Andrews High School cheerleaders. The Annual Queen, Gelia Wakefield, and Regina Raxter, the Christmas Queen, were special entrants. The Western Auto float was followed by a real clown whose expert riding on a bicycle brought much cheer to the children. Other floats included the Youth Fellowship, combined with Methodist and Presbyterian boys and girls, Brownie Troop 210, Davis Drug Store, Murphy and Cherokee

County Rescue Squads, Andrews Fire Department, and the First Baptist Church float, depicting a miniature church with a nativity scene on the lawn. Robbinsville and Andrews bands joined together in playing "Jingle Bells" during the parade. On came Berkshire, Reece Motors, and a wagon loaded with children, Nichols Department Store, and Jabaleys. Then came Mike Orr, riding his tricycle, and displaying the Christmas spirit throughout the parade, keeping just ahead of Santa. Ennis Hardware and Boring Chevrolet preceded a buggy driven by Gary Higdon and five horseback riders. Santa, heavily loaded with candy for all, made many promises to good boys and girls. Refreshments of fruit cake and coffee were served.

Andrews Rotarians To Sponsor Turkey Shoot

ANDREWS - The Andrews Rotary Club will sponsor their annual Christmas turkey shoot this Saturday, December 19, at the Andrews Airport. The event will start at 9:30 and continue until 4:00 p.m. All ammunition will be furnished and dressed turkeys will be given as awards.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Robert Hay of Greensboro announce the birth of a daughter, Holly De Jarnette, 8 pounds and 8 ounces in Moses Cone Hospital, November 29. Mrs. Hay is the former Elizabeth De Jarnette of Princeton, W. Va. Mr. Hay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hay of Andrews.

District 3 Of Nurses Assn. Elects Officers For 1965

ANDREWS - A general meeting of District 23 of the North Carolina State Nurses Association was held at the Dining room of the District Memorial Hospital in Andrews Wednesday, December 9, at 3:30 p.m. Seven members and ten guests attended. The meeting was called to order by President Gertrude Newman. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Martha Allison, and accepted as read. The treasurer's report was given by Sister Rachel of Hayesville. Reports of the North Carolina State Nurses Association Convention held in Charlotte October 20-23, were given by Sister Rachel and Lodie C. Etheridge, delegates to the convention. Nomination and election of officers followed, with the new slate of officers for 1965 as follows: President, Mrs. Lodie C. Etheridge, Andrews; Vice-President, Mrs. Gladys M.

Altland, Suit; Secretary, Miss Madge Branson, Sylva; Treasurer, Sister Rachel, Hayesville; members at large, Mrs. Gertrude Newman, Bryson City and Mrs. Martha Allison, Bryson City. It was voted to hold meetings the third Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. The next general meeting will be held in Andrews January 20, at 3:30 p.m. Following adjournment of the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Altland, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Perry and the Dietitians of the District Memorial Hospital. The dining room was decorated with holly and nandina by Mrs. Herb Sheldy. W. G. Lall of New Ellington, S. C. spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. G. E. Lall. On Sunday Mrs. Frank Forsyth visited them during the day.

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JERRY ALLISON was taken on a pleasure trip when he returned to Nantahala High School for a basketball game, Friday, December 4. Transportation was by ambulance, courtesy of Ivie Funeral Home. With Jerry is (L-R) Hubert Walker, Mrs. Brenda Reece, and Thad May.

Eastern Star Has Christmas Party

ANDREWS - The annual Eastern Star Christmas party was held on Monday night at the Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. Decorations included a large Christmas tree. The twenty-eight present exchanged gifts. Refreshments of fruit cake and coffee were served.

Christmas Has Special Meaning For Jerry Allison

By Lucy Laughter
ANDREWS - Christmas takes on a special meaning this year for Jerry Allison. Jerry is a victim of cancer. Although he has spent much time in hospitals undergoing treatment since 1961, he has kept a cheerful outlook and always gives his visitors admiration for his courage and understanding heart. Jerry, a graduate of Nantahala High School, is the first and only boy to be valedictorian of a graduating class at Nantahala. He played basketball three years and was manager of the team his senior year. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Odeen Allison, and he has two brothers, Terry, 16 and Randy 9. His sister, Sandy, 14, is playing basketball this year for Nantahala. This past week Jerry was taken on a pleasure trip, when he returned to Nantahala High School for a basketball game. Sandy was one of the particular reasons that Jerry wanted to go to the game, as she was playing on the girl's team. Transportation from Andrews District Memorial Hospital where he is presently a patient, was by ambulance, courtesy of Ivie Funeral Home. Hubert Walker, Mrs. Brenda Reece, a nurse who used her day off to care for Jerry at the game, and Thad May, accompanied him on the trip. Jerry's illness has made him realize that the joys of Christmas comes to men with love-filled souls. His experience has impressed him with the fact that Christ's life makes a difference and he never fails to witness for Him. Christmas should always make a difference. It is a time for joyful sharing and that is Jerry Allison's daily life.

sharing his personality and his God.

The Christmas portions of Handel's "Messiah", will be given on Sunday evening December 20, at 7:30 p.m. by the special Christmas Choir at the First Methodist Church.

Nathan Hall, a former mayor of Andrews and a one-time member of the Andrews Masonic Lodge, died at the age of 100 Tuesday at his home following a period of declining health. Services were held in Lovedale Baptist Church in Sylva and burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in

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