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"AND OVER THERE . . ." - Grover Councilman Dean Westmoreland explains to WBTU's C. J. Underwood some of the plans for renovating the business

district of the old town. Underwood visited Grover recently with his "Carolina Camera" to film a program scheduled for telecast around Christmas.

'Camera' Visits Grover

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GROVER - There are about 100 less people in Grover than in Plains, Ga. and although the one-sided main street resembles the hometown of President-Elect Jimmy Carter, there the similarities end.

Plains, Ga. still looks old and rundown, but Grover is doing something about its relic image.

Plans for renovating the community of 690 souls have already been announced in The Mirror-Herald, so this week we decided to take a look at the progress being made. We took a look the same day C. J. Underwood and his "Carolina Camera" had decided to do the same.

You can read about it here today and see it on WBTU sometime around Christmas, or shortly after, according to Underwood.

"We came to see what all of the shouting was about," Underwood said, as he directed cameraman Terry Lorch to "shoot a little of this and that."

At the corner of Laurel St. Girl Scout Troop 37 was in the process of planting one of the 45 memorial trees that will grace Main street. Half a block away Mrs. Martha Scruggs, who is in charge of the renovation program, and two volunteers were busy painting windows on a store front. The Minette Mills building has no windows, so with a bit of paint and imagination the artists were transforming the front into a picturesque shop.

David Hambright and Bobby Dowda, both students at Kings Mountain Senior High, were Mrs. Scruggs' helpers. Neither of the young men

are members of the school art club, but that didn't stop them from pitching in. "I'm from Grover and I thought I ought to do my part," said David Hambright.

Mayor Bill McCarter, who was standing across the street with the town barber, Bill Camp, said, "We've had a town full of cooperation in this project. Everyone is pitching in. Even the barber - Bill Camp 'Rockefeller.'"

"Ha, Ha," said Camp. Mrs. Scruggs explained that she was given \$1,500 to get the job started. "To date we've spent \$1,495.16," she said. "But we're to be reimbursed for the memorial trees and that should build our bank account back to about \$1,100. We plan to keep going as long as there is money to work with." Some of the businesses and individuals and groups are donating money, time and materials to the project also.

One of the crowning touches to the "revitalization" project will come next spring when Mrs. Scruggs and her volunteers paint a mural on the side of the Minette Mills building. Showing her sketch of the mural, Mrs. Scruggs explained that it will feature the old depot in the foreground and the village of Grover among the hills and trees in the background. "We call it Old Grover."

The town was named Whitaker at one time, but was changed by legislative act in honor of President Grover Cleveland. The name became Grover of Cleveland County. Dean Westmoreland, a Grovite and recently appointed town board member, said "The legislators thought that would be a nice touch."



C. J. INTERVIEWS MARTHA - To wrap up his "Carolina Camera" featurette from Grover, C. J. Underwood interviewed Mrs. Martha Scruggs, chairperson of the Grover revitalization project while cameraman Terry Lorch filmed.

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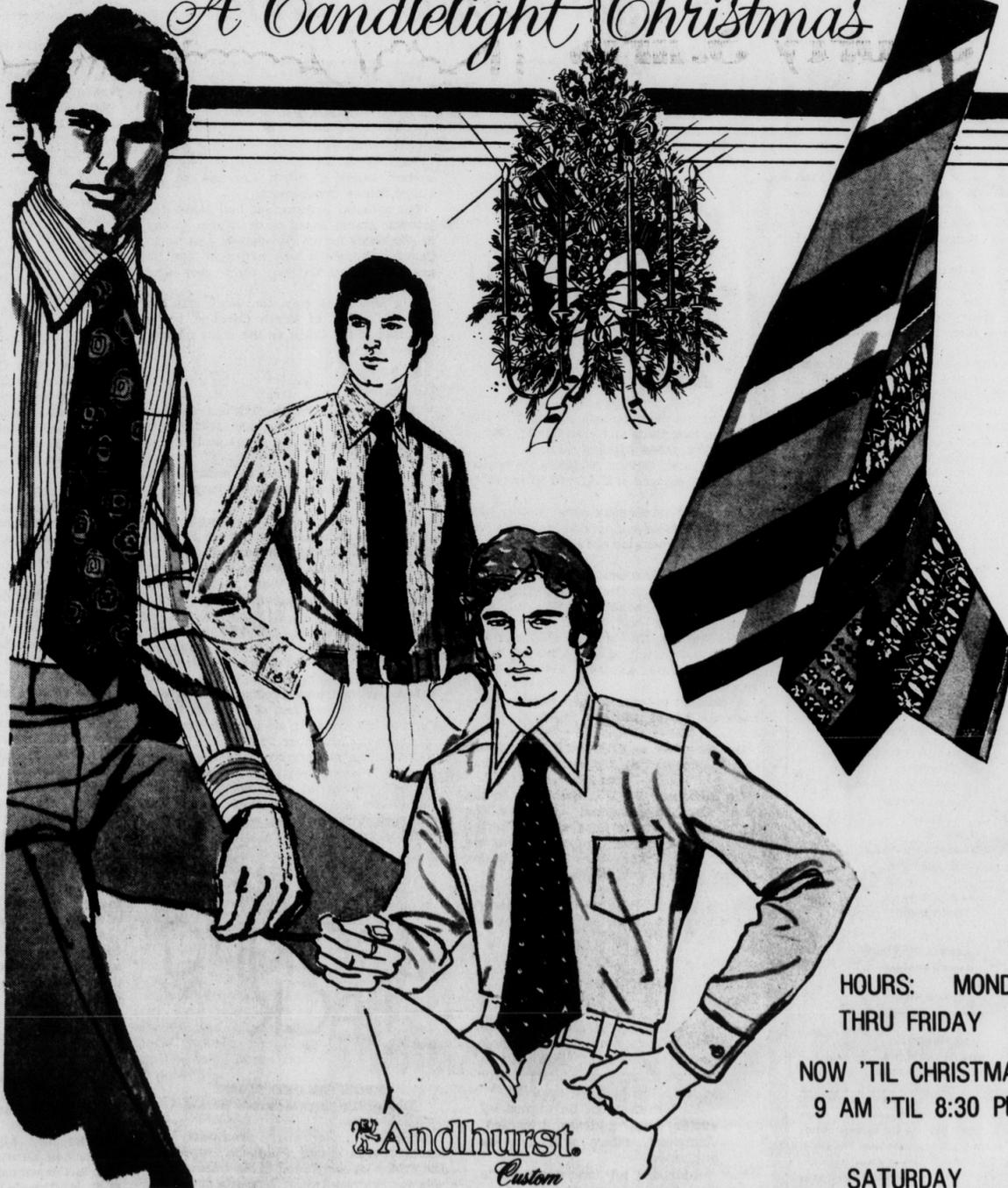
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