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## VANDEVENTER DIED SUNDAY AT RICHMOND, VA.

Was President of Hiawasse River Power Company, and Prominent Knoxville Citizen

Hugh Flournoy VanDeventer, president of the Hiawasse River Power Company, president of the Knoxville Automobile Club, and prominent Knoxville citizen, died Sunday afternoon at 1:40 o'clock at Richmond Va. He was well known in Cherokee County and throughout this section in connection with the activities of his company in the development of large riparian holdings of the Hiawasse river in this section.

The following account of his death is taken from the Knoxville Journal:

Mr. VanDeventer had been in declining health for some time and went to Richmond a few weeks ago for an operation and treatment. His friends had hoped that he would rally from the illness. News of his death will be received with regret by his wide circle of friends.

Mr. VanDeventer was born in Clinton, Iowa, August 20, 1870. He came to Tennessee with his father, the late Col. James VanDeventer, in 1888. He was educated at the public schools at Clinton, Iowa; Michigan Military Academy, at Orchard Lake Michigan, where he graduated in 1888; University of Michigan where he graduated in 1892, with the degree of bachelor of science in mining engineering; afterwards taking a post graduate course at Harvard University in metallurgy.

After Mr. VanDeventer graduated from Harvard he became connected with the Georgia State Company at Backmart, Georgia, and became convinced through his knowledge and experience that the slate, shales and clays of that section were eminently suitable for the manufacture of portland cement, and through his efforts the Southern States Portland Cement Company was organized and established, and has been in operation for about twenty years. This cement mill was the first built on any large scale in the South, and Mr. VanDeventer retained his connection with it to the time of his death.

Mr. VanDeventer was also largely interested in the development of the water powers of this section, and had devoted much time and money in his later years to the development of the water power on the Hiawasse river near Murphy, North Carolina. He was a constructive mind and disinterested and he was a builder, inspired by the joy of achievement in any pecuniary rewards, for in all money matters he was the most generous and open handed of men.

Mr. VanDeventer was a member of the Episcopal church; Peninsular chapter, Alpha Delta Phi, a Knight Templar, 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and was a member of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, Masonic order. At the time of his death he was president of the Knoxville Automobile Club.

He leaves surviving him his widow, Mrs. Garfelia Lyon VanDeventer to whom he was married in 1898, two sons, Jas. E. VanDeventer and Hugh VanDeventer, Jr., and three brothers, Hiface and Fayette F. VanDeventer of Knoxville, and Christopher VanDeventer of Chicago, Ill.

## Dr. Hill Contemplates Improving Property

Dr. J. N. Hill, local physician, contemplates improving his valuable property across the Hiawasse river to the Bealtown section adjacent to the property of Mr. J. A. Richardson building a handsome residence sometime during the fall. He owns about ten acres in this vicinity, and sometime ago set out a number of grape vines, cherry, and other fruit trees, most of which are living and growing finely. Should he improve the property as contemplated, will make it his home, he stated.

Mr. C. H. Rogers of the State Highway Department with headquarters at Raleigh was in town Wednesday of this week.

## Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here!

Clean Up and Paint Up Week June 1st to 6th, and When "Maw" Murphy finishes it will be a thorough job



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### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a dirty and unattractive town is repulsive to visitors and a stagnating influence to the people of our own community, as well as a menace to public health, and

WHEREAS, The Chamber of Commerce, the Woman's Club, and other civic organizations as well as the Merchants and business men of the Town have asked that a thorough clean-up campaign be conducted,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. M. Fain, Mayor of the Town of Murphy, the Board of City Commissioners concurring, do hereby set apart and designate the week of June 1st to 6th both inclusive, as "Clean-Up and Paint-Up Week" and do hereby call upon all residents of the Town of Murphy, together with all store-keepers, vacant property owners and others to thoroughly clean their premises during the week above set out and to pile such rubbish along the streets and alleys so that the same may be hauled off and burned by the Sanitary Department of the Town.

This the 19th day of May 1925.

(Signed) W. M. FAIN, Mayor

### Letters Endorsing Clean Up and Paint Up Campaign Week

Editor The Scout:

The Chamber of Commerce has requested the Mayor and Town Council to foster a clean up campaign before summer visitors begin to arrive in large numbers as a dirty and unattractive town gives visitors a bad impression of a community, and also because uncleanliness is depressing to ourselves and a menace to public health. It is understood that the Mayor and Council have set aside the week of June 1st to 6th inclusive for such a campaign, and it is urgently requested that every property owner in Murphy cooperate with this movement and see that the town is thoroughly cleaned during this week.

The Chamber of Commerce

Editor Scout:

Please allow us space in your columns to say that the Woman's Club heartily endorses the movement to put on a thorough clean up campaign the first week in June and that we ask all women in town to use their best efforts to see that a thorough

## Clean Up Campaign June 1 to 6 Inclusive

Town Officials, Chamber of Commerce and Woman's Club are uniting to put on a joint clean-up campaign during the week of June 1st to 6th. The town has been divided into 6 sections. Each property owner is requested to clean off his premises and pile rubbish on streets on day set apart for cleaning his section of town. The sanitary and street departments will have a truck to haul off rubbish and clean street and right of way.

The following are the sections to be cleaned on the days indicated:

**MONDAY, JUNE 1st**—All that portion of town southwest of Hiawasse River.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd**—What is generally known as the factory section.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3rd**—Hospital and McCombs sections.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4th**—East Murphy, including everything beyond Valley River.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5th**—Business and residential sections between Peachtree and Tennessee Streets and Valley River.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6th**—Business and residential section between Peachtree and Tennessee Streets and Hiawasse River.

**REMEMBER YOUR DAY  
HAVE EVERYTHING CLEANED AND  
PILED READY TO BE HAULED AWAY  
WHEN THE TRUCK COMES.**

**CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS CLEAN UP  
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.**

cleaning of all property and premises is had during this week. The town, through its Mayor and Board of Commissioners, have promised to haul away all rubbish raked up and piled along the streets this week.

The Woman's Club

Editor Scout:

To be on the outside LOOKING IN is different from being on the inside LOOKING OUT. Please, everybody, let's drop over to our neighbor's front porch, then to his back porch and view our own premises from both porches. Then go around and look at the House

of God from every porch and may we remember that cleanliness is next to Godliness. A little paint sometimes gives an appearance of cleanliness.

Ernest G. Clary

Editor Scout:

Several definite benefits are to be derived from a community-wide clean up campaign:

1. The character of a community is revealed in the type of homes and premises the people keep. Clean and

## TWO SERIOUSLY HURT WHEN HIT BY LIGHTNING

Lee Owenby Rendered Unconscious and Miss Florence Calhoun Badly Burned Sunday Afternoon.

Mr. Lee Owenby and Miss Florence Calhoun are suffering terrible pain from being shocked and burned as a result of being struck by lightning Sunday afternoon while standing on the porch of Owenby's home in the Martin's Creek section. A number of others were on the porch at the time, but only one other, Ed. Owenby, was slightly shocked from the bolt of lightning which struck about 5 o'clock.

Mr. Lee Owenby was rendered unconscious for several minutes, but soon rallied and it was at first thought that he was slightly injured. However, later he developed severe pains in the body and limbs, from which he has been suffering intensely.

Miss Calhoun was also rendered unconscious. Her sister, Miss Frankie Calhoun, who was standing close by and caught her as she fell, escaped without injury. Miss Calhoun is said to have been badly burned, her clothes being burned into strips and holes torn in her shoes. This is said to be the second time she has been struck by a bolt of lightning, the other occurring several years ago.

A physician was called and immediate medical aid rendered, and last word coming from Martin's Creek said that both victims were suffering intense pain. However, they will recover, it is said.

Miss Calhoun is the daughter of Mrs. Fannie Calhoun of Murphy and she and her mother and another sister had attended decoration services at Martin's Creek, stopped at Mr. Owenby's for dinner, and were gathered on the porch when the bolt of lightning came.

## CLAY FARMERS GET BIG LOT OF BABY CHICKS

More Than Ten Thousand Pass Through Murphy This Week—Raising Planned on Big Scale.

More than ten thousand baby chicks passed through Murphy this week bound for Hayesville.—5,000 Monday and 6,000 Wednesday—to be distributed to thirty or thirty-five farmers of Clay County, announced County Agent W. R. Anderson of Clay County, the other day. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Fred O. Scroggs returned last week from Knoxville where they had been and placed orders with the Norman Hatchery for 24,000 day old chicks and these were the initial shipments coming in.

Monday's shipment included 5,000 of the Leghorn breed, while Wednesday's shipment was composed of Rhode Island Reds and Barred Rock. These first two shipments are placed with about ten farmers of the county, Mr. Anderson announced. The other thirteen thousand are expected to arrive within a week or ten days.

The Farmers Co-operative Association of Clay County, of which Mark Weaver is president; H. O. Waldroup, vice-president; and Fred O. Scroggs, secretary-treasurer, is buying the chicks, and they will be distributed to the farmers of Clay County in lots of from 500 to 1000. This organization is also buying the feed, and a number of brooders of 1000 to 1200 capacity have already been placed with farmers. The townships into which these first shipments went are Hayesville, Hiawasse and Braestown.

In connection with this announcement, Mr. Anderson stated that 160 gallons of cream were shipped last week, which netted \$125.00. At the present rate this would mean about \$5,000.00 a year to the dairymen, but there has been and will be a general increase from time to time, he stated.

Mr. Anderson expressed himself as being well pleased with the progress being made by the farmers of Clay County, and that most of the chickens bought were going to those interested in the dairy business. One thing is certain, the announcement that 24,000 baby chicks are being placed in the county, and \$125.00 worth of

## CLAY COUNTY WANTS HIGHWAY 28 COMPLETED

Chamber of Commerce Sponsors enthusiastic Meeting Relative To Unfinished Highway To Franklin.

HAYESVILLE, May 25.—At a meeting of the Hayesville Chamber of Commerce, of which O. L. Anderson is president; T. C. Scroggs, vice-president; and B. Neil Haigler, Secretary-treasurer, on last Thursday night a temporary organization to be known as No. 28 Highway Association was formed with Col. J. B. Gray as president; C. H. Haigler, vice-president; Glovag Ledford, secretary and B. Neil Haigler, treasurer and chairman of publicity.

This was one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the Chamber of Commerce in quite awhile. It was attended by sixty or seventy-five citizens from Hayesville and vicinity, and was called to discuss the proposition of the completion of the unfinished portion of Highway No. 28, from here to Franklin. Highway No. 28 is the road from Murphy to Bat Cave, and a portion of it between Hayesville and Franklin is as yet uncompleted, and citizens of both Clay and Cherokee Counties along this route are very much interested in its completion.

"It is the desire of this organization," said Mr. Haigler in discussing the plans of the new association the other day, "to enlist the co-operation and assistance of all the people from Murphy to Bat Cave to the end that this matter can and will be kept before the State Highway Commission until this road is completed."

"This matter has been taken up with the Murphy Chamber of Commerce and other like organizations along the route to see if they will not join this No. 28 Highway Association. There is no cost attached to joining. We are only asking the hearty support of the people along this route. The Chambers of Commerce of Hendersonville, Brevard and Franklin have already signified their intention of joining us on this proposition.

"It is planned to meet with representatives from every town along No. 28 within the very near future, at which time we hope to make this a permanent organization. Announcement as to the exact date of this trip will be made later and it is hoped that a number of representatives of the different towns will be able to join us. If one has never been over this route, it is hard to imagine just what wonderful scenery Western North Carolina does possess. It surpasses by far anything that No. 10 or any other road in North Carolina has to offer," he said.

## Decoration Day At Peachtree Next Sunday

According to announcement made the other day by Mr. H. B. Elliott, for the Committee, decoration exercises will be held at Peachtree next Sunday, beginning at 9:00 o'clock fast time. This will be a union service by the Sunday Schools, and an interesting program has been arranged and will be carried out. A number of speakers will make addresses also before the decoration of graves begin.

The public is cordially invited to attend, he stated.

## Street Signs Put Up In Town Last Week

The task of putting up the street signs at the intersection of the streets of the town was practically completed this week by the street department. Some time ago the town council authorized the naming of the streets as a step in the securing of free city delivery of mail, and the posting of street signs is a follow up in this direction.

more of cream being shipped weekly, is very encouraging news to the farmers of this entire section and lends quite a stimulus to the dairy and poultry industries, and is actual demonstration that Clay County farmers are doing things.