

## ANDREWS SENDS MAYOR ON TOUR AFTER INDUSTRY

### Three Firms Reported Interested; Murphy Mapping Campaign

Mayor Tillitt of Andrews will leave in the next few days for a two weeks tour of Northern cities, making personal contacts with industrial heads who have expressed interest in establishing plants and factories in this section.

One of the firms, reportedly in Philadelphia, is said to have requested the Mayor to bring detailed description of the land offered, a statement as to what concessions will be made, by the town, and a contract from the Nantahala Power and Light Company stating what power rates will be.

At least two other firms also are said to be actively interested.

This is the result of an intensive mail campaign which has been conducted by Andrews for several months. Mayor Tillitt has sent out nearly 10,000 letters, written by an N. Y. A. typist, and accompanied by a folder telling of Andrews' advantages.

So many responses have been received that the Town Board authorized him to visit some of the writers, and try to close arrangements.

According to Mayor Tillitt, the town of Andrews will take steps to acquire any land sought by an incoming industry, and will lease it to the industry for 99 years, at \$1 per year. This will do away with land taxes.

However, it will NOT do away with taxes on the building, or on the machinery and profits. Also, land will be leased only for the site of the plant. Land to house the workers will have to be purchased. The workers will buy local materials and hire local labor to build homes; and will pay taxes on the improved property. Also, a goodly proportion of their pay checks will be to local merchants. All told, everybody will benefit.

The Murphy Chamber of Commerce will shortly send out two sets of folders; one intended to draw tourist trade; the other seeking to attract industry.

The tourist folder will be profusely illustrated, and printed on attractive enameled paper colored sky-blue. The industrial folder will contain facts and figures; a straight-away statement of what the town has to offer to business.

Secretary Fred Christopher will get a list of prospects from the U. S. Department of Commerce, in Washington, D. C.

## Murphy To Be Visited By Travelling Library

The travelling exhibit of Children's Books, made available through the publishers, and sponsored by the North Carolina Library Association will be shown in the library in Murphy from Wednesday through Saturday next week.

The exhibit will be particularly interesting to parents starting libraries for their youngsters, or choosing books for gifts.

## Pastors' Conference To Be Held March 31

A Ministers' Conference will be held in the Mt. Zion Baptist church, two miles south of Marble, on Sunday March 31. Dinner will be served by the church, and there will be an all day program, beginning at 11 o'clock, as follows:

Morning—Song service and devotional, led by Victor West; Election of officers; Song by Valley River Quartet; Address by the Rev. Algine West; Song; Address by the Rev. Robert Barker.

Noon—Dinner.  
Afternoon, 1 p. m.—Song service and devotional, led by the Rev. Jim Truett; address by the Rev. H. H. Hyde; address by the Rev. Paul Lovin; Song by Valley River Quartet; Address by the Rev. E. F. Baker

## THIEVING VISITOR DRIVES OFF WITH FARMER'S \$100 COW

Something new in the line of thievery came to light in the Fairview section, near Andrews, when James Luther, a farmer reported that a \$100 heifer had been stolen from his barn Sunday night.

Mr. Luther told police he heard the truck drive into his yard, and later drive away; but did not go out to investigate. He did not discover his loss until Monday morning. The tracks of the truck were plainly visible.

The heifer was one of several high grade cattle which Mr. Luther keeps. Andrews authorities and Sheriff Carl Townson are investigating.

## MINE "DROWNED" AS SHAFT OPENS HUGE RESERVOIR

### Investment of \$20,000 By Firm Seeking Talc Is Feared Doomed

Weber, McGann and company of Philadelphia, Pa. who have been mining for talc on Junaluska Creek near Andrews, struck what seemed insurmountable difficulties last Wednesday when the horizontal shaft tapped a reservoir of water reaching the proportions of an underground river.

Prospecting operations of the company are estimated to have cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000 in material and labor.

The most reliable information concerning the difficulties seems to be that workmen drilling stone for the purpose of blasting the shaft penetrated a reservoir of water. The foreman investigated and instructed the work to proceed. Following the shooting of the stone, however, there was a deluge that drove the workmen from the shaft.

Ropes were attached to the machinery and an attempt was made to haul it out, but the shaft flooded so rapidly that complete recovery was impossible. It is reported that the water filled the shaft to the mouth and overflowed, in spite of the powerful pumps used.

It was said, last week that the material would be removed to the J. K. Stover property at Rhodo, and new activities started. This report however, could not be verified.

Herman Weber, partner in the corporation, visited the drowned mine. His plans have not been made public.

## Girl Basketballers Finish Splendid Season

The Murphy girl's basketball team has just finished a most successful season. They finished second in the Tri-State league, just one point behind the leaders, and although beaten for the title by Hayesville, they won three of the six places on the All tournament sextet. Captain Zimmerman was named as guard and the Misses Geneva White and Nellie Davis were chosen as forwards.

Miss White was high scorer throughout the tournament, and also scored the most points in any single points in any single game.

Miss Higdon, the coach, faces tough sledding next year, however. All the regulars except Esther Pipe will be lost by graduation.

## Employers Of Children Warned By Miss Dean

Miss Linnetta Dean, County Superintendent of Public Welfare, warns that numbers of children are being employed without securing Employment Certificates. She adds that the law requires a certificate for every employee under 18 years of age, except in the case of agricultural or domestic work, where only the consent of the child's parent or guardian is required. For boy boot-blacks, and selling, Miss Dean says, the minimum age is 14 years.

## HAYES RETIRES AS POSTMASTER AFTER 58 YEARS

### Gets Letter of Praise, From Farley; Also A Signed Photograph

Jefferson T. Hayes has retired as postmaster at Tomotla after long years of service and has been succeeded by his daughter Lelia Hayes who is the third generation and the fourth Hayes to have occupied that position since the post office was established in 1855.

Mr. Hayes is justifiably proud of his record, the second oldest in the United States, and of his rating of .94 efficiency. The veteran Postmaster has received an autographed photo and a letter from Postmaster General Farley. The letter says:

"It has come to my attention that you are retiring from postmaster at Tomotla, North Carolina after serving in that capacity for 58 years.

"It gives me much pleasure to compliment you on having rendered loyal and faithful service to your government.

"I wish to extend my personal congratulations and hope you will enjoy many years of happiness and content.

"I am enclosing an autographed photograph, in the thought that you may desire to have it as a memento of the closing years of your service."

Mr. Hayes was commissioned postmaster at Tomotla on May 1, 1882. He is the oldest postmaster in North Carolina in point of service and is surpassed only by Miss Mary Stewart of Oxford, Maryland who has served two years longer. She is also retiring.

Hardly less remarkable is the fact that the Tomotla post office was established and has always been run by members of the Hayes family. The first post office was established in 1855 with George W. Hayes, Sr., father of the retiring postmaster, in charge. He abandoned the post office for the battle field during the Civil War, and retired at the end of the war with the rank of Captain.

Energetic and ambitious he had made a name for himself in Cherokee county living come here as an orphan. He served for years with distinction in the North Carolina legislature where he sponsored bill for good roads, schools, and good government.

When the war ended George W. Hayes, Jr., brother to Jefferson, was appointed to reorganize postal service in Tomotla. After serving a number of years he resigned to attend college and the appointment was given to Jefferson, then 21 years old.

Besides being Postmaster, Mr. Hayes has for years been prominent in both community and County affairs. He now serves on the County School Board, and is frequently consulted on community and County affairs.

At the age of 78, Mr. Hayes is as mentally alert as ever, and has the "pep" of much younger men. Although a slight lameness requires the use of a cane, he generally prefers walking to driving his car.

## SCHOOL BUILDING CONVERTED INTO CHURCH FOR ALL

An interesting story of impartiality was told this week by Jefferson Hayes, member of the Cherokee County school board in connection with disposal of an abandoned school house in the Fairview section between Andrews and Murphy. The building is located on the opposite side of the River from the highway.

A representative of the Methodist church tried to buy the building—but this would leave the Baptists without a place to worship. The Baptists also wanted to buy, but this would have left the Methodists in the same fix. Also the sale of school property is a intricate and expensive legal process.

So, instead of making a sale, the Board declared the abandoned school a community building, to be used for worship by all.

## DRIVER SMASHES LIGHT ON SQUARE; LANDS IN LOCKUP

One of the iron lamp-posts lighting the public square was shattered to smithereens about midnight last Saturday, and as a result J. P. Robinson, of Atlanta was locked up charged with drunken driving.

He was held in the County jail until Tuesday, when his wife came to Murphy from Atlanta and secured his release on bond. According to Chief of Police Fred Johnson, the wife "sure did give him down-the-road". She told her husband, Johnson says, that "if he had been at home where he belonged, instead of out with a drunken crowd on honky-tonks" the accident never would have happened.

Robinson will be tried during the April term of court. He also will be required to pay for the street light;—about \$67.

## TEACHERS PLAY AGAINST PUPILS; MEN ARE BEATEN

### Feminine Athletes Do Better And Defeat 'B' Team 14 To 6

There was a big call for liniment in Murphy drug stores this week, following two basketball games between the masculine and feminine school teachers, and their pupils. The ladies, playing against the "B" team were victorious, 14 to 6; but the men came out a bad second best, beaten by the seniors 32 to 13.

Fouls were virtually forgotten in both games, and as exhibitions of skill, they were entitled to a rating of minus two—or maybe less. But the sight of Messrs Bueck, Wright, and Carroll trying to run, and the gazelle-like leaps of Miss McCracken caused startled wonder. Miss Higdon led the feminine teachers in scoring with eight points; while Miss McCracken was second with four. Mrs. Bueck came in as a substitute in the second quarter. She made an attractive appearance, but definitely will never be "All-American".

Miss Overton and Mrs. Allen turned in stellar performances, as did the Misses Whitaker, Mallonee and Veal.

The men teachers "couldn't take it" and had to ring in three outsiders; James Mallonee, Dale Snodgrass and "Dutehy" Zimmerman as substitutes. Coach Pitzer made nine of the 13 point scored by his team.

Proceeds of the games will go toward a banquet for the players. The lineups:

Lady teachers:—Allen, Overton, Adams, McCracken, Bueck, Higdon, Whitaker, Mallonee and Veal.

B-Team:—Gulley, Voyles, Pipes, Berong, Beavers, Hall, McClure, and Howell.

Male teachers:—Carroll, Chambers, Bueck, Mallonee, R. Pitzer, Wright, Zimmerman, Snodgrass and J. Mallonee.

Seniors:—Newton, Tinney, Wilson, Mintz, Simmons, Taber, Barnett, and Dickey.

### APOLOGIES!

In last week's issue of the Scout there was a story concerning a collision of a school bus and a milk truck, near Ranger. The story may have created the impression that the bus driver was to blame. The Scout intended no such reflection. Happily the crash was slight, and no one was injured.

## Weaver's Hat In Ring; New Candidate In Race

A letter from the Hon. Zeb Weaver to the Scout announces that he is a candidate to succeed himself as Congressman from this District. In the same mail comes a lengthy letter from Mr. Earle Donahoe, Asheville Attorney and Democrat announcing that he is a candidate for the same seat. Donahoe is an advocate of the Townsend Plan.

## COUNTY MOURNS AS D. S. RUSSELL DIES IN ANDREWS

### Founder and Six Times Mayor Of Town Laid To Rest Wednesday

Andrews buried its first citizen Wednesday.

With the Board of Aldermen and leading citizens from all Cherokee County joining in solemn tribute, David Samuel Russell, founder of the town, its first Mayor, and six times elected to head the local government was laid to rest in Andrews cemetery.

He died Tuesday morning, at six o'clock, following an illness of several months. He was 83 years old.

Symbolical of the affection and respect with which the dead civic leader was generally held, the Revs. Dulin, Baker and Huddle, pastors of three Andrews churches, joined in conducting the services. The Forsyth Funeral home was in charge of arrangements, and Masons, clad in lamb-skin aprons paid their last honors as the body was lowered into the grave. Mr. Russell was one of the oldest members of the order in the County. Recently he was given a certificate, at a special meeting of the Andrews Lodge, marking half a century of active membership.

It was 56 years ago—back in 1884—when Mr. Russell then 27 years old, and a surveyor for the Southern Railway, rode horseback into this section, looked down from a mountain top into the valley where Andrews now lies, and decided: "This valley shall be a city—and shall be my home."

Recently married, and then living at Old Fort, N. C., he moved to what was virtually a wilderness; brought the railroad into the County, and founded a settlement that now is Andrews.

Resigning his railway position, Mr. Russell at first became a merchant. Later he branched out into real estate, and insurance. He retired from active business about six years ago, but never ceased to keep an active interest in all pertaining to the town's welfare.

The present village of Topton was named by Mr. Russell who secured the establishment of a post office there while his store was located at that point. He was the first postmaster. His interest in good roads made him a pioneer in that field in this section. He obtained passage by the legislature of a bill creating a special tax road district here—the first such district west of the Balsalm mountains. He was made a member of the Cherokee county road commission when that body was formed.

He was born in Carteret county June 4, 1856, and grew up during the Reconstruction period in the south. When he reached maturity, he came to the mountains of Western North Carolina and located at Old Fort where he engaged in the furniture business. On September 14, 1881, he married Miss Hattie Blackwelder, who passed away here May 2, 1933. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1931.

He is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Luther Nicholson, Mrs. J. W. Brown, and Mrs. Edna Tatham, of Andrews; Mrs. Carmon S. Johnson, of Asheville, and Mrs. Mary Barnes, of Eugene, Ore., and one son, J. Dillard Russell of Lynchburg, Va.

Active pallbearers: W. D. Whitaker, Dr. H. E. Davis, Lee Watkins, Wade Reece, Zala Adams, and Frank Bristol.

Honorary pallbearers: Dr. Fred Herbert, George Hobbittell, Ben Grant, John Leach, Zed Whitaker, H. M. Whitaker, W. C. Sandlin, W. B. Fisher, Dr. W. C. Morrow, Dr. H. Parrette, Percy B. Ferebee, John W. Walker, G. William Cover, A. B. Chandler, Sr., Zeb Conley, I. B. Hudson, J. H. Christy, W. T. Holland, John A. Tatham, Judge Felix Alley of Waynesville, M. W. Bell of Murphy, W. W. Ashe, Clyde H. Jarrett, D. H. Tillitt, E. T. Heaton, Galasha Pulliam, H. H. Hyde and C. F. Woodward.