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TWELVE PAGES THIS WEEK

## GOVERNOR CHERRY INSPECTS TVA PROJECTS

### New State Aeronautics Commission To Meet Here May 14

#### Meeting To Be Held In Murphy

The state aeronautics commission, authorized by the 1945 general assembly, which has just taken office this week, will hold its first meeting in Murphy on Monday, May 14. The commission was invited to come here with the idea of furthering local interest in securing an airport for this section.

Mrs. G. W. Cover, Sr., of Andrews extended the invitation following a meeting of a committee in her home last week. Dr. B. W. Whitfield, chairman, Doyle Burch and C. L. Alverson were appointed recently by Mayor W. M. Fain as Murphy's airport committee. They went to Andrews Thursday night to meet with Mrs. Cover, F. B. Ferebee, Bill Whitaker and E. A. Wood, to work out plans for cooperating in getting an airport in this vicinity.

Ray Rowe of Burgaw, chairman Sam Aronson, who had a conference with an official of Eastern Airways last week, states that this company will establish an airport here if the county will furnish as much as ten acres of land with at least two thousand feet length.

The state commission, advised Mrs. Cover that the members would come to this county on the 14th of May and spend the night here. They will look over the possibilities for an airport and cooperating in having one established.

The commission is composed of Mr. Rowe, William Olsen of Raleigh, Thomas H. Davis of Winston-Salem, Mayor Herbert H. Baxter of Charlotte and Paul McMurray of Fletcher. Accompanying the commission here will be a Federal aeronautics engineer and the manager of the Hendersonville airport. The visitors will come by plane to Hendersonville and be met by local people and brought to Murphy.

It is the purpose of the local committee to invite representatives from Clay and Graham counties to come over and cooperate with Cherokee county in establishing a tri-county airport. At the meeting to be held on May 14, according to Dr. Whitfield, the presence of county commissioners and city officials, representatives of service clubs and all interested people in the three counties is desired.

#### Red Cross Tops Goal

The Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross has received thus far a total of \$6,388.59 in the 1945 War Fund drive. This amount tops the quota of \$5,900 by \$488.59. All funds are not yet reported, one large contribution expected yet being the one from Cherokee county employees at Fontana Dam.

War Fund Chairman Harry Bishop has received the following letter of congratulations from National Chairman Colby M. Chester:

"I am so pleased to learn that your chapter has exceeded its 1945 Red Cross war fund goal. This fine achievement is, I know due to your able leadership and the earnest efforts of your associates, and is a tribute to the splendid generosity of your contributors. All of us at national headquarters share your pride and rejoice in your success.

"Please extend my sincere congratulations to all of your co-workers."

S. H. Bobison of Greer, S. C., arrived in Murphy Monday to spend the summer.



#### SHIP MAKES HISTORY

Alvin Beaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beaver of Murphy, Route 3, who was aboard the vessel which carried King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, to the Great Bitter Lakes meeting with President Roosevelt. The ship was an American destroyer and was the first in history to enter the port of Jidda where it took the King aboard. It also was the first American destroyer to pass through the Suez Canal during World War II. Beaver entered service May 24, 1944, and took his basic training at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Va. He is now on duty at sea.

#### W. O. W. To Have Dinner Meeting

The local order of the Woodmen of the World will have a supper meeting at Johnson's Cafe on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

#### Electric Department To Invest \$25,000

#### Aronson Is On 5-State Board

Sam Aronson, manager of Murphy Company, has been appointed to the advisory board of the OPA for ceiling prices on boxes, for this five-state district. He attended a meeting in Richmond last Thursday, making the trip by plane. He has invited the board to hold its next monthly meeting in Murphy.



#### BACK FROM PANAMA

Pfc. Huston Keasler, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Keasler of Murphy, has returned to Camp Shelby, Miss., after spending a thirty-day furlough with his parents and wife, the former Juanita Tarwater of Servierville, Tenn. Pfc. Keasler entered service Sept. 21, 1942, and has served 26 months in Panama. Pfc. Keasler received his basic training at Fort Huachuca, Texas.

#### Georgia Officials To Visit Murphy

#### \$422 Local Quota In Murphy's Cancer Control Campaign

The Women's field army of the Cancer Control society has assigned to the people of this community a quota of \$422.55 in the cancer control campaign which starts on April 15. The local organization is not yet complete, but it will be announced next week. Funds contributed to this program are used to prevent and cure cancer, in this county and throughout the state.

#### Mrs. Miller Has Report On Son, Capt. Bill Miller

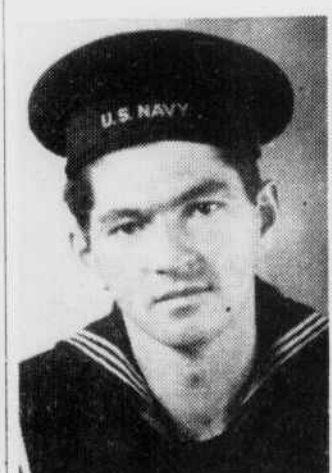
Mrs. E. S. Miller has received a copy of a letter written to Mrs. Edward S. (Bill) Miller, Jr., of Atlanta by a friend of Captain Miller who was with him for more than two years, a major in the medical corps. First at a hospital in Baatan for two months and for 16 months at Billbid, then for most of a year at Cabanatuan. Capt. Miller accompanied a detail of medical officers to Japan in August or September of 1944. He reports Capt. Miller as being in good health and looking well.

#### Bank Is To Open Monday

Murphy town council, with the approval of TVA, voted Monday night for H. G. Elkins, head of the city electric department, to purchase \$25,000 worth of bonds with funds on hand to the credit of the electric department.

During the fiscal year the town has retired \$12,279 worth of outstanding bonds, which is above the average for previous years.

Discussion of license tax for taxicabs was held. New licenses must be purchased by May 31. State laws will be carried out in the granting of licenses to the cabs.



#### HOWARD VAUGHN MARTIN

Howard Vaughn Martin S 2/c, above, has returned to duty after spending a 72-hour leave with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Martin of Murphy, Rt. 3. Seaman Martin took his basic training at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Va., and advanced training at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va., and Boston, Mass. Before entering service he was employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Distinguished visitors from Georgia, including Former Governor Ed Rivers; George McDonald, state highway engineering chairman; Andrew Smith, manager of Robert Fulton Hotel; Director Elliott of the game and fish department, and Highway Director Keeney of Atlanta are expected to visit Murphy tonight (Thursday), arriving here about six o'clock. They will be accompanied by a reporter and photographer from an Atlanta paper.

These visitors will be entertained by some of Murphy's business men at a dinner at Regal hotel at 7:30 o'clock. Following the dinner they will go to Andrews to greet the Governor and others making a tour of this section Thursday and Friday.

Local people hope to interest the Georgia visitors in improving the highways leadings to principal Georgia cities.

#### Schools To Have Special Drive For Old Clothes

H. G. Elkins, chairman of the old clothing collection here, states that to date approximately 1,500 pounds have been contributed, and trucks will pick up more this week. If anyone has been overlooked and the truck has not stopped at the home, a call to Mr. Elkins will bring a truck.

A concerted drive will be conducted in the schools the last two weeks of the month, states Supt. H. Bueck.

#### ALL-NIGHT SERVICE

There will be an all-night service at Mt. Carmel Church on Saturday, May 19. The public is invited, especially all preachers, announced the Rev. W. T. Smith, pastor.

#### Bank Is To Open Monday

ANDREWS — P. B. Ferebee, president of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company, has announced the opening of a branch bank at Hayesville, on next Monday. Ralph L. Smith, a native of Clay county and for a number of years connected with the Hayesville schools, will be the cashier and manager of the Hayesville branch. For the past two months Mr. Smith has been working in the Murphy branch of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

The Clay county unit of the bank will be the fourth in the chain, there being the parent bank at Andrews and branches at Murphy and Robbinsville. The original bank at Andrews was organized in 1924 with a capital stock of \$150,000. The present capital stock is \$100,000. The last published statement of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company showed it had total assets of \$3,176,585.36. W. D. Whitaker is cashier and vice president of the Andrews bank. The directors of the bank are: Percy E. Ferebee, W. T. Forsyth and Z. L. Whitaker.

The Murphy branch was opened in January 1933, and the Robbinsville branch in July, 1943. The town of Hayesville has not had a bank since 1932.



#### C O F C PRESIDENT

D. Hiden Ramsey, president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce and manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times, who has directed the plans for the visit of the Governor, member of the board of directors of Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and others here this week.



#### INSPECTS TVA DAMS

Governor R. Gregg Cherry, who is on a two-day tour of TVA power projects in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and other state officials. He will study prospects for postwar development of this area for recreational and industrial purposes.

#### Party Expected At Noon Today

Governor R. Gregg Cherry, members of the State Board of Conservation and Development, other state officials, members of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce board of directors, and representatives of the Tennessee Valley Authority will come to this section today (Thursday) for a two-day visit and inspection tour of T. V. A. power projects and lakes.

Among the visiting delegation will be D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times and president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and A. D. Rieger, property manager of the T. V. A. Chattanooga.

P. B. Ferebee, district highway commissioner, is cooperating with the Asheville Chamber of Commerce in making local arrangements. The Town of Murphy will be host to a picnic lunch at the city park at noon, and the Town of Andrews will be host at dinner at Terrace hotel in Andrews in the evening.

A short program will be presented at the Murphy picnic, when Mayor W. M. Fain will welcome the visitors; D. Hiden Ramsey will be called upon to summarize the purpose of the visit; A. D. Rieger will be asked to speak; and P. B. Ferebee will present the Governor, who will address the group.

Gov. Cherry, accompanied by members of the board of directors of the Asheville chamber of commerce, will leave by bus Thursday morning for Southwestern North Carolina, and will remain in this section through Friday.

The purpose of the trip is to study the region in which a number of big lakes recently have been created as a result of hydro-electric power developments, and to confer with local officials of the counties involve on ways and means of developing the area, taking advantage of the tourist appeal of the lakes. The section has lost much farm land and considerable in tax valuations, as a result of the power developments, and it is felt that post-war planning for the area should recognize this fact and attempt to compensate by the creation of recreational areas around the lakes. Possibly industrial development also is said to be under consideration.

The party will visit the Nantahala project of the Aluminum Company of America and will stop at Murphy for lunch. After visiting the TVA's Hiwassee power project and lake near Murphy, the governor and party will proceed to the Chatuge project, also a TVA development, stopping en route at Hayesville.

Citizens of Andrews will be hosts to the visitors at a dinner at Junaluska terrace, in Andrews, where the group will spend the night.

Friday morning the tour will head for Robbinsville to see county and town officials and members of the planning committee, with Fontana lake the next stop. Members of the group will have lunch there.

Heading back to Asheville, the party will make its final stop at Bryson City, where the citizens will be hosts at supper.

#### Park Commission To Meet Monthly

Members of the city park commission met at the town hall Tuesday afternoon and heard reports on the progress on the building of a caretaker's house.

It was voted that the first Tuesday night in each month will be the regular meeting time.

Mrs. J. D. Elrod of Greenville, S. C., spent the week-end here with her husband.

#### Lions To Sponsor Calf Sale For 4-H Work

#### Mrs. Cover To Speak At Club

Mrs. G. W. Cover, Sr., of Andrews, Cherokee county's representative, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Murphy Women's club to be held on Wednesday, April 18, at 3:15 at the home economics building. Mrs. B. W. Whitfield, American home chairman, secured Mrs. Cover for this meeting. Mrs. Cover's subject will be "Women in Public Life in North Carolina."

Mrs. Whitfield announce that all club members may invite a guest, but should notify the secretary, Mrs. C. W. Savage, by Monday, so that refreshments may be prepared for the number to attend.

#### TO PREACH SUNDAY

Rev. Freed Townsend, pastor of Shady Grove and other Baptist churches in this area, will preach at First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:30.



#### GETS PURPLE HEART

Pfc. J. K. (Tobe) Allen, son of Robert Allen and brother of Miss Marvie Allen, member of the third army who was wounded in the leg in Luxembourg, Dec. 26, 1944. The purple heart medal was sent to his sister, March 27.

Pfc. Allen has been in service since April 8, 1940, and overseas since November 25, 1943. He has two brothers in service, Pfc. William Allen wounded last year in Italy, and Pfc. Robert Allen who is confined in a hospital in England.

#### Ten Officers Are Killed In Plane

An army B-17 Flying Fortress was forced down and burned, killing the ten officers in it, on Sycamore Creek, in Tennessee, near the North Carolina line, Sunday night about 9 o'clock. The burning plane set the forest on fire, which caused an investigation revealing the tragedy. Names of the dead are not available. The bodies had not been removed from the scene Wednesday, according to local people who have visited the place.

#### Road To Be Paved

Cherokee county motorists who travel frequently to Atlanta read with interest this week the announcement that the Georgia highway commission will let contracts on April 18 for hardsurfacing two important stretches of highway connecting this section with Atlanta.

Contracts are scheduled to be let for surfacing 2.82 miles of the Blue Ridge-Murphy highway, beginning at State Route 2; and surfacing 4.87 miles of the Blue Ridge-Blairsville road beginning at Union county line, both roads being in Fannin county.