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Mrs. Darden Is Added To Faculty

ANDREWS—Mrs. Mary Boone Darden has been elected as a member of the Andrews elementary faculty. Mrs. Darden will take over the seventh grade section which has been taught by Miss Ruth Barnard who was also part-time librarian. Miss Barnard will give her full-time to library work in the elementary school.

Mrs. Darden holds her A certificate and has her A. B. degree from Greensboro college, Greensboro. She has two majors—one in History and one in Mathematics. During her senior year Mrs. Darden was assistant instructor in the Mathematics department. She was also active in the Mathematics club and the Irving Literary society.

Hayden Collins

Hayden Collins, 59, died early Sunday morning, January 11, at his home near Isabella, Tenn., after an extended illness. He was a life long resident of Isabella. He was a Veteran of World War I, and by trade was a skilled workman in repairing clocks and watches, cabinet making, and as a photographer.

He was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin Collins and is survived by three sisters, Misses Mary, Bessie and Maude Collins, and two brothers, Arthur and Zaer Collins.

Funeral services were held in the Mine City Baptist church with the Rev. G. W. Craig and Cecil Atchley officiating.

Interment was in the Ducktown cemetery.

Officers Attend Board Meeting

ANDREWS—Mrs. R. H. Foard, District Chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary of Murphy, and Mrs. Tom Hay of the Andrews Woman's Auxiliary attended an Executive Board meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Asheville Presbyterian held in the Grqene Room at the S & W Cafeteria on Monday of this week.

Leadership Conference Held

ANDREWS—The 1948 Association Leadership Conference of the Baptist W. M. U. was held at the Baptist church here on Thursday, January 22.

Mrs. C. T. Almond, president, presided. Mrs. Carl West led in the devotionals after which a prayer period was observed.

Miss Ruth Provence, State W. M. U. executive Secretary from Raleigh, gave a presentation of the 60th Anniversary Plans and Goals.

After the lunch hour a round table discussion was held. Approximately twenty-five members attended the meeting.

Wm. R. Shope

William Rufus Shope, 85, died Wednesday night at his home in the Mountain Creek section of Graham county.

Born in Macon county, he moved to Graham county 12 years ago.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11 a. m. at Mountain Creek Baptist church, with the Rev. Henry Jenkins and the Rev. W. M. Rogers officiating. Burial was in the Old Mother church cemetery.

Townson funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are the widow; three sons, Robert V., David, and Edward, all of Robbinsville; two brothers, James Shope, of Waynesville, Thomas of Robbinsville; one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Rickman of Tennessee, six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Principals Attend N. C. E. A. Meeting

ANDREWS—Frank Walsh, principal of the Marble school, and Boyd B. Robinson, principal of the Andrews elementary school, returned Sunday to Andrews from Raleigh where they attended a meeting of the local NCEA unit presidents and the chairmen of the local NCEA unit legislative committees for a discussion on asking the governor to call a special session of the General Assembly to consider the emergency needs in education caused by the increasing costs of living and operational expenses of the schools.

The presidents and legislative chairmen, unanimously, went on record as favoring the calling of a special session and the governor is being notified of this action.

Andrews Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Zala Adams and son, Gudge Adams, recently returned from a trip to St. Petersburg, Fla., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Adams' son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Adams and young son, Stevie.

Boyd B. Robinson, representing the Andrews school and Frank Walsh, representing the Marble school, attended a meeting of the North Carolina Education Association held in Raleigh last week.

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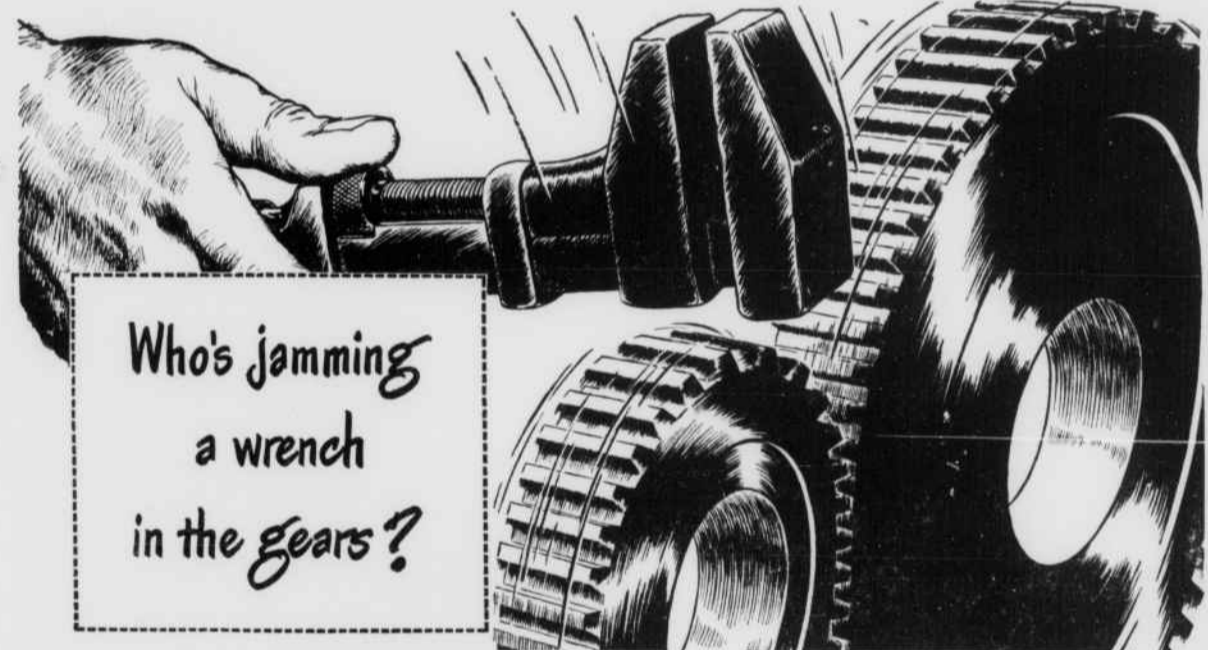
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3 Unions Block Labor Peace—Refuse Wage Boost Already Accepted by 19 Other Railroad Unions!

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Switchmen's Union of North America, representing 125,000 railroad employees, have refused to accept the offer of the Railroads of a wage increase of 15 1/2 cents an hour.

This is the same increase awarded 1,000,000 non-operating employees by an arbitration board in September, 1947.

This is the same increase accepted by 175,000 conductors, trainmen and switchmen by agreement on November 14, 1947.

Agreements have been made with 1,175,000 employees, represented by nineteen unions. But these three unions, representing only 125,000 men, are trying to get more. They are demanding also many new working rules not embraced in the settlement with the conductors and trainmen.

Incidentally, the Switchmen's Union of North America represents only about 7% of all railroad switchmen, the other 93% being represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and covered by the settlement with that union.

What Now?

The Unions having refused to arbitrate, the Railway Labor Act provides for the appointment of a fact-finding board by the President.

The railroads feel it is due shippers, passengers, employees, stockholders, and the general public to know that throughout these negotiations and in mediation, they have not only exerted every effort to reach a fair and reasonable settlement, but they have also met every requirement of the Railway Labor Act respecting the negotiation, mediation, and arbitration of labor disputes.

It seems unthinkable that these three unions, representing less than 10 per cent of railroad

employees, and those among the highest paid, can successfully maintain the threat of a paralyzing strike against the interest of the entire country—and against 90 per cent of their fellow employees.

The threat of a strike cannot justify granting more favorable conditions to 125,000 employees than have already been put in effect for 1,175,000, nor will it alter the opposition of the railroads to unwarranted wage increases or to changes in working rules which are not justified.

A glance at the box shows what employees represented by the Engineers and Firemen make. They are among the highest paid in the ranks of labor in the United States, if not the highest.

Compare these wages with what you make!

Here is a comparison of average annual earnings of engineers and firemen for 1939 (pre-war) and 1947. Also shown is what 1947 earnings would have been if the 15 1/2 cents per hour increase, offered by the railroads and rejected by the union leaders, had been in effect throughout the entire year 1947.

Type of Employee	1939 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings with 15 1/2 Cents per Hour Added
ENGINEERS			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	\$3,966	\$6,126	\$6,757
Road Passenger	3,632	5,399	6,025
Road Freight (Through)	3,147	4,684	5,169
Yard	2,749	4,081	4,539
FIREMEN			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	2,738	4,683	5,263
Road Passenger	2,732	4,544	5,165
Road Freight (Through)	2,069	3,460	3,891
Yard	1,962	3,136	3,553

Railroad wages computed from Interstate Commerce Commission Statement M-300. Full year 1947 estimated on basis of actual figures for first eight months.

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