

WNCAC To Meet Here In July

Western North Carolina Associated Communities, representing 11 counties, meeting last Thursday in Bryn City, voted to hold its next meeting which will be in July, in Murphy. Invitation was extended by the Murphy Chamber of Commerce President W. M. Davis, who stated that he wished to provide an opportunity for the members to see Hiwassee State Park a project that has had the backing of the organization.

Percy B. Ferebee of Andrews, president of WNCAC, presided. Several from Andrews and the following from Murphy attended: W. M. Davis, C. R. Freed and Miss Addie Mae Cooke.

Book On Infant Care Available

Mothers and prospective mothers of Cherokee county have been invited by C. Parker Persons, regional director of the U. S. Department of Commerce in Atlanta, to communicate with that office should they wish a copy of the Federal Government's "best seller" book entitled "Infant Care."

To date, some 5,000,000 copies of the book have been distributed. It is the work of the Children's Bureau of the Federal Security Agency, and it sells for 15 cents. It represents the experiences of doctors, nurses, nutritionists, psychologists and parents on the care of infants.

The Commerce Department in Atlanta is also taking orders for the Federal Government's books on the evils of communism, which are among the ten best selling publications issued by Uncle Sam. They are called "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Labor," which has been selling at the rate of 2,000 a week, "100 Things You Should Know About Communism in the United States," 7,500 of which were sold in February, "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion," "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Government," and "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Education." Some 25,000 copies of the last-named book were sold at the first printing.

Mr. Persons suggested that Cherokee countians communicate with the U. S. Department of Commerce, Post Office Box 1595, Atlanta, for information as to the sales prices of the books on communism and to obtain the books themselves.

75 Clubsters In Electric Contest

More than 75 4-H Club boys and girls of Cherokee County have entered the Better Methods Electric Contest. This contest is sponsored locally by the Nantahala Power and Light company and nationally by Westinghouse Educational foundation.

The purpose of the contest is to improve ways of doing jobs on the farm by use of electricity.

County winners, one boy and one girl, will receive an expense-paid trip to the 4-H Club Electric Congress in Raleigh in October, 1949. Winners in the district composed of Swain, Cherokee, Graham, Jackson and Macon counties will be awarded \$100 college scholarships with second place prizes of \$50 gold watches. The State winner will be awarded a free trip to National 4-H Club congress in Chicago.

W. W. Sloan of the Nantahala Power and Light Company is assisting the local farm agents in conducting this contest. Mr. Sloan recently assisted with a series of demonstrations of better lighting in which the following 4-H Club members participated:

Jimmy McCombs and Sally Belle Ferguson of the Peachtree club; Joe Anderson and Yvonne Green of the Ranger club; Dorothy Shields and Franklin Martin of the Murphy club; and Evelyn Reid of Hiwassee Dam club, assisted by Mr. Sloan in the absence of Marvin Hawkins, who was absent from school due to illness.

Howard Lovinggood Graduates Apr. 22

Howard Lovinggood, Seaman Apprentice, United States Navy, presently attending Radioman School at the United States Naval Training Center, San Diego, California, under the High School Graduate Training Program, will graduate on April 22.

Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lovinggood, live at 102 Proctor Street in Murphy. Mr. Lovinggood is the proprietor of the Acme Hardware Store here. His son may best be remembered as the operator of the Radio Repair Shop in conjunction with Acme Hardware.

When Howard was contacted he stated, "I think that the education and trade training that I am receiving in the Navy will be of great benefit to me when I return to civilian life."

Andrews Finals To Be Held On Friday, May 27

ANDREWS—Supt. I. B. Hudson of the Andrews schools has announced the closing of the present term on May 27. Commencement exercises will begin on Sunday, May 22, when the annual commencement sermon will be heard in the school auditorium. On Friday, May 27, at 10 o'clock graduating exercises for the eighth grade will be held under the direction of Principal Boyd B. Robinson.

Final graduating exercises will be held on the evening of the 27th, when diplomas will be awarded to approximately 35 graduates. The commencement address will be made by Senator L. B. Nichols. Mr. Nichols was for many years chairman of the Andrews school board.

The senior play will be given sometime before the last week of school.

21,440 Licenses Issued In March

A total of 21,440 licenses were issued to drivers in North Carolina during March, the Department of Motor Vehicles announces.

Net revenue from the issuance of these licenses was \$36,862.45.

Of the number issued, 18,906 were operators' licenses, 2,416 of which were duplicate operators' licenses issued to persons who had either lost or misplaced their original licenses; 922 were original chauffeurs' licenses, and 96 were duplicate chauffeurs' licenses.

Original operators' licenses brought in \$34,078.35, duplicate operators' licenses, \$117.10, original chauffeurs' licenses, \$1,563.50 and duplicate chauffeurs' licenses, \$41.50.

Mrs. J. D. Piercy Taken At Age 82

Mrs. J. D. Piercy, 82, died in her home at Andrews at 7 a. m. Tuesday.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. in Andrews funeral building with the Rev. Weldon West and the Rev. C. C. Washam officiating. Burial was in Andrews cemetery with Ivie funeral home in charge.

Mrs. Piercy had been a member of the Methodist church for approximately 60 years.

Surviving are two sons, Sidney and Donald of Andrews; five daughters, Mrs. Carrie Tabor and Mrs. Lee Hancock of Murphy; Mrs. Laura Hogan of Hayesville; Mrs. Tibbie White and Mrs. Mary Shields of Andrews; four brothers, Henry, Walter and Burt Tatham of Andrews, and Will Tatham of Greenville, S. C.; 29 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spencer are spending several days in Atlanta this week.



LOVINGOOD'S SHIP IN DISPLAY—The items in the above display at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California, were made by Sailors on the station at the Base Hobby Shop during their leisure hours.

The ship in the center background was made by Howard Lovinggood, Seaman Apprentice, United States Navy, who lives at 102 Proctor Street in Murphy.

P.-T.A. To Elect Officers Friday

Mrs. W. A. Hoover, president of Murphy P.-T. A., has called a special meeting of the P.-T. A. for Friday afternoon of this week at 2:30 at Primary school building. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, so that some of them may attend the state P.-T. A. meeting next week in Greensboro.

The regular meeting of the organization will be held next Monday night at 7:30 at the Primary building and the program will be on "Music," states Mrs. Hoover.

Hamilton Bros. Starting New Poultry Business

Hamilton Bros. Livestock auction at Andrews, which has been in operation for the past four years, has discontinued auction sales and is making arrangements to house several thousand high-grade pullets for the egg market.

The last sale of livestock was held Monday, and remodeling of the auction barn is already under way.

Since Hamilton Bros. started this type of business in Andrews, approximately 28,000 head of cattle, amounting to \$3,500,000 have been run through their market. Besides having this amount of money circulated throughout Cherokee and surrounding counties, this type of business has educated farmers in this section on the current market prices and valuation of their livestock.

Private buying and selling of livestock will be continued.

This new poultry center will be one of the largest in Western North Carolina.



COMMANDER—Mrs. George C. Marshall, charming wife of America's distinguished war leader and former Secretary of State, who has joined the ranks of red sword volunteers in the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Marshall has been commissioned honorary state commander. Announcement of the commission was made by Mrs. George E. Marshall, Mount Airy, executive vice-president and commander of the North Carolina Division since 1941.

Visiting Team To Confer Degrees For Local Masons

Cherokee Lodge in Murphy will be host to the West Asheville Masonic Degree team and Montgomery Lodge of Ranger Saturday night, April 30.

Members of other lodges are expected and invited to attend. It is believed that several members of the John Rasher Lodge of Atlanta, Ga., will be present.

The West Asheville team will confer degrees for Montgomery Lodge at this time.

Eastern Star ladies of Murphy chapter will serve supper to the visiting Masons and all local Masons who wish to attend for the meal.

Murphy Girls On Programs At Young Harris

The Schubert Music club of Young Harris college gave a recital April 15. Miss Dorothy Palmer of Murphy and Ruth Terry played piano duets "A Mozart Melody," "Dance of the Hour" by Ponchielli, "On Wings of Song" by Mendelssohn, and "Bug-A-Boogie."

Miss Sarah King of Murphy, also, had a part on the program in a double piano duet, "Country Gardens," an English folk dance.

The Schubert Music club under the direction of Mrs. Walter Downs, music teacher, will present an operetta, "The Red Mill," in May. Misses Mary Francis Axley, Dorothy Palmer and Sarah King will take part. These three Murphy girls are also on the news staff of the college paper, The Enotah Echoes.

Attend Youth Conference

E. H. Brumby and Ben Vaught took a group of young people of the Presbyterian church to a Youth Conference at Weaverville Monday.

Those attending were: Carolyn Alexander, Carol Sue Vaught, Susie Miller, Mary Bolan and Ida Brumby, Mary Lou Gordon, Gordon Darnell, Kenneth McCall and James Smith.

Luther Gibson

Luther Gibson, 52, died at his home at Hiwassee, Ga., Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock following a long illness. Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a. m. at Bethabara church in Clay county, with Townson funeral home in charge.

He is survived by: His wife; four sons, Jim, Earl, Lloyd and Harold; two daughters, Orene and Carol Jean.

Carolyn Smith Chosen For Study In Europe

Employment In County Increases 2.6 Per Cent

An all-time high in non-agricultural employment in North Carolina was reached in the third quarter of 1948, in which the average employment covered by the State's Employment Security Law reached 651,369 workers a net gain of 5.52 percent, or 34,080 workers in the third quarter of 1947. A decline of 43c in the average weekly wage, from \$41.90 in the second quarter to \$41.47 in the third quarter, is shown.

Cherokee County, in the third quarter of 1948, had 1,065 covered workers employed, a gain of 2.60 percent from the second quarter. They received quarterly wages of \$393,269, an average weekly wage of \$27.80. Broken down into major classifications, employment, quarterly wages and average weekly wages in this county follow:

	W	QW	AWW
Construction	4	\$ 773	\$14.87
Manufacture	572	207,019	27.84
Trans. & Comm.	13	7,450	
Trade	266	99,617	
Fin. Ins. Real Est.	19	12,106	
Service & other	191	66,304	

These figures are included in the quarterly report of Hugh M. Raper, director of the Bureau of Research and Statistics, to Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the Employment Security Commission. Even with the decline in employment in the past few months, the conclusion is reached that employment now is as high as it had ever been in the State prior to 1948. The third quarter gain was attributed in part to the increase in seasonal employment in processing leaf tobacco, to which is also attributed, in part, the decline in average weekly wage.

In the 25 Mountain Area counties average employment declined less than one percent (0.73) from the second quarter. In manufacture the decline was 2.79 percent but this was largely absorbed by gains in the service group. In 36 counties of the Piedmont area employment increased 1.75 percent, while in manufacture the increase was only 0.3 percent. In the Coastal area the gain was 7.43 percent over the second quarter, due almost entirely to seasonal tobacco operations.

Construction employment reached its post-war peak in the third quarter of 1948, 8.18 percent above the second quarter. Manufacture showed a decline of 1.16 from the second quarter. Transportation, communication and public utilities reached an all-time high, while trade and finance, insurance and real estate showed substantial gains. Service industries gained slightly.

Miss Maudie B. Witt spent the week-end in Greensboro with Miss Elizabeth Ann Elkins. She attended the Moravian Easter services in Winston-Salem with a group of college girls from W. C. U. N. C. who chartered a bus for the trip.



YOUNGSTERS' DEPARTMENT—To encourage children to start savings accounts at the bank, and do their own banking, Citizens Bank and Trust Company has opened a Junior Savings department. A teller's cage, painted green, small enough for the youngsters to reach easily, has been installed and is operated on Saturdays. Shown above are: Mrs. Charles Shytle, teller, and Rosalie Harriett Hyde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hyde, customer.



GOES TO EUROPE—Miss Carolyn Smith of Andrews, who has been selected as one of 27 rural youths from the United States to study farm life in Norway during the coming summer.

Revival Services At Baptist Church Go Through Sunday

Revival services are in progress at First Baptist church this week, with the Rev. J. Alton Morris doing the preaching, and Miss Moselle Moore and Mrs. J. W. Davidson in charge of the music.

Discussion groups for all departments are held each evening from 7:15 to 8 o'clock, and they are followed by the preaching service. The revival will continue through Sunday evening.

W. S. Gibson

Wiley Sullivan Gibson, 58, of Clay County, died in a Murphy hospital at 9:15 p. m. Tuesday.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. today (Thursday) in Myers Chapel, Clay county with the Rev. Mr. Davis, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery with Ivie funeral home in charge.

Surviving are the widow; Mrs. Dora Mason Gibson; three daughters, Mrs. Mae Chastain, Mrs. Cloe York and Mrs. Pearl Farmer, all of Helen, Ga.; two sons, Clyde and Claude Gibson of Hayesville; two brothers, Jim of Andrews and Will of Atlanta.

H. O. Cobb

Funeral services were held Monday at 1 p. m. in New Hope Methodist Church for Henry Oscar Cobb of Union County, Ga., who died in a local hospital Saturday. He was 63 years of age.

The Rev. Alfred Smith and the Rev. John Cook officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

He is survived by three brothers, Hayes and W. V. Cobb of Smyrna, Ga., and M. M. Cobb of Clever, Mo.; three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Evans of Ranger, Mrs. Addie Greenway of Walla Walla, Wash., and Mrs. Callie Ross of Aberdeen, Wash.

Miss Carolyn Durham Smith of Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, is one of two North Carolina 4-H club members who are looking forward to spending the summer on farms in European countries.

Miss Smith, who is now completing seven years of active 4-H club work, will go to Norway for the summer. Chosen from North Carolina also was Coyte Joseph Sigmon of Catawba, who will go to France.

These two are among 27 rural young men and women from 20 states who sail for Europe in early June as International Farm Youth Exchange students. They are selected by officials of the Agricultural Extension Service at State College.

According to L. R. Harrill, State 4-H club leader, the International Farm Youth Exchange project has been in operation for one year. Under the arrangement, American rural young people on invitation live and work with farm families in 10 European countries, and selected European rural youth are invited to share similar experiences on American farms.

Purposes of the exchange are to develop an informed junior farm leadership and give the young people an opportunity to learn first-hand something of the problems, attitudes, talents, and contributions of rural people in other countries.

Miss Smith, who was graduated last May from Andrews high school, is now a freshman in the School of Home Economics at Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and is preparing for work as a home demonstration agent.

During her seven years of club work, Miss Smith completed 78 4-H club projects in clothing, poultry, food preparation, food preservation, gardening, room improvement, home management, records, safety, wild life and better methods.

Her outstanding project work was in clothing achievement and leadership. In 1947 she was selected as county, state and national Clothing Achievement winner and received an all-expense trip to national 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, where she was awarded a \$200 scholarship. In 1948 she was chosen as one of North Carolina's delegates to National 4-H Club Camp in Washington.

Miss Smith also was declared as county, state and sectional winner in girls' leadership record, being chosen as alternate for the one national placing. A gold watch, the gift of Edward Foss Wilson, was her award.

Outstanding in her leadership activities have been her work with Junior 4-H club members, president of the county 4-H council, a member of the State 4-H Honor club and her active participation in school, church and civic affairs.

Miss Smith's mother is Andrews editor for the Cherokee Scout. Her father is a hardware salesman.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Ellis, 72

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Wednesday in Andrews funeral building for Mrs. Carolina D. Ellis, 72 who died in her home at Andrews at 4 p. m. Tuesday.

She is survived by two sons, Walter of Andrews and Theodore of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; four daughters, Mrs. Faye Dockery of Gainesville, Ga., Mrs. Mattie Hogan and Mrs. Lola Jo Hardin of Andrews, and Mrs. Flora Hardin of Gastonia; one brother the Rev. James Truett of Andrews; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Earwood of Andrews, Mrs. Jo Holloway of Rhodo, and Mrs. Bennie Moss of Marble.

Ivie Funeral home was in charge.

ATTEND FEDERATION

Mrs. T. A. Case, Miss Mary Cornwell, and Mrs. Boyd Davis are representing the Women's clubs of Murphy at the State Federation of Women's clubs in Goldsboro this week.