



## Industry To Employ 1,500 Considering Site At Marble



**COUNTY AGENT—G. H. Farley**, who is new Cherokee County agent. He was born in Kentucky, is a graduate of Berea College, of Ohio, and holds the degree, B. S. He did graduate work in N. C. State in the spring of 1939, taught agriculture at Brevard College for five years and managed a large commercial farm that specialized in livestock and commercial flowers for four years. He was assistant county agent of Transylvania and Henderson Counties for three years. He is married, has two children and is a Methodist.

### First Baptist Lists Events

First Baptist Church, the Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor, announces the program of the week. Sermon subjects are: at 11 a. m., "Working Together with God"; and at 8 p. m., "Choosing Divine Power or Human Strength".

Other Sunday services are Sunday school at 9.45, Bealton Mission service at 2.30, Deacon's meeting in pastor's study at 2.30 and Training Union at 7 p. m.

Monday at 7 p. m. Y. W. A. will meet with Miss Barbara Reid, and at 8 p. m. B. W. C. will meet with Mrs. Arden Davis. Tuesday at 7.30 is Sunday School Workers' Council Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. is Hour of Power service, and choir practices. Junior at 7 p. m. and Adult at 8.30. Thursday at 3.30 p. m. will be Primary and Junior Choir practice, with Youth choir at 7 p. m.

### Mrs. J. B. Hall Hurt In Accident

Saturday about 2 p. m., Mrs. J. B. Hall started to see her mother, Mrs. Lae-Dee Hughes at Bellview. About three miles out on Highway 64, she became ill or fainted, and the car, in which she was riding, alone, went off the road. Minutes after Ross Lovingsood came along and found her. He brought her to Murphy General Hospital where she was found to be painfully but not seriously injured. She suffered cuts above the right eye, on fingers, hands and knees, and bruises. She is resting fairly well at the Murphy General Hospital.

### Pastors, Laymen To Meet Monday

There will be an important pastors' and laymen's meeting of the West Liberty Association at Ranger Baptist Church Monday at 7.30 p. m. Inspirational message will be by the Rev. W. L. Cook, and devotions by the Rev. Grady Chastain. The associational executive committee is urged to be present.

This conference meets twice a month, Mondays after the first and third Sundays at Ranger Church. The Rev. W. T. Truett is president, and the Rev. Lester Stowe, vice-president of this conference. The work as a whole in this association is making rapid progress according to the Rev. Floyd Clark, association worker.

#### MUSICAL PROGRAM

A special musical program will be presented at First Baptist Church at Andrews Sunday at 7.30 p. m. by the Girls' Sextette and the Youth Choir.

## Governor Scott To Speak Cornerstone Laying, Andrews

### Seven Meetings Planned To Study Improving Services To Farm Families

H. B. McNabb, chairman of the Cherokee County Agricultural Mobilization committee, announces that a series of local meetings are being arranged as part of a national Family Farm Policy Review, through which the Department of Agriculture is seeking to obtain practical suggestions for improving services to family farms.

Murphy, Court House, September 4, at 9.30 a. m.; Marble, School House, September 4, at 1 p. m.; Andrews, City Hall, September 4, at 3 p. m.; Shoal Creek, Sam Robertson's Store, September 5, 10 a. m.; Hot House, McGill's Store, September 5, 2.30 p. m.; Beaverdam, Masonic Hall, September 6, 10 a. m.; Nolla, Ranger Baptist Church, September 6, at 2.30 p. m.

H. B. McNabb points out that many American farms are not at present using really up-to-date, improved methods of farming. Slow tedious hand labor still prevails in many places where modern machinery and equipment could lighten the load and bring higher returns. There are still many acres of marginal land which could be improved and returned to greater productivity through proper methods of rehabilitation and conservation. These and many similar problems will be considered in local discussions relating to the current review of farm programs and policies.

The purpose of the Family Farm Policy review, according to Mr. McNabb is to find any feasible

methods by which family farmers, who make up the bulk of the farm population, can be helped to help themselves. "Especially important," says Mr. McNabb, "is the aim of helping those who are not now producing with maximum efficiency either because of lack of know-how or lack of means, financial or otherwise. Increased production can mean increased income for many farm families. It can mean better opportunities for rural children, modern conveniences in more farm homes, fuller use of individual talents and a more satisfying life for farm families. Increased agricultural production is also important to the welfare of the nation as a whole, and this will continue to be true in the future as our population increases."

Present federal farm programs will be discussed at the local meetings with a view to obtaining recommendations for improving programs and services for farmers. Mr. McNabb urges all farm families, farm organizations, and non-farm groups, and others interested in rural life to take part in the discussions, so that a good cross-section of opinion can be obtained. Copies of a pamphlet entitled "The Family Farm's Future," further explaining the purposes of the Family Farm Policy Review and the part that local people can take in it, may be obtained from the Cherokee County Agricultural Mobilization Committee at Murphy.

## Prisoner Allegedly Molests Mrs. Tabors

Talmadge Blevins, 23, of Asheville, one of two fugitives from Peachtree Prison Camp surrendered at 7 a. m. Saturday morning in Nantahala Gorge near Hewitts. Superintendent John Hall reported.

On Friday afternoon Blevins is alleged to have entered the home of Ernest Tabors and attacked Mrs. Tabors who was washing in the kitchen. In the house was a small baby and an eleven year old son. The boy grabbed the washboard and struck Blevins and later went into another room and got a shot gun. When he entered the room Blevins fled and was not seen again until he surrendered on Saturday morning.

Mrs. Tabors was taken to Riddick Van Gorder Hospital in Andrews suffering from shock and severe cuts and bruises. She was dismissed from the hospital on Saturday night.

Blevins, who was sentenced from Fincumbe County to two to three years for assault on a female and indecent exposure, escaped from a road gang about 11 a. m. Friday near Topton, Hall said. He has been transferred to the camp at

Whittier. The second escapee, Frank S. Wright, 47, of Asheville, was reported still at large Tuesday. He was serving a six-month sentence for larceny and a 10-month term for escape. He escaped from a road gang about 3.30 p. m. Thursday and is thought to be in Tennessee, at Englewood, according to officers.

The searching party consisted of Supt. John E. Hall, guards, Pender Brendle and Arnold Kilpatrick, C. L. Proffitt, supervisor of the 10th division, sheriff departments of Graham, Swain, Jackson and Cherokee, and the State Patrol.

### First Methodist Announces Topics

"The Blessing of Work" is the 11 a. m. sermon subject chosen by Dr. Delbert Byrum Sunday at First Methodist Church. His subject for 7.30 p. m. is "One Life To Live".

Sunday School will be at 9.45 a. m. and Evening Youth meeting at 6 p. m.

## Lt. Col. John Wrinn Participates In Army Exercise Southern Pine

Right in the middle of the biggest Army-Air Force maneuvers since World War II has been John J. Wrinn, assistant county agent of Cherokee and Clay Counties for the past three years.

As Lieutenant Colonel Wrinn, he commanded the Umpire Field Headquarters on Gaddys Mountain for Exercise SOUTHERN PINES.

These maneuvers followed a plan worked out in large detail for a number of months beforehand. To the nearly 1,000 umpires went responsibility for seeing that the general plan was followed out,

as well as for judging the wins and losses in every little fight, down to those of 3-man patrols.

The umpires' reports of what was going on funneled in through the Headquarters commanded by Lt. Col. Wrinn, and fresh instructions to the umpires went out by a complicated system of telephone and teletype lines and radio communications.

(Incidentally, Gaddys Mountain wouldn't be considered a mountain in Western North Carolina. But in the mildly rolling country of the Ft. Bragg military reservation, its 534-foot height was a commanding elevation.)

Mrs. Giles W. Cover, chairman of the Andrews School Board, has announced that Governor W. Kerr Scott will lay the cornerstone for the new primary building in Andrews at 2 p. m. Wednesday, September 5. At that time the Governor will address the school children, the faculty, and the public.

Governor Scott is visiting Andrews on the invitation of the Andrews School Board, in the interest of the building program which is now under way. During his stay he will make a tour of inspection of the various buildings in the system. The Governor will be accompanied by his special assistant, Ben Roney of Raleigh.

This will be the first time a Governor of North Carolina has made an official visit to the Andrews schools since Governor Morrison was here approximately 30 years ago.

Various civic organizations are cooperating with Andrews School Board in extending courtesies to the Governor, and in making his visit a gala occasion.

Friends of public education throughout Western North Carolina are cordially invited to attend the meeting on the Andrews School grounds at 2 p. m. Wednesday, September 5.

The Andrews Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a public luncheon honoring Governor Scott at Junaluska Terrace Hotel at 12 noon. In addition to Gov. Scott, special guests at the luncheon will be Ben Roney of Raleigh, special assistant to the Governor; Percy B. Ferebee, mayor of Andrews; John E. Ruffy, Superintendent of Schools; Charles O. Frazier, principal of the Elementary School; Mrs. Giles W. Cover, chairman, and James Bryson, Harold Jenkins, W. G. McKelvey, Frank Wilhide, and Dr. C. O. Van Gorder, members of the Andrews School Board.

Space is available for only 100 persons at the luncheon. Those wishing to attend may secure tickets on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week at Whitaker Bros. Store, Nichols Department Store, and Fisher's Department Store in Andrews, and at Bryson's Filling Station in Marble. Admission to the dining room will be by ticket only and no tickets will be available after 6 p. m. Saturday.

Gordon L. Butler, President of the Andrews Chamber of Commerce will preside at the luncheon, and L. B. Nichols, vice-president, will act as toastmaster. Miss Mabel Fisher is general chairman for the luncheon.

### Hatchett's Topics Are Announced

Bryan Hatchett has announced the following subjects for his sermons Sunday at the Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m., "Not Pith Enough at 11 a. m." "Not With Eyes of the Blind Opened".

Sunday School meets at 10 a. m., and Pioneer and Youth Fellowship at 6.30. After the evening service, a fellowship hour will be held.

Mr. Hatchett is leading the singing at a revival in Franklin this week. He will lead the singing at the Hayesville revival at the Presbyterian Church which will begin Sunday, with the Rev. R. E. McClure, D. D., executive secretary of Asheville Presbytery, doing the preaching.

Mr. Hatchett's summer work here will end Sunday.

### Offices To Close For Labor Day

Since Monday is expected to be a large tourist day in Murphy, the local merchants are undecided whether they will close for Labor Day.

However, the post office, the bank, the city and county offices will be closed, to observe this national holiday.



GOV. W. KERR SCOTT

### Dr. M. P. Wichard Dies In Edenton

Mrs. William D. Townson, Jr. received a message Tuesday that her father, Dr. M. P. Wichard, died for father, Dr. M. P. Wichard, died Mr. and Mrs. Townson and son, Jerry, left Tuesday night for Edenton. He had been in bad health for some time.

Funeral services are being held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. in Edenton, and burial will be there.

Dr. Wichard for several years was district health officer for the Cherokee-Clay-Graham Health district.

He is survived by his second wife, the former Miss Willetta Evans of Edenton; a daughter, Mrs. W. D. Townson, Jr., of Murphy, and two sons, Murray of Memphis, Tenn., and Bill, who is in the army in Korea.

## State Officials Pay Visit To Lions Club

Roy Taylor, District Governor of Lions from Black Mountain, Norman Trueblood, Lions State Secretary of Elizabeth City, and Mack Brown, Lion zone chairman of Robbinsville, spoke at the meeting of Murphy Lions Club Tuesday night.

Lion President Loren C. Davis presided. He announced the following committees to serve for the fiscal year:

Attendance: H. A. Mattox, J. N. Boling, J. L. Savage, Dave Moody.

Constitution and By-Laws: C. E. Hyde, Hobart McKeever, W. M. Fain, H. Bueck.

Finance: R. M. White, Leon Fraseh, Frank Forsyth, J. W. Franklin, J. N. Boling, Harold Wells.

Membership: B. W. Whitfield, Harry Bishop, R. W. Easley, H. A. Mattox.

Program: R. Delbert Byrum, Arthur Heimrich, Mack Patton, John Davidson.

Industrial: Frank Fossett, Bud Adams, Arthur Heimrich, Leon Fraseh, J. W. Franklin.

Boys' and Girls' Work: Hubert McKeever, J. L. Savage, R. W. Easley, Peyton Ivis, E. H. Brumby.

Citizenship and Patriotism: Joe Ray, J. H. Duncan, J. R. Bell, Clee Moore.

## Peerless Textiles, Inc. To Decide Soon

Cherokee County has prospects of having another large industrial plant. Peerless Textiles, Inc., is considering locating a plant that eventually will employ 1,500 people, on a site at Marble Chambers of Commerce of Andrews and Mur-

phy, together with other interested citizens, have secured options on 140 acres of land north of Marble on the western side of U. S. 19, for the company if a decision is made to come here.

Between 200 and 300 people from various sections of the county attended a meeting at the courthouse Monday evening, to hear plans about the plant presented by Richard Mauney of the State Treasurer's office and a native of Murphy. Mr. Mauney stated that the company wants people of this county to purchase \$225,000 in accumulative preferred stock, to be used in constructing the first building. Committees from Andrews, Murphy, and Marble are this week taking pledges for the stock, which will be in denominations of \$100, \$500, and \$1,000. They are to report at a meeting to be held at Marble School Friday at 7.30 p. m.

Sam Jones and Gordon Butler of Andrews presided at the meeting. Several people who have been assisting with the preliminary plans were asked to make comments.

Mr. Mauney gave the following information about the plant: "Peerless Textiles, Inc., who recently purchased the machinery of Hardwick Woolen Mills of Cleveland, Tenn., is looking for a area such as ours to build their proposed new plant. They are interested in the Marble site.

"Four visits have been made to Cherokee County by officials of Peerless Textiles, Inc., and engineers employed by Peerless. President Lewis T. Hutcheson was here last Friday. He was favorably impressed by the plant site, the people and community, but the property was somewhat more expensive than he thought his company should pay. However, the property owners have been contacted, and have given a more favorable price.

"John L. Hutcheson, Jr., is president of Peerless Woolen Mills at Rossville, Ga., one of the largest woolen industries in the world and one of the most successful.

"The company has decided to enter into new fields of manufacturing. They plan to manufacture nylon, cotton and rayon, in addition to wool. For tax reasons they decided to operate the expansion program under the name of Peerless Textiles, Inc., with Lewis T. Hutcheson as president.

"The proposed plant at Marble would eventually employ 1,500 people with a weekly payroll of \$100,500. This averages \$67 per employee.

"The first plant will be constructed on the site of the woolen mill, 300 by 600 feet. There will be 300 people employed in this mill, and the weekly payroll will be \$20,000. The cost of this building will be \$1,000,000, and of this amount the company wants the citizens of Cherokee County to subscribe \$225,000. This would mature in five years and earn the investor six per cent. The stock will be callable on demand of the company. The woolen mill should be in operation by January 1, 1953. Other mills, including ones for nylon, tectron, and cotton, and also one for finishing would be built in succeeding years."

Mr. Mauney explained that Peerless would employ about 60 per cent men and 40 per cent women. Comparing this with the Berkshire and Duffy mills that already are located in the county, he said the latter two will employ about 90 per cent women.

He pointed out that the labor survey recently made in this section showed that there is ample labor to supply all three mills. The first two will be in operation a year before Peerless, and therefore will have employed the necessary labor before Peerless will employ any.

Mr. Mauney stated that he believes Peerless will make a definite decision on where the plant is to locate within the next month. Four sites, three of them in other states, are being considered.

### Fall At Trestle Results In Injury To Mrs. Garrett

Tuesday about 8.30 p. m., a call came to Townson Funeral Home to go with an ambulance to the bridge across Hiwassee River at the L. & N. Railroad station. Lloyd Ramsey who lives near the station, heard a cry for help and went out and found Mrs. Bessie Garrett hanging on the trestle about eight or ten feet from the end.

It seems that she had started from her home on Mrs. Evans' place to a house near the Southern station and thought she would take a short cut by crossing the trestle. She had fallen between the ties and had broken both bones in her left leg, below the knee. Wade Ricks, Ramsey and others carried her to the walk way that leads to the trestle, and then to the ambulance. She was brought by Ricks to Murphy General Hospital where she was reported Wednesday to be resting very well.

## Offer Three Books In Training School

The Murphy Area Training School for Christian Workers will be held at First Methodist Church, Murphy, September 3-6. The school is held annually and is made possible by the Methodist churches of Clay, Cherokee, and Graham Counties in conjunction with the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference. Participating churches are as follows: Andrews, Hayesville, Murphy, Murphy Circuit, Robbinsville, and Shooting Creek.

The courses to be offered and the instructors for the respective courses are as follows: "Teaching Children in the Church School", a course for workers with and parents of children, by Mrs. Robert E. Early of Highlands, "The

Teachings of Jesus", a course for young people, by the Rev. C. Edward Roy, Brevard College, Brevard, "A Faith For Today", a general course for adults, by the Rev. Thad McDonald, Black Mountain.

The activities of the Training School will begin with a devotional period at 7.30 p. m. Class sessions will be held from 7.50 until 9.30 p. m. Devotional speakers are as follows: Monday: the Rev. Thad McDonald; Tuesday: Mrs. Robert E. Early; Wednesday: the Rev. C. Edward Roy; Thursday: the Rev. C. A. Smith.

There was a good response to the school last year, and it is anticipated that the attendance this year will be even better, states the Rev. Delbert Byrum, host pastor.