

Snowfall In Area Stops Electricity And Communications

Service Mostly Back To Normal

A heavy, wet snow Saturday night plunged parts of Murphy and Andrews into darkness and without phone service when wire poles and trees, heavy with snow, fell and brought wires down.

Two Murphy men, Ben Warner and his son, Ralph, suffered serious injuries when they were

struck by a falling tree during the snow fall.

The father is suffering from a broken back and ribs torn from his chest. He also received lacerations. Ralph is being treated for a broken ankle.

The power failure threw many residents of Murphy without heat or cooking power. Crowds flocked to local restaurants for Sunday breakfast and dinner.

Town Clerk "Buster" Bayless said repair crews started working

on power lines Saturday night. All service was restored Sunday afternoon or night. Expect for an interruption Tuesday morning in the business section.

Meanwhile, some 13 crews were called out Saturday night to start work on the telephone lines. R. E. McKeivey, vice president and general manager of the western division of Western Carolina Telephone Co., said.

Approximately 150 phones were out in Murphy and some 100 in Andrews. Mr. McKeivey

said his crews in Murphy concentrated on long distance lines first and service on most long distance started again Monday night and Tuesday.

John Manthey of the local Hydraulic Data Division of TVA reported, the average snow on the ground Sunday was two and a half inches with an additional small amount falling Sunday.

He said it was an extremely wet snow equalling 1.66 inches of precipitation. A dry snow of that

amount would have equalled 16 inches, Mr. Manthey said.

TVA's communication system of radios was out of order during the storm. Mr. Manthey said, but he stayed in contact with the central office in Knoxville through his own amateur radio set at home.

Mr. Manthey handled messages out of Murphy for people during the days long distance lines were out. He had contact with all major towns nearby as well as with 35

amateur stations standing by in North Carolina.

Tuesday, he got a message through to Atlanta, Ga., for a salesman who wanted information about his sick wife.

As most folks noted there have been some mighty cold temperature readings during the last couple of days.

Mr. Manthey, in his weekly review, said the coldest mercury reading was yesterday morning when the thermometer went down

to 14 degrees.

Highest temperature for the week came at 11 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, with a high of 56 degrees.

Coldest day was Tuesday when the maximum got only to 43 degrees at 1 a. m. After that hour, the mercury started dropping immediately with the highest reading during daylight on Tuesday at 36 degrees.

The mercury started its fall until it hit the low 14 degrees yesterday morning.

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TRADE AT HOME; IT PAYS

The Cherokee Scout

PROMOTING MURPHY AND ANDREWS

MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1953

KEEP YOUR MONEY IN YOUR COMMUNITY

EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Strong Murphy Squad Continues In Tournament

"Col." Bayless Dies Following Illness

Luke Edward Bayless, 84, one of Murphy's oldest citizens, died at 5 a. m. Wednesday following a few weeks' illness.

Mr. Bayless was a native of Limestone, Tennessee having come to Murphy in 1900. He was president of the Old Murphy Bank for 40 years, and for a number of years was engaged in the insurance business until his retirement two years ago.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Virginia Fleming of Asheville, two sons, William E. Bayless of Weaverville and John H. Bayless of Murphy; two sisters, Mrs.

Murphy's Champion Squad



Champions of the western division of the Smoky Mountain Basketball Conference, Murphy's squad plays Hayesville tonight in the conference tournament at Bryson City. Members of the championship team are: 1st row, left to right: Edwin Hendrix, guard; Edward Lovingood, guard; Randall Shields, center; Ray Amos, forward; Carlos Hall, forward; Lyle Carringer, forward, and Coach "Ike" Olson. 2nd row, left to right are Scott Laney, mgr.; Tommy Gentry, forward; Birder Coffey, guard; Dallas Hall, guard; Daniel Hendrix, forward; Jimmy McCombs, guard, and Bobby Stiles, forward.

Team Seeded Second Place For Class AA Playoff

The Murphy boys basketball squad takes the court at 7 p. m. today against Hayesville in Bryson City when the Smoky Mountain Tournament goes into its second round.

A rather sluggish, over-confident Murphy team last Friday was able to spark just at the right times to beat underdog Stecoah, 64-43, in the first games of the tournament.

Hayesville drew a bye during that session and automatically faces Murphy tonight.

If Murphy gets by Hayesville tonight they will go into the semi-finals against Cherokee or Bryson City. Dopesters have Murphy and Bryson City winning their tilts tonight.

If the guess proves correct, Murphy will see action against Bryson City at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow.

The winner of that tilt will go into the finals against the winner of the other series of games. The experts believe that Franklin, winners of the eastern division of the conference, will go into the finals.

Besides taking the western division championship, Murphy was honored in the last AA playoffs at Enka by being seeded second by the playoff committee.

The strong Hendersonville Bearcats, defending state champions, was seeded first spot.

The tilts will be staged March 2, 3 and 4 at Enka with Murphy playing the winner of the Bryson City-Canton game at 8:30 p. m. March 3.

Andrews Baptists Call Rev. John C. Corbitt

The Rev. John C. Corbitt of Highlands will assume the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Andrews the latter part of March according to announcement made today by Lee Pullium, chairman of the pulpit committee.

Gets Thanks From Prexy

A Christmas gift to the new First Lady brought forth a personal letter from the President for Murphy's Mrs. Leila Dickey recently.

Mrs. Dickey crocheted frocks for two dolls, dressed the dolls and mailed them to Mrs. Eisenhower for Christmas. A thank you note came the next month, mailed on Inauguration Day, although it had been written from the Commodore Hotel in New York.

The reply was written on the President's gold initialed personal stationery and now rests in the frame in which Mrs. Dickey placed it.

The letter, signed in the familiar handwriting of Mr. Eisenhower, reads:

Dear Mrs. Dickey:

The two golden haired, beautifully dressed dolls completely captivated Mrs. Eisenhower.

We both thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending this charming gift.

Sincerely,
Dwight D. Eisenhower

The dolls dressed, one in pink and the other in blue, were named "Miss Tarheel" and "Miss Empire State" by the sender, an Eisenhower supporter from the beginning.

J. B. Hall Dies In Andrews Hosp.

Funeral services for J. B. Hall, 83, prominent citizen of Marble, will be held this afternoon at 2:30 at Marble Baptist Church.

Mr. Hall died at an Andrews Hospital Tuesday evening following a brief illness.

He was a retired Railway Section Foreman, well known throughout Western North Carolina, having worked for the railroad about 50 years. He was an active member of Marble Baptist Church for 35 years and was formerly Sunday School superintendent and was active in church affairs and a regular attendant until the time of his death.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. J. S. Stansberry, Rev. Nando Stevens, and Rev. A. B. Lovell and burial will be in Moss Cemetery at Marble.

Flower girls will be members of the Adult Women's Sunday School Class and pall bearers will be Wayne Edwards, Ernest Kilpatrick, Vernon Griggs, Harold Jenkins, James Bryant and Gordon Wilson.

Mr. Hall is survived by his widow, the former Miss Dovie Henry; one daughter, Mrs. James Bennett of Sylva; three sons, Ed of Canton, Vinson and Olson of Marble; and two adopted children, Mrs. James Bryson of Marble and Clyde Chambers Hall of Baltimore, Md.; also 9 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

Mauney Has "Open Mind" On State Liquor Referendum

RALEIGH—Rep. Richard P. Mauney of Cherokee County said today he has "not obligated" himself to any person or group with regard to the question of a referendum on the sale of whiskey and that he still has "an open mind" on the subject.

"When and if the matter of a state-wide referendum comes before the 1953 General Assembly and I am called upon to vote on the matter I shall do what I think is for the best interests of the people of Cherokee County and North Carolina. I have not obligated myself either way on the referendum matter and I have an open mind with regard to it," Rep. Mauney said.

The Cherokee County representative was recently selected to serve on a five member sub-committee of the House roads committee to study a bill to increase the number of State highway divisions from 10 to 15 as advocated by Gov. Umstead.

SCHOOL BUS BILL

Rep. Mauney co-introduced a bill aimed at placing the duty of purchasing school buses on the state. The present policy divides the responsibility between the counties and the state.

Under the present set-up the counties make initial purchases of buses and the state buys replacement buses.

Mauney signed a bill to amend the State Teachers and Employees Retirement Act to provide a minimum retirement allowance and pension of \$60 per month for 30 years service or \$50 for 20 years.

He also was co-introducer of a bill that would require school buses to be routed within a half mile of all school children who live a greater distance than a mile and a half from the school they are attending.

He co-signed a bill to boost by \$60 per month the pay of State Highway Patrol members. The increase would come in the form of an allowance for expenses incurred while on duty.

By request, the Cherokee solon introduced House Bill 263 to set uniform costs that may be levied by justices of the peace in this county. The costs are in line with those allowed in other counties, according to the Institute of Government, Mr. Mauney said.

The proposed new costs are \$2 for affidavit and warrant for one defendant; 50 cents for each additional defendant; \$2 for trial and judgment; and 50 cents for each witness.

At Rep. Mauney's request, the Governor's office appointed H. P. Leatherwood of Murphy as a justice of the peace in Cherokee County to succeed the late Fred Bates, also of Murphy.

Bloodmobile Gets 121 Pints Of Blood Here



LUCKY 13—H. A. Mattox of Murphy proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that he is not superstitious when the Bloodmobile came here Friday, the 13th. Mr. Mattox showed up at the Bloodmobile on that "unlucky" day and gave a pint of blood, the 13th time he has donated blood to the Red Cross. He didn't say if he walked under a ladder on the way or saw any black cats. (Scout Photo)

The Red Cross Bloodmobile had a lucky Friday the 13th last week when it collected 121 pints of blood at Murphy after getting 118 pints at Andrews the week before.

The unit hit the two towns just after the peak of the flu plague but was able to collect close to the quota in each town.

Students from Young Harris College, people from Union County and others joined Murphy people who turned out to give blood for overseas, local use and for polio experiments.

Private citizens in and around Murphy, civic clubs and other groups turned up at the First Baptist Church where the blood was collected from noon to 6 p. m.

The Bloodmobile will be back in Murphy May 18, John Savage, chairman said.

Andrews Lions Hear Bishop Henry At Meet

A stern warning to learn more about Communism and stop "labeling" was coupled with the statement that Communism can't stand up to the truth about mankind when the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry of Asheville, bishop of the Western North Carolina Episcopal diocese, spoke at a spaghetti dinner of the Andrews Lions Club Thursday night.

Pointing out that he had been called a commie himself, the bishop warned that while name calling is done on the side actual Communism is working within.

LEARN ABOUT REDS

He asked Andrews Lions Club members and their guests to go to the library and learn as much as possible about Communism.

The greatest pitfall before us, Bishop Henry said, is fear. The only reason to fear Communism is if Communism is a better way of life than our own democracy.

Democracy, he asserted, is based on the idea that Christ is supreme and man is a mere shining being. Communism, on the other hand, he pointed out, is based on the false principle that men reach perfection in relationship with each other.

If someone disagrees with us don't label him a Red, the bishop said, while pointing out that we tend to blame everything that goes wrong on the communists. We are prone to blame difficulties on communists rather than looking at ourselves, Bishop Henry warned.

He asked the audience to stop running from Communism but to go to the library and learn its strength and its weakness.

Then, he said, tell others where the strength of Communism lies and where its weakness is.

SELFISH VIEWPOINT

Get out of the selfish viewpoint in relation to the colored race, he asserted, and look at the whole of life.

Democracy is a by-product of Christianity, Bishop Henry said. Our way of life is based on the Kingdom of God, he pointed out.

"Don't worry, stop name calling, but know where you stand," Bishop Henry concluded.

He spoke to Andrews Lions Club

members and guests from other civic clubs in Andrews. Lions Clubs from several nearby towns were represented at the "real Italian spaghetti" dinner.

Mrs. Sam W. Jones supervised the preparation of the meal which was served at the school lunch room.

Dr. Charles O. Van Gorder, club president, was in charge of the meeting. Bishop Henry was introduced by Earl Munger, club member.

Texas 'Cats Will Meet Mountaineers

Murphy's first-string boys basketball team, the Texas Bearcats, will meet the Waynesville Mountaineers here at 7:30 p. m. today.