

## People You Know

### MURPHY

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chandler will go to Chattanooga to spend Christmas with their children, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Canale and sons, Bill and Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Cooper will arrive Thursday from Atlanta to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mattox, Harry Webb and Phil.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover and children, Lennie and Becky, returned Monday from a visit with Mrs. Hoover's mother, Mrs. E. C. Sullivan in Cherryville. Dr. Hoover attended meetings at Wake Forest Saturday and Monday while away.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Maney and son, David, of Enka, are here with Mrs. Maney's sister, Mrs. Glenn Bates, and Mrs. John A. Davidson and their families till after the holidays.

Gene Bates will arrive this week from Greenville to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Branson will leave for Christmas. Guests here include Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Palmer and family of Sylva and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Simpson and family of Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cace will leave Friday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huber of Atlanta, Tenn.

Miss Emily Sward and Mrs. W. A. Brington went to Broadway Tuesday to bring Mrs. Brington's daughter, Mrs. Claude Burch, to spend the holidays with them. Mr. Burch will join them here Christmas day.

Mrs. John W. Branton of Atlanta arrived last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Ivey. Mrs. Ivey's mother, Mrs. Lona Greer of Atlanta, will come up to spend Christmas with the Iveys.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Elkins of Flushing, New York, arrived Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins.

Dallas M. Reese this week was in Asheville for a three-day short course in income tax work. The course was jointly sponsored by N. C. State College and the U. S. Department of Internal Revenue and the State Department.

### ANDREWS

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Davis had as their guests, their daughter, Mrs. Swan, Lt. Al Swan and their children, Martha and Mary Elizabeth. Dr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and son of Waynesville, Lt. Whitaker Davis of New Jersey and Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Davis of Franklin and their children.

Mrs. W. T. Holland has returned after spending the holidays in Aiken, S. C., as guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCravy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Charlotte have returned after a visit here with Mrs. Lewis' parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Almond.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor have returned to their home in Galatin, Tenn., after a visit here with Mr. Taylor's mother, Mrs. David Swan. Other guests of Mrs. Swan during the holidays were her son, Mr. John Swan, Mrs. Swan and the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Almond spent the holidays in Memphis, Tenn., as guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Payne and her family. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Glenn and children of Aiken, S. C., spent the holiday season here with their mothers, Mrs. James Glenn and Mrs. R. P. Sherrill.

Mrs. Bill Roach of Copperhill, Tenn., and her mother, Mrs. R. K. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., spent Thursday here as guests of Mrs. C. A. Brown and other friends. Mrs. Roach is the former Miss Sue Moore and resided here with her parents for a number of years. Miss Meredith Whitaker has returned after a week's stay in Baltimore and New York with relatives and friends.

Mrs. C. H. Jarrett left Sunday for Spartanburg, S. C., where she was called due to the illness of her mother, Mrs. Brown.

Dr. Lewis Adams and son, Tommy, of Lexington, Va., spent several days of last week here as guests of Dr. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sala Adams.

# Baut Heads Cherokee March Of Dimes

## Outlook For Cherokee County Optimistic In '55

### Farm Prices And Business Should Remain Steady

BY FRANK FORSYTH  
Executive Vice President,  
Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

With the turn of the year all of us start thinking about business and economic conditions, wondering if business will be better in 1955 than in 1954.

What happened to us in 1954 will directly affect us in 1955. The bank would like to greatly effect us in our forward planning, therefore, let us look backward and see what happened to Cherokee County and Southwestern North Carolina last year.

#### HARD HIT

Our farmers generally speak of 1954 as a very heavy blow. Cotton, tobacco, egg producers were hard hit. The price of hatching eggs fell to a low of 10 cents, and broilers went to the low of 16 cents per pound. Hatching eggs sold as low as 10 cents per dozen.

But milk production, which had been running far ahead of consumption in this area, suffered a severe price decline during the summer months, but picked up in the fall of 1954.

Under a new cooperative set up farmers expect to receive a better price for their milk. The key to this problem is a market for Grade "A" bottled milk. The manufactured milk prices, I think, are pretty well in line. By this I mean milk used in ice cream, cottage cheese, butter, etc. We simply must develop an outside market for our Grade "A" bottled milk and, too, housewives in this area should be made conscious of this fact so that they will buy only milk produced in this milkshed.

Beef cattle prices remain about the same with more spread for quality.

**SITUATION VARIES**

Crop by crop the situation varies, but prices paid to farmers for their crops were lower than the farmer had experienced in several years. Farm families living out was about the same, perhaps, slightly higher.

Cherokee County's farm families experienced a good fruit crop and most of them had better gardens, for table use and for canning purposes (family consumption).

Farm families paid more attention to solving their own food problems by raising their own pigs and cattle for slaughter. Canning and deep freezing methods for food preservation increased considerably.

#### FORESTRY DROP

Forest products, prices of low grade oak dropped sharply, however, the middle grade and high grade oak showed a considerable increase in price. Pine timber also showed an increase, as did most good grades of hardwoods. Pulpwood demand was down in this area, however, prices remained steady.

#### MANUFACTURING

More people are employed by manufacturing plants located in the county than ever before. The salaries and wages were higher in this area.

Employment was up three percent. Cherokee County manufacturing plants are of the type that we expect continued progress.

Berkshire Plant in Andrews is the newest and most modern plant of its kind. They expanded their operations this past year, adding employment.

The Duffy Silk Plant of Murphy also is a new modern plant, and we look for them to do quite a bit of expanding in Murphy operations in the future.

Commonwealth Lumber manufacturers a very fine quality of oak flooring. Their sales have been good, and it is expected that they will continue in a very fine operation.

Appalachian Veneer, W. D. Townson Lumber Company, Smyth, Va., is expected to be a very fine operation.

## Juniors For Superior Court Announced

The January term of Superior Court will open at the Murphy Courthouse Jan. 24 with Judge Dan R. Moore of Sylva on the bench. Clerk of Court Ellis Reid Fordland.

Juniors for the first week are: Patterson, Howassee Dam, Ernest E. Hughes, Rt. 2, Murphy; Clifford Killian, Rt. 3, Murphy; Edd Phillips, Andrews; Charles M. Pullum, Andrews; J. W. Franklin, Murphy; John Winfrey, Andrews; and F. H. Abernathy, Rt. 1.

Ernest Palmer, Andrews; Bob Mason, Toppat; John Cross, Pullum; Andrews, C. T. Mills, Rt. 3, Murphy; Lee Nix, Marble; Alex. H. Anderson, C. W. Ballard, Rt. 1, Murphy; E. L. Cook, Rt. 1, Chisholm; E. N. Allen, Rt. 1, Turtletown; Tom Burke, Wood; J. Andrews, T. A. Lovingsood, Rt. 2, Murphy; B. N. Hagan, Rt. 1, Brasstown; A. N. Whitener, Rt. 1, Murphy; Lloyd Newman, Rt. 2, Chisholm; Ted Lee, Tipton; and Hoyt Walker, Letina.

Juniors for the second week are: H. A. Berton, Murphy; Sam M. Chapp, Rt. 3, Murphy; Sidney Pherry, Andrews; Albert Brown, Andrews; N. W. Cook, Rt. 1, Copperhill; Tenn.; Arnold Stiles, Rt. 1, Marble; Joe H. Ladd, Rt. 1, Marble; and Wesley Helton, Rt. 1, Copperhill, Tenn.

Also, Jack McMillan, Murphy; George C. Breedlove, Marble; Jeff Kephart, Rt. 3, Murphy; Sam Daily, Andrews; Helen McPherson, Andrews; N. T. Penland, Rt. 2, Murphy; Ruth Reighard, Toppat; Claude Bradley, Andrews; J. S. Keener, Rt. 1, Marble; and J. R. Thompson.

## ALCOA Scholarships Available In '55

The ALCOA Foundation College Scholarship award program for children of employees of Nantahala Power and Light Company will be continued in 1955, it was learned this week from J. M. Archer, Jr., president of the company.

Determination of the 1955 winner for this award will be made by the combined Selection Boards of the two Alcoa works, Nantahala Power and Light Company's Selection Board is composed of Chairman Ralph Smith, Franklin W. G. Crawford, Franklin D. Paul, Reid Cullowhee, L. W. Black, Bryson City; L. B. Nichols, Andrews; and W. H. Flake, Robbinsville.

Forest products, prices of low grade oak dropped sharply, however, the middle grade and high grade oak showed a considerable increase in price. Pine timber also showed an increase, as did most good grades of hardwoods. Pulpwood demand was down in this area, however, prices remained steady.

Manufacturing More people are employed by manufacturing plants located in the county than ever before. The salaries and wages were higher in this area.

Employment was up three percent. Cherokee County manufacturing plants are of the type that we expect continued progress.

Berkshire Plant in Andrews is the newest and most modern plant of its kind. They expanded their operations this past year, adding employment.

The Duffy Silk Plant of Murphy also is a new modern plant, and we look for them to do quite a bit of expanding in Murphy operations in the future.

Commonwealth Lumber manufacturers a very fine quality of oak flooring. Their sales have been good, and it is expected that they will continue in a very fine operation.

Appalachian Veneer, W. D. Townson Lumber Company, Smyth, Va., is expected to be a very fine operation.

## Seamons Lease 2 WNC Hotels

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seamons of the New Regal Hotel, this week announced they have taken over leases on two other Western North Carolina hotels.

The Seamons will manage the Skyland Hotel at Franklin and the Carolina Hotel at Sylva. Both hotels will be open to the public January 15. Mr. Seamons said.

## Murphy Boys Win Over Hiawassee

The Murphy High School boys basketball squad ended an eight game winning streak for Hiawassee, 74 to 62 victory.

The Murphy girls lost to the Georgia girls 37 to 35.

The game was Murphy's fourth win with no losses. Buddy Stines, Eddie Jo Elliott and Bobby Phillips took four each. Hoyt Zimmerman and Fred Van Horn rounded out the scoring with three and two. Captain for the game was Pearl Johnson with 12 and Jimmy McCombs with nine.

Bobby Stines got eight points, Eddie Jo Elliott and Bobby Phillips took four each. Hoyt Zimmerman and Fred Van Horn rounded out the scoring with three and two. Captain for the game was Pearl Johnson with 12 and Jimmy McCombs with nine.

High scorer for Murphy in the girls game was Kathrene Gentry with 13 points. Other scorers were Alice Lovingsood with nine and Betty Palmer, seven.

Three of Murphy's first string girls were out due to illness, the coach said.

#### NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

A New Years Eve party was held Friday evening at 7:30 in the recreation room at the Andrews First Baptist Church. Three films were shown, "Grandma Moses," "French Morocco" and "Don't Be Angry." The program started with songs and a devotional period. Representatives were served as the group saw the old year out and the new year in. The party was sponsored by the Sunday School Department.

## Toastmasters Hold Meeting

The newly formed Murphy Toastmasters club met in the Regal Hotel December 8 for a regular meeting.

Asmond Maxwell, toastmaster, presided. Some 20 members have joined the club which has a limited membership of 30.

Anyone interested in the club is invited to attend the next meeting January 13 in the New Regal Hotel. The meeting starts at 6:30 p. m.

Mr. Maxwell said Toastmasters International has granted the Murphy club a charter which will be received officially during the next luncheon in February.

## Turkish Tobacco To Be Explained Here

Farmers in Cherokee and Clay counties will be given an opportunity this year to increase their farm income by growing aromatic Turkish tobacco. H. H. Farley, county agent, said.

The advance in the knowledge in growing and handling of Turkish tobacco has now made it a very attractive crop for families on small farms, he said.

Several years ago a work a farmer and three or four women and children to handle a quarter acre of this tobacco, the agent pointed out. Now with the new methods of handling and curing one man and two small children should be able to grow and cure an acre.

Right now market for this tobacco is practically unlimited. The tobacco companies want 80,000,000 pounds. The supply in this county is now only 200,000 pounds. There is no acreage allotment and no marketing penalties. Several farmers have been growing this tobacco just across the Blue Ridge around Walhalla, S. C., and Clemson College. They report an average production of 1,000 to 1,500 pounds per acre. The average

#### W. N. C. ASSOCIATIONAL MEET

Deacons and preachers of the Western North Carolina Baptist Association will meet in the Andrews First Baptist Church January 15 for a supper meeting at 7 p. m. Principal speaker will be Horace Eason. Prior to the supper preachers will meet at 5 p. m.



ROBERT S. BAUT  
Drive Chairman

## Kick-Off Meet Set For Friday

The 1955 Cherokee County March of Dimes will get underway here Monday with Robert S. Baut as general chairman for the drive. Baut this week announced a meeting for all drive chairmen and workers Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the school library in the new high school building.

The drive committee chairmen are: Mrs. Ed Wood, Jr., Mrs. Ruth Starr, Pullum, co-chairmen for the drive in Andrews; Harry Bishop, special gifts; Frank Forsyth, business and labor; Mrs. S. C. Burgess, Mothers March and house to house solicitation; H. Bueck, Lloyd Hendrix, Glenn Patton, John Jordan, Mrs. Jack Pison, schools.

Also Roy Fuller, Roscoe Wilkins, co-chairmen of coin collectors; James C. Howe, promotion and advertising; R. W. Easley, Jr., clubs and organizations; Preston Brum, theaters; C. K. Olson, sports and special events; and Mrs. W. V. Costello, publicity.

Mr. Baut is a local building contractor and the father of one child, Sally, who is a polio victim. Sally, now nine years old, contracted polio at the age of two. She is in the third grade at Murphy School.

At present Sally is at Warm Springs, Ga., for treatment. She has been at the Polio Foundation for some three weeks and will remain for at least 10 weeks. She has undergone one operation on her leg and will have another shortly. She is reported to be doing nicely.

Mrs. Baut was with her daughter at Warm Springs for two weeks and Mr. Baut was there for a week.

Mr. Baut, who is familiar with the work of the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis said that "everyone should certainly visit Warm Springs and see the working of the foundation. Then contributions to the March of Dimes would pour in easily."

Permanent officers of the Cherokee County Chapter for Infantile Paralysis are: J. Doyle Burch, chairman; Ty Burnett, vice chairman; Mrs. Frank Ellis, secretary; Josh Gill, treasurer; executive Mrs. R. S. Baut; Bob White, Mrs. Frank Ferguson; medical advisory committee, Dr. C. O. Van Gorder, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Mrs. W. A. Hoover; woman's committee, Mrs. Choe Moore; education committee, Lloyd Hendrix; publicity, Mrs. W. V. Costello.

All the above workers will attend the meeting Friday at the school.

## Dickey Freight Line Still Seeking Chattanooga Route

Petition has just been filed by the attorney for Dickey Freight Line Inc. with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington requesting the Commission to further consider authorizing direct motor freight service between Murphy and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Several proceedings and hearings have been held in the past asking the institution of such service, but as yet it has not been granted. Many of the shippers and receivers of freight both at Murphy and Chattanooga are disturbed about the Commission's refusal to grant authority for the service proposed to be rendered, the freight line asserted.

In June, 1952, the Tennessee Valley Authority and several citizens from Murphy, Andrews, and Chattanooga were witnesses at a hearing at Chattanooga as to the need for the Murphy-Chattanooga route.

The Commission turned it down. Another hearing was held in Nashville, Tenn., in December, 1953. It was also turned down.

The current petition filed by Blaine Buchanan, of Chattanooga, attorney for Dickey, asks that the Commission's decision, of Nov. 8, 1954, be reconsidered and Dickey

be granted the right to render daily service between Murphy and Chattanooga.

Wilson W. Palmer of Murphy, president of Dickey, stated that the freight line had been rendering service to and from Knoxville for several years.

A little over a year ago it purchased a franchise to extend its routes to Atlanta. It is now rendering regular service to Atlanta. Because of many requests for similar service to Chattanooga, the Dickey line is owned by J. M. Armstrong, Jr., of Chattanooga, on May 13, 1953, filed application with the Interstate Commerce Commission seeking the extension of its franchise to Chattanooga, the company said.

Mr. Palmer cited that such authority, if granted would afford direct motor carrier service from Chattanooga to Murphy and to numerous points on Dickey's present routes such as Marble, Toppat, Andrews, Robbinsville, Fontana, Hayesville, Blairsville, Hiwassee, and numerous others. He explained that no such service exists at the present time.

Hearing on the Dickey application was held at Chattanooga on January 12, and 13, 1954. It was

supported by L. L. Mason, Mayor of Murphy, who also represented the Murphy Chamber of Commerce.

The Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce and the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association joined in the request for service.

Even though the Murphy area was covered in snow and ice at the time of the hearing many supporters travelled over hazardous roads to Chattanooga to state their needs for transportation to and from Chattanooga the freight line pointed out. Among those attending the hearing from Murphy were Wilson W. Palmer, L. L. Mason, J. E. Hughes, W. C. Messer, Peyton Ivie, Jack Dickey, C. L. Alverson, all of Murphy and Ed Raxter of Marble, and J. W. Battle and Mark Elliott of Andrews.

Many Chattanoogaans also supported the request, the company said. Altogether 34 persons testified for the Dickey Freight Line.

The application was opposed by five freight lines whose interests apparently were directed to Atlanta, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn., and opposed also by Magill Motor Express and Atlanta Motor Lines, the freight line asserted. Magill had previously filed request to consider their action and grant a fur-

ther hearing so those prevented by snow and ice from attending the hearing may now testify in support of this needed service, the company said.

The Chattanooga hearing of Dickey in January, 1954, was held by a Joint Board of the I. C. C. composed of Hammond Fowler, Chairman of the Tennessee Railroad and Public Utilities Commission; Parks Lowe, representing the Utilities Commission of North Carolina; and J. E. Gamble of Nashville, Tenn. District Supervisor of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This Board in February, 1954, recommended that Dickey franchise be extended to Chattanooga, the company said. Their report, in part, stated "Upon consideration of all evidence of record, the Joint Board finds that the present and future public convenience and necessity requires operations by applicant (Dickey) as a common carrier by motor vehicle, in interstate or foreign commerce, of general commodities (with named exceptions) between Murphy, N. C. and Chattanooga, Tenn."

The Interstate Commerce Commission reversed this Joint Board recommendation in November, 1954, their reversal being the subject of the recently filed petition requesting the Commission to reconsider their action and grant a fur-

## Members Of Church Council Be Installed

Newly elected members of the Church Council will be installed at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Andrews Sunday, Jan. 9, at the regular morning service at 11 a. m.

The following new members of the Church Council were elected at the annual congregational meeting January 2: three year term, Herman K. Brauer and Dr. L. L. Ezell; two year term, Mrs. Boyd C. Cooper and S. E. Olsen.

L. M. Gilbertson was elected congregational delegate and Miss Fannie Buckner alternate delegate. Visitors are welcome to attend the installation service.

Other hearing so those prevented by snow and ice from attending the hearing may now testify in support of this needed service, the company said.

It is reported that a citizens committee is being organized to take up this matter with congressional representatives and with the commission, the company said.