

## Strike Under Way At Talc Mines

### Meet Set On Ways To Provide More Industrial Payrolls

ASHEVILLE—Ways and means of providing more industrial payrolls in Western North Carolina counties will come in for full discussions at a regional industrial development conference here Friday.

The conference will be sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Development's commerce and industry division. Hosts will be the City of Asheville and the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

An address by Governor Hodges at a luncheon at 1:15 p. m. will close the conference. Members of city and county governments, industrial development organizations, Chambers of Commerce, the State Board of Conservation and Development, and staff members of the Department of Conservation and Development's commerce and industry division will attend the conference.

### Driver Improvement Clinic To Start

A driver improvement clinic is tentatively set to start here Tuesday, April 15.

Sponsored by the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, the clinic is designed for:

Juvenile traffic law violators, students upon whom a fine would be an undue hardship, young drivers whose parents pay their fines and persons of limited means unable to pay fines.

Judge Herman Edwards will cooperate with officers in certain traffic violation cases, stipulating attendance of the clinic as part of sentences imposed.

The clinic will be conducted here by Joe Sherrill, driver education representative of the Department of Motor Vehicles; State Highway Patrolman Ray Heffner and License Examiner Robert Hooper of Franklin.

Each session will last two hours one night per week until an eight-hour course is completed.

These schools are operated on the theory that a large per cent of repeated violators can be rehabilitated and returned to the streets and highways as safe, responsible drivers.

An attempt is made to help the traffic offender by helping him to

A strike started Monday at midnight at The Hitchcock Corporation and Minerals & Metals Corporation.

An official of the plant said it was called by members of Local 585, International Chemical Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

Francis Bourne Jr., secretary-treasurer of Hitchcock, said the Union is asking more economic advantages.

Picket lines were up at both plants. Hitchcock and Mineral & Metals together employ 87 workers. Approximately 60 are not at work, it was reported Wednesday morning.

Annual payroll at the two plants is approximately \$300,000, Mr. Bourne said.

He said the plants are operating on a skeleton crew of foremen and supervisors. Mr. Bourne said plans are to continue production and steps are being taken to hire additional workers.

Hitchcock was established here in 1939 and has been operating at its present location since 1944. Minerals & Metals has operated here approximately 10 years.

The plants mine, pulverize and cut talc into metal workers crayons.

Mr. Bourne said: "During the past months of the depression, or so called recession, our employees have enjoyed: Paid vacations, no layoffs, no reduction in hours, continued overtime hours, continued overtime pay, favorable working conditions, favorable pay scale and many fringe benefits."

He said: "All this has been carried out even though our sales have dropped and inventories have been building up to the highest point in the history of the company."

## Murphy Democrats To Name Candidates Monday

Democrats will meet here Monday night to name candidates for the Murphy May 6 election.

Robert V. Weaver, chairman, said the meeting will be held at 8 p. m. in the courtroom of County Courthouse.

Biennial officers for the Murphy Democratic Party will also be named.

understand himself as a driver and to change faulty habits and attitudes that are affecting his driving behavior.

## MRS. EMILY COOPER DAVIDSON NOMINATED AS STATE MOTHER.

Mrs. Emily Cooper Davidson of Murphy is one of 11 mothers nominated for the honor of State Mother for 1958.

This was announced this week by Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn of Raleigh, chairman of the state committee for the selection of the State Mother. The Jerry Davidson family was named church family of the year for 1957-58 at First Methodist Church.

All of the nominees will be honored in Raleigh on April 10 with a coffee hour at the home of Chan-

cellor and Mrs. Carey Bostian of State College at noon. The State Committee will then escort them to the North Carolina Art Museum and to some of the lovely flower gardens in the city. The Sir Walter Hotel will be host to them at dinner at 6:30 p. m.

Following the dinner the nominees, their families and friends will assemble at the Governor's Mansion to be greeted by Governor and Mrs. Hodges. At that time the announcement of the selection

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## RED CROSS CAMPAIGN EXTENDED; WORKERS URGED TO FINISH JOB

Robert Weaver, chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter, Wednesday called on drive workers to step up efforts in the current campaign.

Several teams have not made reports and no figure of collections to date was available.

Mr. Weaver said, however, that the drive was going as well as could be expected. This area's quota is \$2,500.

Red Cross workers are making a diligent drive to reach the quota

to enable the Murphy area to again be qualified for the bloodmobile and its services.

Mr. Weaver said it was hoped that the quota could be reached and the drive completed in one week. This was not accomplished, he pointed out, adding that the campaign will continue through April 15.

He asked workers to complete their assigned calls and turn in their reports as quickly as possible.



IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS — These 10 children of the Church Membership Class of First Methodist Church were received into the church Palm Sunday: Left to right, first row, are: Clara Jane Ferguson, Ginger Mauney, Jean Boggs, Johnnie Sue Griffith, Elaine Martin and Jane Brittan. Back row, Jan Davidson, Luke Bayless, Terry Hensley and Dewey Johnson. Members of the Junior Department in Sunday School, the children have been attending special classes in church membership the past six weeks.

### On Hiwassee Lake

## CONSTRUCTION STARTS SOON ON \$144,000 TVA BUILDING HERE

TVA announced this week construction will start within a few weeks of a general maintenance headquarters building on Hiwassee Lake near Murphy.

## Farm Housing Loan Program Expanded

An expanded farm housing loan program designed to speed up farm building construction and improvement as well as act as an additional anti-recession measure was announced today by Robert D. Bruce, Farmers Home Administration county supervisor.

Now an owner of a farm in agricultural production and on which the operator plans to produce at least \$400 worth of farm commodities for sale or home use may qualify for the four per cent long-term housing loan provided that he meets other standard eligibility requirements.

Formerly, an eligible applicant had to own a farm that produced a more substantial part of the operator's annual cash income.

Borrowers may use loan funds to build, improve, or repair farm houses and other essential farm buildings, and to provide water for farmstead and household use.

Mr. Bruce said that in addition to financing major construction, the loan funds can help meet many other needs for farm and farm home modernization such as adding bathrooms, utility rooms, better kitchens, and many other improvements to the home as well as to farm service buildings. While tenants and farm laborers are not eligible, the owner may borrow to do construction work or make improvements for them.

The loans are made to farm owners who need credit to finance building improvements or repairs but find that adequate credit is not available through banks or other regular credit channels. The interest rate is four per cent and loans may be amortized over periods up to 33 years.

## Joint Meeting Set For Toastmasters

A joint meeting of the Murphy and Waynesville Toastmasters Club will be held April 12 at Nantahala, Dr. George Size, president of the local club has announced.

## Brasstown To Have Bake Sale

A "bake sale" will be held at Brasstown in Caldwell's Store Saturday at 1 p. m.

Colored eggs, cakes, pies, and cookies for Easter will be available.

Funds collected will go for windows in Brasstown Baptist Church.

## Martin's Creek Grange Sets Easter Egg Hunt

The Martins Creek Grange will hold its sixth annual egg hunt Easter Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Martins Creek School building.

Everyone is invited to bring their children and a basket of eggs. Prizes will be given to those finding the lucky eggs.

It will be used as headquarters for reservation maintenance forces for Hiwassee, Chatuge, Nottely, the three Ocoees, Apalachia, and Blue Ridge dams; for the Murphy power maintenance crew; and as a field office for the Maps and Surveys Branch. These forces are presently using a structure built in 1941 as a temporary construction field office.

The building will cost an estimated \$144,000. Construction is scheduled to be completed prior to June 30, 1959. The site is on TVA land, about a half mile southeast of the present maintenance building on the outskirts of Murphy.

The building will be one-story, approximately 88 feet long by 65 feet wide with a wing at the southeast corner 33½ by 12½ feet. Exterior and interior walls will be of 8-inch concrete block.

The Power Operations storage yard will cover approximately 65,000 square feet. The Reservoir Properties storage yard will cover about 32,000 square feet. An access road about 600 feet long will be constructed to connect with old U. S. Highway 19.

## Exam To Be Given For Postmaster Job At Marble

An examination for postmaster at Marble will be open for receipt of applications until April 22, the U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced.

The job pays \$4,190 a year. Applicants must take a written test. Those who pass will be assigned final ratings on the basis of this test and on their experience, ability, and character. There is a one-year residence requirement and applicants must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date for receipt of applications. Persons over 70 years of age may not be appointed.

Complete information about the examination requirements and instructions for filing applications may be obtained at the post office for which this examination is being announced. Application forms must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. and must be received or postmarked not later than the closing date.



UNOPPOSED: Glenn W. Brown, Waynesville attorney, is unopposed for the post of solicitor of the 26th Solicitorial District.

## Area Churches Plan Special Services

Murphy Library

AT MURPHY  
Evangelical churches of Murphy are uniting in services for Good Friday and early Easter morning.

The Good Friday services are to be from 1 until 2 p. m. Friday afternoon at the Episcopal Church of the Messiah. Easter morning Service will be held at Sunset Cemetery at 7:30.

Joining in with Murphy churches in the services commemorating the Crucifixion of Christ will be members of the Salvation Army cadets from the Army college in Atlanta. As was the case last year the corps band will play on the square during the noon hour and then join in the worship.

Many downtown business houses are closing for the Good Friday service, which is to be marked by meditations upon the seven words of Jesus from the Cross, and music appropriate to the worship.

The Rev. A. B. Hanson, rector of the host church, will conduct the worship service. The Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor of the First Baptist church, will give the first meditation concerning the words addressed to the enemies crucifying Him, the penitent thief, and to His mother and the beloved John.

The next series concerning Christ's words of need will be brought by the Rev. R. T. Houts Jr., minister of the First Methodist church.

Concluding words of the completion of the work of the Saviour will be given by Rev. Robert A. Potter, minister of the Presbyterian church.

There will be a united choir from participating churches. Mrs. Houts is to give "Calvary" by Rodney as a solo. The offering is to be used for the Murphy interchurch fund for the needy.

A series of evangelistic services will be held at the Murphy Church of God April 6-13.

Services will be held each night at 7:30 p. m. and will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. P. Rembert.

## AT ANDREWS

Special services will be held Thursday and Friday at St. Andrews Lutheran Church at 7:30 p. m.

Services and Holy Communion will be observed on Thursday night. Vesper service with bidding Prayer will mark the Good Friday service Friday evening.

All visitors wishing to worship at St. Andrews are welcome to attend the services.

## AT PEACHTREE

Easter Sunrise Services will be held in the cemetery of the Peachtree Baptist Church Sunday at 7 a. m.

The program will consist of Easter hymns, scripture reading and prayer. Rev. Joseph G. Miller will deliver the message.

## Murphy C of C Seeking 500 Associate Members

The Chamber of Commerce will start a campaign here soon to secure 500 associate members for its organization.

This idea was advanced by Chamber President Dave Townson who said this goal could be reached if each employer would ask his employes to become associate members.

The plan calls for soliciting associate members for \$1 each. Associate members will receive a card signed by Mr. Townson and listing the name of the firm where that member is employed.

Mr. Townson said associate memberships are being sought to gain support among the citizens of Murphy and make Cherokee County a better place in which to live. He asserted that the Chamber wants local citizens to feel they are a part of the organization.

"If we can get 500 associate members, it would, I'm sure, be a unique idea in our city and possibly in the state," the president said.



NEW ASSISTANT AGENT: L. B. Marshall has been named assistant county farm agent for Cherokee County. He is a graduate of the Martin Branch of the University of Tennessee.

## Clean-Up Time To Continue Through April 18

City officials this week reminded residents that city-wide clean-up time is being observed through April 18.

Murphy folks are asked to make an effort to tidy up their property and do a general clean-up on yards around their homes.

City Hall will furnish a truck to pick up rubbish that has been piled in a convenient place. Town Clerk Charlie Johnson said this service can be had by calling VE 7-2510.

## Andrews PTSA To Hear Mrs. Edwin Hyatt

Mrs. Edwin Hyatt of Canton will speak at a meeting of the Andrews PTSA Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Hyatt is director of District 1 North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers.

This will be the last meeting of the current year.

## Cancer Detection Center To Close For Good Friday

The Cancer Detection Center at Sylva will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday.

Dr. R. W. Kirchberg, director, said the Center will be open again Friday, April 11.

## THOUSANDS EXPECTED FOR ANNUAL SERVICES AT FIELDS OF THE WOOD

Thousands of spectators are expected to be on hand for the annual all-night prayer meeting and Easter Pageant at Fields of the Wood starting Saturday night at 8.

The event is conducted by the Church of God Prophecy with international headquarters in Cleveland, Tenn. Fields of the Wood is a religious park about 17 miles from Murphy.

Celebration of Easter in this fashion was begun in 1941 by the late J. A. Tomlinson, former General overseer of the Church, and this marks the 18th year in which thousands will journey to this picturesque spot in Cherokee County to witness a re-enactment of events occurring just prior to the crucifixion of Christ. The drama will be climaxed at dawn with the resurrection.

As many as eight thousand spec-

## BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY TO BE TOLL FREE

William Medford, chairman of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission, said in Waynesville this week:

"The decision of Secretary Seaton to direct the National Park Service not to place a toll on the Blue Ridge Parkway is only welcome news, but goes far beyond that point, since it paves again that the position of North Carolina is correct in opposing the imposition of a toll.

"Once again, Washington officials have taken notice of the close harmony with which the entire North Carolina Congressional delegation and all interested agencies in the State work together in fighting for the rights of the people of the state.

"We trust that our Congressional delegation will not have any trouble getting legislation passed which will prohibit the question of Parkway tolls from coming up in the future. The able presentation of our delegates in Congress clearly showed they had given a lot of study to the subject, and knew everything about the question involved."

## Chamber Officials To Attend N. Y. Exposition

Two officials of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce will attend the National Industrial Development Exposition in New York Monday through Friday.

Representing this area will be Dave Townson, president of the local Chamber, and N. H. Barnes, executive secretary. Local representatives will attempt to interest industrial plants to locate in this section.

Twelve Western North Carolina counties will be represented at the Exposition.

## Rockhound Club To Hold Meeting

A meeting of the Tri-State Rockhound Club will be held at the club house in Brasstown Saturday at 7 p. m.

Ranger Harry Wright will have charge of the program.

## Nice Catch

John Smith of Murphy recently caught a 3½-pound small mouth bass while fishing at Lake Chatuge.