

# Ivie Funeral Home Murphy-Andrews-Hayesville

**CLYDE PIERCY ANDREWS** - Clyde Piercy, 76, died Monday morning January 20 in a local hospital after a long illness.

A veteran of World War I he was a member of the Leslie Stittman Post No. 97, American Legion. He was a retired employe of Teas Extract Co., and a lifelong resident of Andrews.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lee Hyde of Andrews and Mrs. Raymond Watkins of Hickory; two sons, Ned of Kingsport, Tenn. and Morris Piercy of Andrews; a sister, Mrs. Charlie Welch of Bryson City; 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Valley River Baptist Church of which he was a member.

The Rev. France Postell and the Rev. Harold Anderson officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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## Senior Citizens Hold Meetings

**EBENEZER** - The Ebenezer Senior Citizens held their monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Maynard Palmer, Thursday afternoon, January 16.

Mrs. Lois Barnett, coordinator gave the devotional.

The group worked on sewing and crafts.

During the social hour the hostess served refreshments to the following: Mesdames, Hattie Kephart, Veryl Davis, Lois Barnett and Mrs. Bertha Kephart was a visitor.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 13 in the home of Mrs. Veryl Davis.

## Hiwassee Dam Senior Citizens

The Hiwassee Dam Senior Citizens met January 14 in the home of Mrs. Sam Reid.

Mrs. Janie Roberts, president presided, and gave the devotional. A business planning meeting was held for the coming years.

Officers for the new year were installed as follows: Mrs. Janie Roberts - president; Mrs. Edith Reid - Vice-president; Miss Frances Dockery - Sick and Cheer; Mrs. Edith Reid - Friendship chairman; Dean Simpson - recreational director, assisted by Mrs. Ora Reid and Mrs. Lee Garner.

Mrs. Lois Barnett, coordinator closed the meeting with prayer.

The next meeting, Feb. 11 with visitation to shut ins.

## Receives Soldier Of The Month Award



PFC James L. Bryant, who is stationed in Okinawa, recently received the "Soldier of the Month" award. Bryant, who is assigned to office work dealing with documents, received the award based on his outstanding achievement in his line of work.

He is a 1966 graduate of Hiwassee Dam High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bryant of Route 2, Culberson, N. C.

Before going to Okinawa he received his training at Fort Bragg, N. C. He is at present preparing to compete for "Battalion Soldier of the Month."

# A&P Announced Decentralization Move To Be Effective February 14

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 - The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. today announced a major decentralization move effective when the nation's largest food retailer begins its new fiscal year February 14.

Melvin W. Alldredge, chairman and chief executive officer, said "the new organization structure is designed to facilitate decision-making by local management and to provide more flexibility in operating store groups averaging more than \$150 million a year in sales."

A & P is delegating operating authority for its 4723 stores to 33 autonomous Divisions in the United States. Canada will continue to operate as a subsidiary company, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Limited. U. S. Divisions will be grouped into four regions - Eastern, Central, Southern and Western.

"In today's fast-moving, keenly competitive business of food retailing," Mr. Alldredge said, "it is important that the men responsible for buying, distributing and selling, and the operations of our stores, be in position to move quickly in response to the needs of their local markets."

The 33 new U. S. Divisions each will be headed by a general manager, who also will be a regional vice president.

Present division presidents, who also are corporate vice presidents, will continue as company officers at New York Headquarters and will have liaison responsibilities for regional areas. They will have offices in New York and also maintain offices in the respective regions.

Increased flexibility at the new divisional level is expected to expedite operating decisions and administrative procedures by establishing direct communication between Headquarters and the selling divisions, Mr. Alldredge said.

The decentralized structure is consistent with the faster-paced, more research to find material for the essays.

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The pupils did much research to find material for the essays.

Prize winners were: Fifth grade; first, Ivy Lovington, second Keith George, third Ann Carroll. Sixth grade; first Peggy Smart, second Phillip Dickey, third Judy Smart. Seventh grade; first Vicki Hall, second Lisa Warner, and third Helen Graves. Eighth grade; first Teresa Davis, second Martha Singleton, third Tim Ramsey.

The prize winners will be awarded medals at commencement and will receive cash prizes.

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# Winners Are Announced In DAR History Contest

The American History Essay contest sponsored by the Archibald D. Murphy Chapter of the DAR created much interest in the Murphy Elementary School.

One hundred pupils from the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades participated.

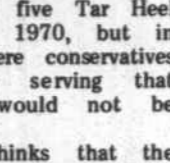
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## CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues

**OPEN MEETINGS.** Governor Bob Scott hit it off well with Tarheel newspapermen at the 44th annual Newspaper Institute held at Chapel Hill and Durham last Thursday and Friday, by announcing an "open-door administration" in all state agencies and departments responsible to him.

A year earlier-in January 1968, speaking to the same group in Chapel Hill, Scott promised, "an open-door administration" if nominated and elected.

Last Thursday night he came back to read his first executive order carrying out his campaign pledge.

**SPEAKERSHIP.** Close on the heel of Rep. R. D. McMillan's withdrawal as a candidate for Speaker of the 1971 House, Rep. Phil Godwin of Gates County leaped into the race and early indications were that he was gaining a commanding lead while other possible candidates were taking a little time to make up their minds.

Phil Godwin entered the House as a freshman in 1961, representing Gates County. He was a seatmate of the writer.

Phil was a man with convictions, but who did not take to the floor to make many speeches. Two years later as the session was drawing to a close he gained statewide attention when he introduced the controversial "Anti-Communist Speaker-Ban Bill" which has since been amended.

Rep. Sam Johnson of Wake County who will head the House Appropriations Committee this session was discussed as a possible contender; also Rep. James Ramsey of Person County but both decided against running and are supporting Godwin which just about wraps up the 1971 Speakership race up for the Gates County lawmaker.

**GRIM REAPER.** The grim reaper last week claimed the lives of two elder Tarheel statesmen who served their counties and state well in the General Assembly, T. Clarence Stone of Rockingham County and Wilber H. Currie of Moore County.

Both Stone and Currie served both in the House and Senate.

Stone served as president and presiding officer of the State Senate in 1963 and was a colorful figure in Tarheel politics. He was a firm supporter of the "Speaker Ban" law which was enacted on the last day of the 1963 regular session.

Wilbur H. Currie of Carthage served his town, county and state for many years in public office. A farmer, lumberman, textile manufacturer, mayor, county commissioner, legislator, UNC trustee, and Presbyterian Elder, he was a solid citizen, and like Clarence Stone dedicated to the best interests of North Carolina.

Another leading citizen who answering the call of the grim reaper was Mrs. O. Max Gardner, widow of the late Governor Gardner who died in 1947 as he prepared to sail for Great Britain following his appointment as Ambassador to the Court of Saint James. Mrs. Gardner was a great citizen and while 83 years of age when she died could have passed for a lady many years younger.

**AIP PARTY.** At the Press Institute in Chapel Hill last week quite a few people were in attendance in addition to newsmen including Reid Stubbs of Charlotte, leader of George Wallace's American Independent Party in North Carolina. I asked him why George Wallace was staying so quiet and what were his plans for the AIP Party in North



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So remember to handle cigarettes with care-use ash trays, don't smoke in bed and be sure ashes are out before depositing them in trash cans.



**THIRTY YEARS AGO**

**JANUARY 26, 1939**  
COUNTY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY WITH EXERCISES IN MURPHY LAST MONDAY.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Cherokee County, a special program was held at the Cherokee County Courthouse Monday at noon, January 23. Dr. D. H. Tillitt, of Andrews, opened the meeting with welcome to all who were present and a small speech about the topic of the program "The Growth and Development of Cherokee County."

Mr. Edmund B. Norvell, who talked on "A Historic Sketch of Cherokee County." On January 4, 1839, the legislator of North Carolina established the county and original boundaries for the Cherokee Indian Reservations. The boundaries extended through part of South Carolina, to Marietta, Ga., and Marion, N. C. covering approximately 40,000 square miles of land. The Indians later ceded this land back to the government.

Murphy was chosen the county seat and the place for building the town was laid off by James Whitaker. About 400 acres of land was left for the town and was laid off in a square. In 1851 the town of Murphy was incorporated, followed by Andrews in 1905, and Marble in 1911. Three courthouses in the town of Murphy have been destroyed by fire. In 1865 the first courthouse was burned. Another courthouse was constructed in 1892 but was destroyed by fire in 1895. In 1926 another courthouse was built back in 1927 and is still standing today. This is the only courthouse in the United States that is built out of solid marble. The marble was obtained about four miles from the place where it is standing.



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