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MISS BERRY ANNOUNCES NEW UNDERTAKING

Will Organize Credit Unions over State to Help the Small Farmer, Including the Tenant, Farmer, to Easier Credit, and Better Methods of Buying and Selling.

Chapel Hill, June 18.—Miss Harnett Marshberry has recently moved from Greensboro to Chapel Hill as there has been much speculation as to her future activities. She now announces that her energies will be devoted to the men and women of this state who are handicapped through utter lack of credit or else must seek the loan shark and pay impossible rates of interest for the money needed to finance their small undertakings. This applies not only to the small farmer, including the tenant farmer, but also to the industrial worker, for the credit union has splendid possibilities as a thrift producer, as an encourager of small savings as well as a source of credit to the small borrower for whom our present system of banking necessarily has little or no encouragement.

In 1912 the United States Government, recognizing the supreme importance of working out some scheme for assisting the vast army of small borrowers in this country, particularly the small farmer, appointed a commission to visit Europe and study the systems of rural credit in the various countries which grew out of the systems worked out in Germany by Raiffeisen and Schuartz-Belwich and which have had such wonderful results wherever established. One of the North Carolina members of this Commission, Mr. John Sprunt Hill, of Durham, has, since his return from this investigation, spent much time and energy in seeking to introduce Raiffeisen to North Carolina. Mr. Hill drafted and secured the enactment of the North Carolina Rural Credits law which is generally regarded as the most satisfactory of any of the rural credit legislation yet enacted in this country. Unfortunately, the provision in the law directing the State Department of Agriculture to carry on the education and informational campaign among the farmers to acquaint them with the benefits of credit unions and to assist them in organizing, has not been carried out to any considerable extent, only thirty of these organizations, existing in the state at the present time, Miss Berry says: "It's my job to acquaint the more than 500,000 small farmers of North Carolina with Raiffeisen and the plan of salvation which is possible for them from the credit union, under which they have labored for so many generations. It is but a step from the credit union to co-operative buying and marketing, which will mean relief from the exorbitant prices which the small farmer is now paying the time merchant for his supplies. In a speech before the Lowe Grove Credit Union of Durham County, an organization which has accomplished remarkable results in the seven years of its existence, Mr. Hill said: 'The crop lien system, costing the farmer fifty per cent, or the co-operative credit, costing the farmer six per cent, is the greatest single issue before the people of North Carolina today.'"

Prof. Branson, of the State University, is now spending a year in Europe studying rural credits and other rural problems as they are being solved with such conspicuous efficiency in Denmark, Germany, Holland and other European countries. In speaking of the credit union, Mr. Branson said: "Credit unions are self-financing, mutual aid organizations which encourage and ward thrift and capitalize the character of the membership. They are not organized to make profit, to guarantee low rates of interest to members of meager means." Miss Berry is most enthusiastic for the possibilities in the credit union for solving one of North Carolina's most difficult problems. She said: "Three results of far-reaching importance should follow from a

TOWN COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

Ad Valorem Tax Rate Reduced Ten Cents on Hundred Dollars Valuation

At a meeting of the Town Council Monday night the tax levy for the coming year on real estate was reduced ten cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property in the town. The rate for the year will, therefore, be \$1.40 instead of \$1.50. While the town could very well use the money produced by the extra ten cents levy, it was the sense of the Council to be as economical as possible so as to lessen the burden of taxation on the public.

A permit was granted Mr. A. J. Burns to lower the small building now occupied as a feed store and cut the door larger so it could be used for storing his car, it being understood that the building would be torn away within a period of two years.

It was ordered that the light superintendent be instructed to place two lights on the street between the two depots, one between J. V. Brittain's and R. M. Fain's, in Fayetteville, and one at the entrance to the hollow in Abbott Cove, where Mr. James Franklin and Mr. Howell live, provided these parties would also have lights put in their homes.

July 1st was fixed as the time for advertising property for unpaid taxes for the year 1923. This was originally fixed as June 1st, with the sale of property on July 1st, but was postponed a month on account of the resigning of tax collector Randall. The property on which taxes remain unpaid will now be advertised during July and sold the first Monday in August.

It was ordered that Mr. A. A. Fain be employed to make up the tax books for the coming year, as he has had charge of this work for several years and is familiar with it. A small appropriation was made for repairing and fixing up the park in the public square and for purchasing some playground equipment and benches for the park on Valley River and turned over to the town for public purposes by the school board.

It was ordered that the clerk employ someone to go over the old minute books and copy all old ordinances and bring the ordinance book up to date.

A number of other matters were discussed but no action taken.

Calf Weighs 222 Pounds

Charles Marquardt, who resides two miles west of this city, sold to Fred Ritter, the local butcher, a 16-day old roan shorthorn veal calf which weighed 222 pounds. He received \$20.00 for the calf. This calf is from registered Short horns, and Mr. Marquardt says that it costs no more to keep this class of cattle than it does the scrub stock.—Falmouth, (Ky.) News.

STATE PROJECTS TO BE LET LATTER PART OF MONTH

Macon and Graham to each Get a Road—155 Miles Scheduled For Letting

According to announcements recently made public by the North Carolina State Highway Commission, 24 projects aggregating 150 1/2 miles of road are scheduled to be let to contract on the 27th of June, at a letting in Raleigh. Of this mileage 84 miles will be of hard surface construction; 75.6 of gravel, and 16.1 to be graded. Also, it is expected to let the contract for one large bridge and one railroad overpass.

Included in the twenty-four projects are three miles of macadam in Graham County, near Robbinsville, and several miles of macadam in Macon County, embracing the distance between Franklin and the Swain County line. The other projects are in Henderson, Stokes, Burke, Alleghany, Rowan, Montgomery, Craven, Pitt, Northampton, Guilford, Alamance, Person, Harnett, Durham, Bladen, Wilson, Hertford, Bertie, Halifax, and Edgecombe Counties.

25 NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Evangelist Has Successful Revival—4 Give Four Hundred Dollar Purse

Warning the hundreds of people crowded into the church last Sunday night that some of them had perhaps heard the gospel for the last time and pleading for all unconverted to accept Christ, Evangelist Stanberry, in a strong appeal, closed one of the most far-reaching revivals ever held in Murphy. The text for the closing sermon was taken from Jeremiah 2:20: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" and the evangelist poured out his soul-felt sympathy for lost men and women and begged them to accept Christ.

The meeting had been in progress for two and a half weeks and twice daily the evangelist had preached with all his might, and though not strong physically, he stood the strain remarkably well. His last sermon being as effective as the first. Though not a trained minister of the gospel, yet he preached with a power that compelled the admiration and respect of the entire community. The house was filled to overflowing at all the evening services and the attendance increased as the meeting progressed. During the revival there were twenty-five additions to the church, 15 by profession of faith and ten by letter from other churches. Those uniting by profession were: D. Davis, W. P. Beal, Lakes Martin, Granville Ratcliffe, Bart Cape, Charles Dickey, Wallace Green, Ella Belle Palmer, Clara Williams, Norma Loran, Boyd Abernathy, Mary Dewese, Edna Vandiver, and Mrs. W. L. Loudermilk. Those uniting by letter were: E. E. Davis, Bud Picklesimer, W. D. Townson, R. C. Mattox, Mrs. Dusley Anderson, J. H. Phaup, Mrs. Ollie Beal, Noah Lovingood and Virgil Johnson. Those uniting by baptism were baptized Sunday afternoon in the Hiwassee River with the exception of Mrs. Loudermilk who, it is expected, will be baptised the coming Sunday afternoon.

In appreciation of the fine efforts put forth by Rev. Stanberry, the public presented him with a purse of four hundred dollars, including a donation of \$75, dramatically presented by the Murphy Chapter of the Order of the Ku Klux Klan.

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SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE THIS WEEK

Trial of Civil Cases Begun Monday Morning With Judge Lane Presiding

The extra term of the superior court of Cherokee County, created by the last session of the Legislature, convened Monday morning for the trial of civil cases. Judge Henry P. Lane is presiding. This court is of much interest. There were quite a few people here Monday for the opening session but during the remainder of the week only a sprinkling of spectators have frequented the court room. The farmers are busy harvesting their wheat and rye crops and working their other crops.

Among the cases disposed of thus far are: Merchants and Manufacturers Bank of Andrews vs. Baxter, resulting in a judgment for the plaintiff. The same bank was also granted a consent verdict in the case of the Bank vs. Thomason, et al. The Schochets Clothing Company was given judgment against Davis Bros. The Valley River Furniture Company was given a consent judgment against Scott. The case of the L. & N. Railway Company against Nichols and of Nichols against the L. N. Railroad Company is being tried as we close the forms for press. The court will continue through next week.

Dr. J. E. Tidwell accompanied Rev. L. P. Smith, J. L. Rowland and J. E. Taylor's daughter to an Asheville hospital Monday for operations. Rev. Smith and Miss Taylor contracted appendicitis, and Mr. Roland for rupture.

BOY SCOUTS HAVE OUTING ON TELlico

Ten Scouts Have Week of Fishing and Camping With Scoutmaster

The recently chartered Murphy Troop Number one of the Boy Scouts of America spent the past week camping and fishing on Tellico River and its tributaries about twenty miles from Murphy. The Scouts and ten Scouts left here in a down pour of rain Monday morning of last week. They were taken to Lovingood's store, at Grandview in a truck and then hiked the remaining ten miles, packing their supplies on horses. The weather broke late in the forenoon Tuesday and the remainder of the week was ideal for camping and fishing. About thirty five mountain trout were caught by the combined efforts of the troop. This, however, was not the extent of the enjoyment of the trip. Much fun was experienced in wading in the river and climbing over the many rapids and waterfalls in the streams and not the least of amusement was cooking on the open fires.

The troop broke camp early Friday morning, hiked to Lovingood's store and were brought from there into town in a truck, arriving about two thirty o'clock Friday. Those on the trip were Lucius Witherspoon, H. A. Mattox, Burr Savage, Herbert McCall, Buster Bayless, Charles Zimmerman, Oscar Hunt, Frank Ellis, Robert Wells, John Posey, and Scoutmaster B. W. Sipe.

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Mr. Hunt was formerly in business here and at Young Harris, Ga., where he was making his home at the time of his death. His father, T. J. Hunt, and one sister, Mrs. J. H. McCall, resid, in Murphy. Mrs. O. G. Nichols, of Elyria, Ohio, and Mrs. Hattie Bray, of Commerce, Ga., are also sisters. Besides his father and three sisters, Mr. Hunt is survived by a wife and four small children.

The body was brought to Murphy and prepared for burial, after which it was removed to his home at Young Harris. The funeral service will be conducted Saturday by Dr. J. A. Sharpe, president of Young Harris College, a former teacher of Mr. Hunt.

Tumor Cut From Side Of Mrs. Cunningham

A tumor weighing thirteen pounds was recently cut from the side of Mrs. A. F. Cunningham by Dr. C. Kimsey of Ducktown. Dr. Kimsey said that this was the largest tumor ever seen and he has had considerable surgical experience of this kind. Mrs. Cunningham returned home immediately following the operation and is reported to be getting along all right.

Messrs. J. W. Walker and D. Tillitt are attending court at Murphy this week.

K. K. K. PRESENTS EVANGELIST WITH PURSE

In Full Robe, Five Masked Figures Carry Donation to Pastor in Pulpit Sunday Night

Just after eight o'clock Sunday evening five white robed figures filed down the aisle at the Baptist Church and tendered Evangelist Stanberry an unsealed letter and the profound silence and wonderment on the part of the congregation. The preacher had just taken his text when the uniformed messengers entered the door and silently and solemnly approached the pulpit. The Evangelist waited for their approach and accepted the letter and handed it to the pastor, T. L. Sasser, to read while the robed figures faced the congregation and waited. At the conclusion of the reading, the disguised persons quietly left the house. The letter proved to be a commendation of the fine efforts of the Evangelist and contained a gift of \$75 "in appreciation of the fine efforts put forth here in behalf of the forces of good."

The letter in full follows:

"Dear Brother Stanberry: The Order of the Ku Klux Klan is a national organization of American born citizens banded together to co-operate with the legally constituted agencies of the land, both civil and religious, to help clean up the country and drive vice, drunkenness, immorality and all forms of evil out of the thousands of communities where it operates.

The church and the gospel are recognized as two of the strongest agencies for good we have and the Klan is anxious to co-operate with these agencies as well as the civilly constituted authorities.

"In appreciation of the fine efforts you have put forth here in behalf of the forces of good, Murphy Klan No. 67, of the Realm of North Carolina, composed of 114 of the best citizens of Murphy and surrounding territory, herewith presents to you a donation of \$75 as an outward sign of our appreciation.

"MURPHY KLAN NO. 67."

State To Control Clay County Road

Hayesville, June 20.—According to information made public here a few days ago by the Highway Commission, the State has agreed to take over in the near future about seven miles of the Shooting Creek Road in Clay County for maintenance. This part of the route from Hayesville to Franklin, recently put on the map by the State. The road will be taken over and maintained by the State until it can be relocated and surfaced.

L. & N. GETS CONTROL OF C. C. & O. RY.

Give Murphy Direct Connection with Another Coal Field—Can Now Reach Five Fields

Of considerable significance to residents of Murphy and surrounding territory is the announcement coming from the directors of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad Company held in Bristol, Va., on the 18th, that the L. & N. Railroad has acquired a 999 year lease to the famous coal road tapping the fields of the Virginias and Kentucky. This gives Murphy coal users direct connection with five coal fields, Virginia, and West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. The C. C. & O. was built about ten years ago primarily to connect the southeast with the Virginia and Kentucky coal fields. The road extends from Elkhorn City, Ky., to Spartanburg, S. C., and is 187 miles in length. The Atlantic Coast Line has a co-license with the L. & N. for the pert named. The lease, before becoming effective, must be approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WAY FOR COUNTY FAIR

Committees Named and Plans are Being Made for Biggest Fair in History of County

At a meeting of the County Commissioners and some of the prominent citizens of Cherokee County, with County Agent H. H. Ellis, a few days ago, tentative plans were made for holding a Cherokee County Fair this fall again, after an interruption of several years. The last county fair was held in 1918, and met with considerable success but as the employment of a county agent was terminated that year, no fair has since been held.

The County Commissioners in February employed Mr. Ellis as County Agent and arrangements are going forward for a resumption of the annual fairs again this fall. The County, in co-operation with the Town of Murphy, has acquired a public park and fair grounds where the fair will be held.

The fair will be underwritten by a group of prominent and public spirited business men and farmers of the county, which will insure its success. It is expected, however, that the receipts for admission to the grounds, charge for entries and concessions will take care of all expenses. Prizes will be offered for every endeavor and activity in the county, among which County Agent Ellis has mentioned: Livestock, poultry, field crops, horticulture, including garden crops, fruits, flowers, canny art, household and other arts, forest products and wood work, athletic events and baby show. No objectionable carnival features will be permitted on the grounds, but plenty of high-class amusements will be provided. There will be athletic contests, horse shows, baseball, games, cavalry troop drill and other contests and forms of amusement.

County Agent Ellis has been named president and manager of the Fair. Other officers are: vice president, F. C. Nye, superintendent of schools, Andrews; secretary and treasurer, J. B. Storey, Murphy. Eleven committees have been appointed, the chairman of which, together with the officers, will make up the executive committee of the Fair Association.

The personnel of the committees thus far determined is as follows:

Publicity, J. Weimar Jones, B. W. Sipe, Dr. E. M. Young, Joe Brown, N. W. Abernathy, D. B. Wright, Tilden Dockery, O. C. Davis, G. L. Hendrix, Jefferson L. Martin, A. M. Hatchett, W. E. Brown, and Harley Shields.

Grounds and Equipment, S. W. Lovingood, W. M. Fain, R. E. Williamson, G. H. Cope, Mrs. W. B. Fisher, Mrs. Giles Cover, and Mrs. Dot Cooper.

Livestock and Poultry, J. L. Fain, J. H. McClure, T. J. Beistol, L. L. Mason, S. C. Gentry, Mrs. R. H. Hyatt, Mrs. E. A. Davidson, and T. H. Davis.

Field Crops, Hillard Hampton, D. W. Swann, R. R. Beal, Alex Green and J. C. Dewese.

Horticulture, D. Witherspoon, Mrs. E. A. Davidson, A. A. Fain, W. M. Hughes, William Palmer, D. W. Manaval, Ben Dockery, Sidney Pendley, Miss Mary Beal and Mrs. J. O. McCurdy.

County Agent Ellis has been named Brown, Miss Ruth Hatchett, Miss W. Hatchett, Mrs. Will Forsythe, Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mrs. L. E. Bayless, Mrs. Paul Hyatt, Mrs. John E. Fain and Mrs. Geo. Walker.

Household and other arts, Mrs. Sidney Pendley, Mrs. J. H. McCall, Mrs. W. W. Ashe, Mrs. D. H. Tillitt, Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Mrs. R. H. Hyatt and Mrs. J. B. Storey. Forest and wood products, N. C. Bellamy, W. H. Woodbury, Leonard Johnson, D. W. Townson, C. B. Hill, W. W. Ashe, Tom Mauney.

School Exhibits, A. L. Martin, and principals of the Andrews, Murphy, Marble, Peachtree, Unaka, Grandview and others to be named later.

Amusements, Will Whitaker, J. W. Davidson, others to be named. It is possible that as the organization develops, other committees will be named.