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NEARLY \$1400 IN PREMIUMS IS OFFERED FOR FAIR

Many Premiums in Livestock Department—October 4, 5, and 6 Dates Named

The Premium list of the Cherokee Fair Association, which has just been sent to the printer, shows a total of nearly fourteen hundred dollars in premiums, which will be divided between the seven departments of the fair. The livestock department will draw a larger percentage of that total than any other department.

"The reason for this," explained officers of the fair, "is in order to encourage the breeding of better livestock on the farms of Cherokee County. Cattle and horses of the right sort are necessary for the right sort of farming. Show me a country stocked with good cattle and I will show you a land of good farms and prosperous farmers," said President H. H. Ellis, of the fair, in an interview here the other day.

The dates for the fair have been fixed for October 4, 5 and 6. The fair grounds are being put in order and other arrangements made for the fair. It is expected that ten or fifteen thousand people will be in attendance during the three days of the fair. Saturday the 6th, which will be school day, is expected to draw a record-breaking crowd.

The departments as outlined in the premium list are: Livestock, including cattle, horses, hogs, sheep and poultry; Field Crops, including grains and hay; Horticulture, including fruits, vegetables and flowers; Domestic Science, including sewing and canned goods and pantry supplies; Household and Allied Arts, including fancy work, quilts, ballety and fine arts; The School Department, including prizes for school work and school attendance; and Timber, Mineral and Cabinet Works, which will embrace all the natural resources and their products. A superintendent has been named to teach in these departments and the department heads and the general officers, who compose the executive committee, are pushing the advertising and other details of the fair. Arrangements are under way for a high class midway, and plenty of amusement is in prospect.

Hayes Family Held Reunion Last Saturday

The Hayes family added one more name to the long list of home-comings which have been held at the old home place, when some forty or fifty members of the family and their friends gathered at Tomotla last Saturday, August 25th. Besides the immediate members of the family a few close friends were special guests at the reunion. Upon her return from the reunion, Mrs. Margaret A. Bell, who was a special guest, wrote the following about the gathering.

"This custom, instituted by this estimable family, is a beautiful one and well worthy of example, not only for the pleasure derived, but also for the binding and knitting together more closely of the family."

"It was my extreme pleasure to be one of the invited guests on this delightful occasion, and for old-time hospitality, I have seen nothing equal it. Without ceremony or ostentation, everyone was made to feel at home, first by the cordial welcomes extended, second by the free, open house accorded everyone, and last, but not by no means least, the elegant dinner served."

"In behalf of the visitors present, I wish to extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hayes for allowing us to partake of this charming hospitality and for making the day an ideal one in every respect. May the good Providence allow each member of this merry crowd to assemble again in this happy home in 1924."

The Murphy Church is without a pastor. It is a field presenting fine opportunities for development. An energetic minister, having evangelistic gifts and called by the Holy Spirit, could do a telling work in this community.—Our Mountain

State Lets Hardsurface Contracts Wednesday

About seventy miles of surfacing contracts was let Wednesday by the State Highway Commission at a public letting in Raleigh. A big delegation of contractors were there for the opening of bids and to await the outcome, according to reports coming out of the capital city. The contracts were in eastern Piedmont and Central Plain counties.

SURVEY ENGINEERS INSPECT STREAM GAGING STATION

Supervision of Station in North Carolina Now Under Knoxville Office—King in Charge

Mrs. Warren E. Hall, of the U. S. Geological District office of Asheville, and Warren R. King, of the Federal Survey office of Knoxville, are here this week inspecting the stream gaging stations of the State and Federal surveys. The Knoxville office has made arrangements to take over all stations in this State and Mr. King is making a trip of inspection in order to become familiar with the location and the conditions under which the stations are operated. Up until about the first of July all the stations in western North Carolina were under the Asheville office of the Federal stream gaging service, but an arrangement was made with the Knoxville office and the engineering corps of the army and the State Survey so that all the stream gaging stations in Tennessee, North Carolina and some of the neighboring states are under the direction of the Knoxville office, with Mr. Warren R. King in charge.

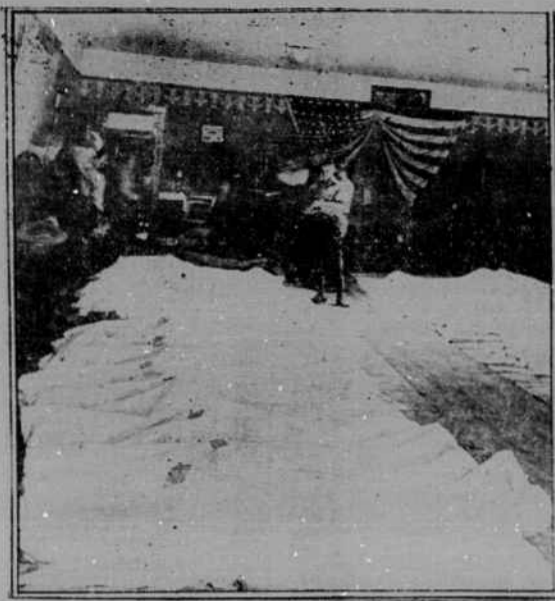
Aged Lady of Suit Passes Away On 23rd

Mrs. Mary Reese, of Suit, was called to her reward Thursday, August 23rd, at the age of ninety-one years, after two days. Mrs. Reese had been in failing health for some time and had been under the care of a physician for several weeks. Mrs. Reese was buried at Union Church, about four miles from Suit, Saturday afternoon, Mr. Williamson having charge of the interment. Mrs. Reese was for many years a member of the Baptist Church, and was one of the oldest members of the Union Church where her remains were laid to rest. Mrs. Reese was preceded to the grave by her husband about eight years ago, and by two children. She leaves to mourn her loss four daughters and one son, as follows: Mrs. A. L. Johnson, and Mrs. Sisco Wilcox of Murphy, Mrs. James Thompson and Mr. Henry Reese, of Suit, and Mrs. Tilman Mashburn, of Vest. She is also survived by a number of grandchildren and other near relatives and a host of friends.

State Makes Record In Farm Products

The Manufacturer's Record, a weekly industrial publication of Baltimore, has recently made public the information that North Carolina last year more nearly approached farm production of farm needs than any other state in the Union. This means that the State is now more nearly self-sufficient than any other state in the Union. In other words, farming in North Carolina is now more nearly diversified than in any other state. Instead of raising one crop like cotton or tobacco, and buying the grains, hay and roughage from other farms or from other states, North Carolina farmers are now more nearly producing what they need than any other state. This does not mean for themselves and their livestock, but that North Carolina farmers do not have anything to sell. As a matter of fact, they probably have more to sell than ever before. This is one of the most satisfactory discoveries made in a long time, as it indicates that the farmers of this State are putting their occupations on a business basis and have found out that it does not pay to buy food and feed and depend on one or two scolloped cash crops. The one crop system is fast being outlawed in this State and the sooner it is gone, the better off the entire State will be. The thing agriculturists, who have made a lifelong study of farm economics,

FIRST PHOTO OF WYOMING DISASTER



Ninety-seven of the 135 men who were in the Kemmerer Coal Company Mine at Kemmerer, Wyo., when the explosion occurred, lost their lives. Photo shows Odd Fellows Hall in Kemmerer changed into a temporary morgue for the identification of bodies.

ANDREWS SCHOOL HAS AUSPICIOUS OPENING MONDAY

Five Hundred and Eighty-Eight Enrolled First Day—17 Teachers Employed

ANDREWS, Aug. 28.—The Andrews Public School opened here on Monday morning with the largest attendance in the history of the town. The large auditorium was filled with children and their parents, who came for the opening exercises. When the enrollment had been figured up toward the end of the day it was found that there were 588.

The morning exercises were opened with scripture reading and prayer by Rev. J. P. Higgs. Rev. L. P. Smith welcomed the teachers and the pupils to the school and to Andrews. Mr. H. C. Whitaker, chairman of the Board of Trustees, made some remarks as to what the school hoped to accomplish during the year. Mr. Nichols, principal of the school, spoke of the aims of the school, and Superintendent F. C. Nye spoke of the purpose and aims of the school in a general way. Interspersed between the talks were a vocal solo by Miss Beatrice Nye and a piano and violin solo by Miss Grace Little.

School officials are very optimistic over the splendid opening and it is generally predicted this will be the best year in the history of the school. The teacher training department was not established because sufficient pupils did not apply for work. The Andrews school district and the State had made arrangements to provide teaching equipment and a teacher provided at least ten pupils applied for the work, but it is understood that only six indicated that they wanted to take the training. It is generally conceded now that the idea will have to be abandoned for the present year, at least.

Taxable Wealth of Clay Is Increased

The County Board of Tax Appraisers of Clay County were in session Monday and Tuesday of this week, valuation of property in the county, the valuation of property in the county. The Board of Appraisers reviewed all assessments in July and at the meeting this week, they were in session to hear complaints of any property owners in the county. All the property owners were notified by letter what their new valuation was and requested to meet the appraisers Monday or Tuesday of this week to make request for adjustment and show cause why such adjustments should be made. The board finished up its work Tuesday and when the results had been totaled up it was found that the valuation of real estate and personal property for real estate and personal property is \$75,000 more than it was last year. This is considered due to natural increase in the value of the property due to the good roads and the increase in population, and is not simply a general raising of property val-

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL OPEN HERE SEPTEMBER 5TH

J. W. Kanoy, of Troy, N. C., will Have Charge of the School this Year

The Murphy Public School will begin the new year next Wednesday morning, September 5th, when it is expected that more than 500 children will present themselves for entrance into the various grades and the high school. The principal, Mr. W. D. Kanoy, of Troy, N. C., arrived Monday night and is busily engaged putting things in shape for the opening.

Fourteen teachers, including the music teacher, have been engaged for the year's work. These are: D. W. Kanoy, Troy, Principal; Miss Marguerite Couch, Talbotton, Ga., Mathematics; Mrs. L. P. Kinsey, Foreign Language; B. W. Spe, Science. These will have charge of the high school subjects.

The following are the teachers in the intermediate and primary departments: Miss Addie Leatherwood, seventh grade; Mrs. D. W. Kanoy, sixth grade; Miss Mary Jo McCombs, fifth grade; Mrs. Brownell, fourth grade; Mrs. Margaret Bell, third grade; Miss Minnie Ferguson, 2nd grade; Miss Lula Fain, Overflow; Miss Linn Albright, of Waynesville, high first; Mrs. V. L. Herndon, Hartwell, Ga., low first; Miss Ida Moody Johnson, Shelbyville, Tenn., music.

The building is being put in shape for the reception of pupils next Wednesday: The wood work is being painted and the floor oiled, and additional seats placed in some of the rooms. Many parents are expected to be present for the opening exercises.

Confederate Veterans Hold Reunion at Salem

All Confederate Veterans desiring to attend the convention at Winston-Salem, September 4-5, and their wives and members of their families, can get identification certificates from Mr. John H. Dillard by applying to him for them. These certificates will entitle the holder to purchase round trip tickets at a reduced rate. Mr. Dillard has only a few of these but will be glad to see them all used.

Price Revival Begins At Andrews Sunday

ANDREWS, Aug. 28.—A union revival meeting will begin here Sunday under a large tent. Rev. Thurston B. Price, of Lake Junaluska, will do the preaching. He is a strong preacher and it is expected that he will have a good meeting here. Many Andrews people had the opportunity to hear him while he was holding the revival in Murphy in July and August, and they are looking forward to his series of meetings here with interest.

Wayne Townson Has Arm Broken

Wayne, the little 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Townson, had the misfortune to get his right arm broken just above the elbow and his elbow dislocated when he fell from a pony Sunday night. Wayne and Richard Parker were riding Richard's pony when the former was thrown with the above results.

SEVERE QUAKE SHOWN BY THE SEISOMOGRAPH

Instrument at Washington and One in Arizona Indicate Considerable Disturbance

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Earth tremors of marked severity were recorded from 6:22 to 7:50 o'clock tonight on the Georgetown University seismograph. Father Tondorg, director of the observatory, estimated the disturbance at 5,000 miles from Washington, apparently north.

ARIZONA INSTRUMENT SHOWS QUAKE VERY SEVERE ONE

TUSCON, Ariz., Aug. 28.—An earthquake starting about 4 p. m. today and lasting for nearly an hour was recorded on the seismograph of the United States magnetic observatory northeast of Tucson, according to A. J. Ludy, observer in charge. The location of the earthquake could not be determined.

"Judging the way the instrument behaved, the quake must have been extremely severe," the observer said.

High School Graduates Increase 400 Percent

RALEIGH, Aug. 28.—According to a report recently compiled and made public by State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen, the number of graduates from North Carolina high schools have increased more than four hundred per cent during the last four years, or an average of over 100 per cent a year. The number of graduates in 1918 was 1,500; the number last year, according to Allen's report, was 6,000.

Just following the war there was a phenomenal increase in school attendance over the entire state. This was true not only in case of the public schools, but also with the higher institutions of learning. It was this greatly increased desire for education that caused the state to launch its great educational building program both for the public schools and the State institutions of higher learning.

Authorities Ask L. & N. To Do Paving

Local Agent J. H. Phaup, of the L. & N. Railway, has made public letters of the Chamber of Commerce and the Town officials calling on the Louisville and Nashville Railway Company to do certain paving around the station so that dust and mud can be eliminated and steps taken to beautify the grounds adjacent to the railway property. The letters request that the railway company pave around the head of their tracks beginning where the city pavement leaves off, and also the strip between the near rail and the side walk leading to the station, so as to connect up with the street built by the town last year between the two stations and with the street in front of the station.

It is a part of the plan of the interested parties, according to the letters, if the paving is done to assist in the planting of shrubbery around the retaining wall at the head of the L. & N. yard and to beautify the whole area in general. Local railway authorities have signified their complete accord with the plan and have taken the matter up with the proper officials and will ask that engineers be sent here to make an investigation and determine whether the work can be done now or not.

MASONS HELD ALL-DAY MEET HERE SATURDAY

Seek to Further Plans of Educational Service Committee—Public Session in Afternoon

The Masons of the 45th District of North Carolina, embracing the counties in southwestern North Carolina, held an all-day educational meeting here last Saturday. The morning session was opened in the Lodge room of the Cherokee Lodge No. 146, at 10 o'clock, with the welcome address by Mr. W. E. Studstill, W. M. A public session was held in the afternoon at the court house and at night several reels of educational pictures were shown in the court house. The banquet at the Regal Hotel at 6:30 was largely attended by visiting and local members of the great order.

The purpose of the meeting was educational. As stated in the letter of call from the District Grand Secretary, the meeting was "to further the plans of the Masonic Service Association by establishing a clearer understanding of what Masonry is and for what it stands, that every Mason may do his full part in helping solve the vexing questions which today harass humanity."

The morning session dealt largely with the educational side. Beside the welcoming address an dth response by Mr. Clyde H. Jarrett, of Andrews, past Grandmaster of Andrews Lodge No. 529, District Department in this district, following which there were two splendid addresses, the first by Rev. L. P. Smith, of Andrews, whose subject was "Masonry's contribution to Government," and the second by Mr. M. W. Bell, of Murphy, who took the subject: "The Mason as a Citizen."

At the public session at two o'clock in the afternoon the Grandmaster of the North Carolina Lodge and the Educational Field Secretary of the Lodge made the principal addresses. Hon. Clyde H. Jarrett introduced the Grandmaster, Dr. H. M. Potat, who spoke eloquently on the reason for Free Masonry, explaining something of what the Lodge stands for and what it does. The Educational address was by the Field Secretary, Hon. W. C. Wicker, whose work is to encourage Masons to become more familiar with what Masonry stands for.

At Eight o'clock in the evening, three reels of Masonic educational pictures, were shown in the court house.

Murphy Man Killed By Train in Bryson City

Mr. Frank Ramsey, brakeman on the Murphy Division of the Southern Railway fell under a freight train while shifting some cars at Bryson City Wednesday afternoon and was badly crushed and mangled, according to a telegram received here late Wednesday afternoon. He was rushed to an Asheville hospital on a special train but died about two hours after arriving. It is not known here just how the accident happened.

Mr. Ramsey is a son of Deputy Sheriff W. N. Ramsey. He has a wife and three small children living in Murphy.

The body was brought here Thursday afternoon. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Brick Work Begins On New School Building

Brick layers began work on the school building Wednesday morning. The concrete foundations were poured several days ago. The building is situated to the left and slightly in front of the present building and will be two stories high, and contain ample room for the high school department for years to come. It was designed to take care of the four high school grades, the superintendent's office, science laboratories, the library and cloak rooms, etc. It will be about 65x105 feet, and will, therefore, be practically as large as the present building. When this building is completed, Murphy will have as good school housing facilities as any town in all of western North Carolina, with the exception of Asheville.