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CLASS PLAY ATTRACTS CAPACITY HOUSE

Favorable Comments Made On Presentation of "Professor Pepp" on May 2nd

For a capacity house, the school presented its annual commencement play last Friday Evening 2nd, at the school auditorium. The play was entitled "Professor Pepp". It was splendidly received. At times the large audience provoked to side-splitting laughter the nervousness of Professor Pepp, the officiousness of Constable Batty, the tilts of Aunt Mineva and the male members of the cast, the romance of Petunia and the difficulties of Button as a freshman at college, and the mistaken identity of Button and his son. The entire cast of eighteen characters did their parts splendidly and the compliments on the quality of production. The play was given last week so as to avoid overcrowding the commencement ceremony, beginning May 23rd.



Here is a whole church composed of children! Everyone—choir, sexton, worshippers and all are under 17 years of age, except the pastor and a matron. These are the children of Thompson Orphanage, attending the recent Easter morning services. All togged out in their Easter best, they are as happy as they can be in their own little church, the Chapel of St. Mary, the Virgin. Rev. W. H. Wheeler, the Superintendent of the Orphanage, is pastor of the Chapel. Of course, they would be happier if mother and father were sitting along side of them in the pew, but some strange fate which they can't understand, has deprived them of that happiness. Thompson Orphanage, like each of the several orphanages in North Carolina owned by other church denominations, is not affected by the Church affiliations of orphan children. Of the 124 children who made the Orphanage home last year, only 40 were from Episcopal homes; the others were from families of various churches or no church at all. If a little child has no parents or home, and if there is room at the time, a home is made for her, without regard to church lines. Thompson Orphanage is over-crowded now, and the 278 Episcopal parishes in North Carolina have decided to set May 25th as Orphanage Sunday for the purpose of raising funds to build new cottages and other buildings. Then these little orphans will be happier than they appear in the picture.

Cochran Accepts Call To Richland, Ga

Fred Cochran has accepted the call of the First Baptist church in Richland, Ga., and will move there next week. He has been in this section for more than a year and a half, laboring from war disabilities. He has reasonable assurance from physicians that he can carry on ministerial work as pastor again. The Richland church is one of the best in Southwest Georgia, and has a number of men of leadership in the work of Georgia Bap-

the Cochran family expressed their regret in leaving their friends in this section, and made arrangements to drive and in their car this summer spend the month of August in section in evangelistic work and Dr. Cochran will continue to do some tent evangelistic work in section with his pastoral work.

Summer Section Of County Would Return

Mrs. W. M. Clayton, M. A. Sten, Fred O. Scroggs, and others were in Murphy the first week consulting with their attorney with reference to changing county lines between Cherokee and Clay Counties, formerly belonging to Cherokee, but which became part of Clay County some years ago by act of the legislature, would become a part of Cherokee County.

It is reported that this territory comprises ten farms with a tax value of \$167,000. It is understood the citizens in the disputed territory have for some time wanted to be returned to Cherokee County. Following the conference here, it was not stated just what course would be followed.

Birth Month Honor For Graded School

First Grade A—Claude Gilbert, M. Mathews, Ruby Mathews, Norah Panther, and Lucy Warner. First Grade B—Edith Franklin, Frank Parker, Ulys Anderson, Welton Delorier, John Bishop, Charles Brown. Second Grade—Jerry Davidson, James Hips, James Parker, Fannie Rankin, Mariah Swain, and Mary Brown.

Third Grade—Nannia Gentry, Grace Wills Bell. Fourth Grade—Sue Beth Lloyd. Fifth Grade—Mary Weaver. Sixth Grade—Mary Nell Williams, Martha Moesser, and Marshall Hampton.

Seventh Grade—Gates of Browns, Tenn. Miss Edie Rains of Hartford, Miss Gates married at the residence of James Gates in Factorytown on May 7. Source T. N. Bates official

Mrs. E. G. White Resigns Position With Blue Ridge School

Blue Ridge, Ga., May 7.—Mrs. E. G. White announced this week that her resignation as Lady Principal of the Mary P. Willingham School would take effect with the closing of the school this month. Mrs. White handed her resignation to the President last January. Mrs. White will spend the summer at Murphy Route 2. She has not made known her plans for the future.

Mr. A. B. Greene will have charge of the school and any correspondence with reference to entrance for the coming year should be addressed to him, said Mrs. White today.

Decoration Day At Friendship

There will be a decoration at Friendship on the 14th Sunday in May. The tentative program as announced by the committee in charge is as follows:

9:00 A. M.—Sunday School exercises at the church, with special singing by the choir.
10:30—March to the cemetery where services will be conducted, opened by prayer.
10:45—Brother C. F. Conley will deliver an address on the origin and intention of decoration day.
11:15—Flowers will be placed on the graves, while the choir sings. When the graves have been decorated the crowd will be invited to retire to the church where Brother Conley will preach.
On Friday afternoon before the decoration at Friendship, the people will meet to clean off the cemetery. Everybody is urged to come out so that the job can be thoroughly done.

NOTICE—Pair 2600lb good draft or farming horses with the best of qualities; also good wagon and harness to go with them. Will sell cheap, or could hand good saddle horse in exchange. Call at once to see them. Frank D. Dickey, City.

President Vetoes Pension Bill

Washington, May 3. — President Coolidge, in face of huge majorities in the two houses of congress, vetoed the Barsum-Fuller Pension Bill affecting veterans of all wars from 1812 to 1902. Unwarranted expenditure was the reason ascribed by the President for his action.

Source T. N. Bates official

Fain Re-Elected Mayor At Tuesday's Election

The election on last Tuesday was one of the quietest, yet one of the most hotly contested elections held in Murphy in a long time. The lack of boisterousness and argument is generally ascribed to the Australian system of balloting which was put into effect for the first time in Cherokee County.

To Wesley Brady is accorded the honor of having cast the first ballot under the new system of voting in this county. This law has been in effect in other counties and states for sometime, however.

Keen interest was manifested in the election, with the result that the biggest vote ever polled in a city election was cast on last Tuesday. Even though it was necessary to call a new registration, yet 529 electors registered and 493 of the registrants cast their ballots on election day. Because of the new method of voting, several electors cast their ballot for mayor and failed to check the corresponding box, and it was necessary to vote for the head of a ticket to vote the entire ticket. One or two others checked more than six commissioners or otherwise voted incorrectly. However, on the whole the balloting was very satisfactory and everyone seemed pleased with the Australian system.

As certified to the city clerk by the judges of election, the candidates received the following vote:
For Mayor, W. M. Fain, 279; J. W. Thompson 165; and for commissioners: W. W. Hyde, 298; E. P. Hawkins, 264; J. H. Phaup, 258; B. W. Sipe, 268; J. B. Storey, 262; W. D. Townson, 267; W. M. Axley, 177; R. C. Mattox, 205; T. J. Mauney, 159; Fred Moore, 199; C. M. Wofford, 195; and Carl Townson, 164.

Miss Bell To Give Recital May 16th

Miss Mary Bell, of the Senior Class of the Murphy High School, will be presented in a piano forte recital Friday evening, May 16th, at the school auditorium. She will be assisted by Misses Elizabeth Ford, Kathryn Thompson, and Evelyn Hill. Miss Bell and her assistants are accomplished piano students and will present an entertaining program. The public is invited to attend the recital.

Source T. N. Bates official

To Hold County Singing Convention On The 18th of June

The 27th annual singing convention of Cherokee County will be held with the Marble Springs Baptist Church on Sunday, June 8th, according to a decision recently reached by officers of the organization. The convention will open at nine o'clock in the morning. All classes and singers of the county are requested to be present and bring James D. Vaughn's 1924 book for the convention singing. Those attending are requested to bring their lunches and spend the day. Classes and singers from other counties and the public in general is invited.

Convicts Escape From Local Jail

Three convicts made their escape from the old county jail here Tuesday night by cutting a hole through the brick wall with a pick, which they had managed in some mysterious way to smuggle into the jail with them. Their escape was not discovered until Wednesday morning when they were ready to begin the day's work.

Those making their getaway were Sam Maples, of Jackson County, serving a two-year sentence; Joe Elwood, of Jackson, serving a twelve months sentence; and Ed Wyley, colored, of Clay County, serving a six months sentence.

The convicts, when coming in from work Tuesday were locked in the old county jail as usual, except two of the men who ordinarily were placed in cells managed to escape the notice of the warden, and so remained in the run-way of the jail. The escape was made by digging through the brick wall with a pick. The theory is advanced that the men smuggled the pick and the pick handle in separately in their clothing.

A great many of the convicted men are under bond not to run away and this explains why a greater number did not make their escape when the opportunity offered. Officers were notified early Wednesday morning and a search was begun for the escaped men.

Small Fire At Howell Home On Tuesday

The fire alarm was turned in last Tuesday and the fire company was called to the residence of Mr. Theodore Howell. The blaze, however, was soon outened and practically no damage was done.

Mineral Resources Of North Carolina

The magnetic iron ores of North Carolina have in the past suffered from the lack of transportation facilities. The recent extension from Abingdon into the ore belt at Lansing means early development of these. The brown ores of Cherokee, Durham, and Clay Counties are of such stupendous tonnage as to warrant centralized development under modern conditions, and the installation of an electric smelting unit. Plenty of undeveloped hydro-electric power is available for this purpose, and by its use a great industry may be made a part of your industrial wealth.

The clays of North Carolina offer a bigger field than any other one mineral product. They are well distributed and of exceptional purity. In six of the western counties of the state large quantities are mined and shipped to East Liverpool, Trenton, and Beaver Falls, for the manufacture of spark plugs, electric insulators, shades, and fine porcelain. In Buncombe, Macon, Clay, Lincoln, Yancey, and Jackson Counties there are still many beds undeveloped. The advent of good roads and the extension of existing railroad lines are making possible the operation of many of these deposits hitherto inaccessible.

Eighteen counties in the state possess high grade clays for hollow tile, pressed brick, and first-class face and building brick, but in many cases their development has been retarded, not because of the quality of the clay but because of poor workmanship. Brains, as well as elbow grease, are essential to the manufacture of high grade brick.

Rockingham and six other counties have extensive deposits of material suitable for the manufacture of buff and white brick. These deposits should be more extensively opened up and prospected. Madison, Cherokee, and Clay Counties carry iron ores.

The deposits of barytes in Gaston and Madison counties have never been sufficiently prospected. Where first opened in Madison County a high percentage of calcium flourite was found in the barytes and prospecting stopped. There are many indications, however, that this is a local condition.

Feldspar Industry Well Developed. The feldspar industry is well developed, two-thirds of the entire supply in the United States coming from North Carolina. There are nine counties, however, where until recently the lack of good roads has retarded investigation. The demand for great and these deposits should be opened up.

The rapid increase in the use of cement has made it imperative that every state with the requisite limestone deposits, and marls, should interest the great cement companies in developing the industry for local consumption. On the Murphy Branch of the Southern Railroad, in Cherokee and Swain Counties, are magnificent deposits of limestone, carrying better than 90 per cent calcium carbonate. Likewise, at Hot Springs and Paint Rock are similar deposits. With coal so easily accessible from Tennessee, not only these localities but Catawba, Lincoln, Henderson, and Gaston Counties should be investigated, with the manufacture of cement in view.

North Carolina is one of the great cotton producing states. In the fight against the boll weevil, calcium arsenate is considered an essential. The same grade of limestone required for the production of calcium arsenate. Methods are now being devised for the extraction of arsenic from arsenical pyrites, and large quantities of white arsenic are available as a by-product of the great metal mines of the West. Plants are already in operation in Montgomery, Shreveport, and Monroe, and there is no reason why a similar plant should not be installed in North Carolina for the benefit of the cotton growers of your state.

The marble deposits of Cherokee County are already under development. Similar deposits in Swain and McDowell Counties are available. The question of freight rates from

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BAPTISTS EXPECT TO HAVE 400 OUT NEXT SUNDAY

Will Appropriately Celebrate Mother's Day—Sunday School Will Be presented A-1 Award

The Murphy Baptist Sunday School has achieved special distinction in that it is the first school west of Asheville to have earned the A-1 Award of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This recognition was earned by attaining to the "Standard of Excellence" set up in the ten-point system respecting Sunday school and church attendance, teacher training, graded literature, etc., etc.

The Baptist school expects to have four hundred members present next Sunday, according to the goal set by themselves some time ago. As this is Mother's Day, appropriate exercises in her honor will also be given, and it is expected that many mothers will attend the Sunday school on that day. In addition to the mothers, every member of the member of the church, every member of the Sunday School, every member of the Home Department, of the Cradle Roll, and every local Baptist is being urged to be at Sunday school on May 11th.

During the Sunday school hour, Southern Baptist Sunday School diplomas will be presented to teachers and officers who have completed the Sunday School Normal Manual course.

No. 10 Highway Passable to Asheville

The Asheville - Murphy - Atlanta Highway between Murphy and Asheville is now open for travel for small cars by way of Topton and Almond and down the Nantahala River. The four miles stretch between Hewitts and Wesser Creek is only blocked out but by traveling slow one can make this in about an hour while the rest of the road is in good condition. Miss Mabel Fisher, of Andrews was the first to make the trip over this road, coming from Bryson to Andrews in three and a half hours.

While pleasure seekers will probably find travel through here a little tedious as yet, business men and commercial travellers will probably prefer it to the long tedious route by way of Franklin. Within a short time, however, the road will be in such shape as to attract the public in general.

Jackie Coogan To Visit This State

Charlotte, May 7.—Volunteer workers in North Carolina for the Near East Relief are preparing to welcome Jackie Coogan, youthful movie star, who is to make a ten week's tour of the nation in the interest of raising money and clothing for the starving children of the Near East.

D. Cameron Ralston, state director in North Carolina for this great humanitarian organization has written all county and city workers and told them of the plans for this relief cargo. Two special trains which will gather up cargoes of food and milk will cross the continent with Jackie Coogan and his father, John M. Coogan, aboard.

Mr. Coogan is sacrificing thousands of dollars in this, as it is termed, "modern children's crusade," because he has seen the real crisis in the Near East. One hundred and ten thousand children, who have been kept alive during the past five years by the American people through the Near East Relief, and in serious danger of their lives, foodstocks being at a low ebb.

Already they have been put on practically a starvation diet by having one meal a day eliminated. If by July 1st the American people have not responded liberally enough many thousands of the must be turned out to starve. They are being fed, clothed and sheltered and given an elementary and a Christian education. To let them die now will be to undo all the good work the American people have been doing for them during the past five years.