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THE SCOUT  
BECAUSE WE DIDN'T  
KNOW IT

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## COUNTY COURT CREATED BY COMMISSIONERS

Axley appointed Judge and  
O. Christopher, Solicitor—  
Is expected to relieve Super-  
ior Court Docket

Murphy, Jan. 7. The Board of County Commissioners in session here this week established a county court with W. M. Axley as Judge and F. O. Christopher as Solicitor. This court was established under the State wide law, passed at the last session of the legislature, which makes it discretionary with the Boards of Commissioners as to whether such courts shall be maintained. A number of counties have established these courts under this state-wide law.

There was formerly a recorder's court in Cherokee County. It was created by a special act of the legislature but the law was repealed in 1923, and the court ceased to function early in that year.

The superior court docket in this county is greatly over-crowded much of the time and it is believed that this county court will be able to settle most of the minor cases and relieve the superior court of the trial of so many petty offences. Since this court can operate for much less than the superior court, and since it will give offenders of the law a chance to be heard without waiting for the higher courts, often times in jail at the expense of the county, it is the belief of the officials that the establishment of this court will save the county money.

## Regular Term Superior Court Convened on 19th

The regular January term of the Superior Court of Cherokee County will convene on Monday, January 19th. This will be both a criminal and civil term. The court now in session is a special sitting for the trial of civil cases.

For the regular term convening on the 19th, the following jurors have been drawn:

First Week: D. C. Ensley, J. R. McClelland, W. C. Walker, J. W. Rollins, Z. B. Odell, B. McAbee, Dock Barnes, J. H. Hampton, D. C. Wilson, W. C. Everett, G. B. Collet, A. J. Hass, R. P. Johnson, L. F. Green, Foster Fain, W. T. Staleup, H. F. Mulkey, Logan Lawrence, H. L. Dale G. F. Rose, Allen McDonald, Gordon Crawford, T. T. Morrow, A. E. Nichols, J. U. Farmer, E. P. Grant, J. P. Killian, Mart Raper, Hayden Ferguson, David McMullen, F. W. Radgord, J. J. Ellis, S. H. Dockery, W. Christopher, Ernest Graham, John McMullen.

Second Week: Jake Robertson, R. Fain, J. P. Bryson, P. A. Mauney, W. Palmer, P. N. Conley, R. E. Dockery, F. W. Smith, E. M. Gentry, J. H. Suit, S. L. Hatchett, J. P. Crasman, R. B. Palmer, M. I. Hall, A. N. Lovingood, Harley Shields, W. W. Killian and Jack Hall.

## Fire Escapes Being Put On School House

Fire escapes are being put on the grammar grade school building. One escape is being put on the east side and one on the west. These escapes are wide enough for two children to march down abreast and access will be had to them from the middle room on either side of the building through the auditorium. A door way to the outside is being cut so that no difficulty will be experienced in getting to the escapes.

These escapes have been needed for some time. They were required by the State Insurance Department for safety of the children. Heretofore there has been only one exit from the second story of this building and this has been down the steps at the back of the auditorium. With the installation of these two fire escapes, three exits will be provided from upstairs and three from down stairs.

## Special Term Court To Adjourn Saturday

The special term of superior court in session here will adjourn Saturday, January 10th. This term convenes on the 8th of December, and will complete the full term. There has been a civil case involving James L. Webb, of the holding judge.

## Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker Visit Relatives Here

Mr. J. W. (Jeff) Whitaker and Mrs. Whitaker, nee Ella Gentry, now from Western Texas, arrived in Murphy December 24th, and visited Mrs. Whitaker, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gentry, on Hangingdog. They spent much of the week of the 28th visiting kinfolks on Valley River: Luther Gentry, brother; Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Smith, uncle and aunt; Mrs. Viney Welch, aunt; the Whitakers up Valley River whose fathers were brothers of Jeff's father; the Pulliams, Moores, (Tathams); and Mrs. Ann Holland, which widows are sisters of Jeff Whitaker's mother. Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker visited their old home church, Peachtree, where rests their little boy, Fred, and where sleeps 3 of Jeff's sisters. They arrived too late to hear much of a very able and inspiring sermon preached by the pastor of Peachtree Baptist Church, Rev. A. B. Smith.

W. J. Whitaker, with his father, J. L. (Fate) Whitaker and large family of unmarried and married children, moved away from Peachtree and North Carolina in 1906 to Oklahoma. J. L. Whitaker and some of his children—including Jeff and wife—moved from Oklahoma pretty soon to New Mexico, where Mr. J. L. Whitaker—the last but one, Mrs. Viney Welch, of his father's family of sixteen grown children—died September 19th, last, at the great age of 87 years. But he "did not attain unto the days of his fathers": His grandfather, James Whitaker Sr. died on Valley River in his ninety-sixth year, and his father, James Whitaker Jr. died there in his ninety-seventh year.

Our loved visitors, Jeff Whitaker and wife, moved from New Mexico to Western Texas some years ago. His mother, nee Sarah Morrow, raised on Valley River, is now at Jeff's home, where another son also lives. She is 84 years old and is feeble and nearly deaf. Her father, the late Esquire E. G. Morrow, became almost deaf before he died more than three score and ten years old.

"Jeff and Ella" expect to revisit their kin folks on Valley River this week, taking advantage of its fine weather; and perhaps the old home neighborhood of Peachtree. The rain the mud, the cold, was very much against them last week.

We shall indeed be saddened by their departure for Texas, likely next week. —SUB.

## Can Convert 4 Percent Bonds only Till June 30

The Secretary of the Treasury of the United States has announced that the privilege of converting First Liberty Loan Converted 4 percent Bonds of 1932-47, and Second Liberty Loan 4 percent Bonds of 1927-42 into 4 1/2 percent Liberty Bonds, will terminate at the close of business June 30, 1925, and thereafter may not be exercised. The conversion privilege with respect to such bonds arose May 9, 1918, and expired November 9, 1919, but was extended by the Secretary of the Treasury under the authority conferred by Section 5 of the Victory Liberty Loan Act, to such date as might be fixed by the secretary of the treasury on six months public notice. Although the privilege has remained open for over six years and public notice has been called thereto from time to time, holders of about \$33,000,000 of bonds have not yet availed themselves of the privilege of conversion.

## Woman's Club Will Meet Next Wednesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Wednesday afternoon, December 14th, at the Library at 3:15 o'clock. The study of famous women will be continued at this meeting, the specific topic being "Woman in Social Science." The discussion will be led by Mesdames W. E. Travis, E. A. Davidson and J. H. Dillard. The social committee for this meeting is: Mrs. J. W. Davidson and Mrs. L. E. Bayless.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Godwin and three children returned to their home in Ocala, Fla., the latter part of December after having spent the fall in Murphy.

## McLean Expected To Assume Office On February 14th

While the details of the inauguration of Governor-elect A. W. McLean have not yet been worked out, it appears probable that the next Chief Executive will assume office on Wednesday, January 14th. Mr. McLean is planning to come to Raleigh on a special train from his Lumberton home. Upon his arrival he will be conducted to the Governor's office in the capital, from where he and Governor Morrison and the other state officers and members of the Legislature and other public officials and visitors will march to the Raleigh auditorium, where the formal exercises will be held.

The public is looking forward to Mr. McLean's inaugural address, for in this he is expected to set forth many of the policies he expects to follow during his administration. He is generally conceded to be conservative, but he made few public utterances during his campaign that would show his real position.

## Mrs. A. S. Clark's New Home Nears Completion

The home of Mrs. A. S. Clark on Valley River Avenue nears completion. Mrs. Clark recently purchased this property from Bryan Martin. The house has been much enlarged by the addition of a second story to the north wing, the construction of a kitchen at the back and the enlarging of the porches.

### OWL CREEK

(Last Week's Letter)

Mr. Harrison Jones is in ill health at this writing.

Mr. F. D. Dickey, of Murphy, was here on business one day recently. Christmas passed very quietly at this place.

We are having some cold weather here at present.

Mr. Paul Solesbee has returned home from Oteen Hospital where he has been taking treatment.

We regret to say that Mr. S. T. Kephart is in poor health.

Mr. Jasper Rhodes was the guest of Mr. Newt Kephart Sunday.

Mr. Porter Marcus and Mr. Mr. C. A. Hass have returned home from Rowansford where they had a position.

Miss Delsie and Allie Kephart and Ruby Laurins were Sunday school visitors at this place Sunday.

Mr. Vincent Marcus was the guest of Mr. Oliver Kephart Sunday.

Miss Mary Jones was the guest of Miss Delthis Kephart Sunday.

Fox hunting is the chief sport of this place.

The young people of this place enjoyed a nice Christmas tree at the home of Mr. J. W. Solesbee Christmas Eve night.

### WEHUTTY.

(Last Week's Letter.)

Christmas passed away very quietly in this place.

Miss Edna Wilbur, of Etowah, Tenn., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Robinsin.

Mr. Claud Crowder and Edgar Torrence, who are attending high school at Farmer, are spending the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Torrence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cotter and children, of Athens, Tenn., have been spending a part of the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cotter.

A very interesting musical party was given by Mr. Wilfred Robinson at his home Christmas evening. There was a large crowd present, some of whom were: O. L. Robinson, of Emory University, Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Rogers, of Kentucky; Miss Etna Robinson, of Ocoee, Tenn.; the Miss Moppins, of Cleveland, Tenn.; Miss Loubell Tatham, of Athens, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson, and Miss Edna Wilbur, of Etowah, Tenn. A fine musical program was rendered with stringed instruments.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Deal at Ducktown recently.

Mr. O. L. Torrence entertained a few friends last Friday night with the radio.

## Street Work Being Done In Factory Town District

The street leading from the lower Valley River bridge to the railway crossing in front of the furniture factory is being graded this week. Evans & Lance are the contractors. About two thousand yards of earth are being moved, one small culvert and drains provided to care for the water. The street is being made considerably wider and the grade reduced to a minimum.

There has been a great need for and strong pressure brought to bear to have this street improved for some time. It is one of the most used streets in Murphy, the traffic being largely wagon traffic with lumber, wood, ties, and other forest products. This heavy traffic and the fact that the street has been narrow and lower than the banks and walks on either side has made it impossible to maintain the street in passable conditions at all during the winter months and much of the time during the summer it has been a veritable mud-hole and a menace to the health of that section of the town. The present grading work will raise the street up level with the walks and provide drain ditches to care for the water, which will make it much easier to maintain.

## Sweetwater Man Died December 29 In Graham County

Mr. T. L. Rogers died at his home on Sweetwater Creek in Graham County Monday morning, December 29th, at the age of 63 years. Funeral services were held in the Baptist Church at Robbinsville on Tuesday the 30th, at two o'clock, after which interment was made in the old cemetery near Robbinsville. Rev. L. P. Smith, pastor of the Baptist Church at Andrews, conducted the funeral services.

## New Jersey Solons Adjourn Years Session

Probably the most spectacular state legislature session ever held in any of the states of the Union came to a close on January 2nd when the New Jersey Legislature adjourned its year and a day session. The session was marked by filibuster after filibuster, personal encounter and exile. For more than six months of the technical sitting of the legislative body, 22 senators were out of the state to prevent a quorum so that no legislation could be put through.

The trouble arose over the calling of a constitutional convention. Opinion divided along party lines. One party favored the constitutional convention, the other held the balance of power necessary to call it. In order to try to force the minority group to consent to the convention, the majority party in the Senate held up all appropriation bills. Both groups stayed action by carrying on an organized filibuster. The situation grew tenser until on June 19th, with the release of bromide gas in the Senate Chamber, which came near proving fatal to several, 21 senators left the state and took up their abode in Rutland, Mass., to prevent their being arrested and forced to attend the sessions of the Senate. With the adjournment on Friday, the exiled senators returned to their homes from Massachusetts during the week end.

## Spring Term Public School Opened Mon.

The spring term of the public school opened Monday with the promise of five months of good work throughout all the grades. Attendance is hardly up to normal, largely on account of sickness, but there are several new pupils both in the grades and the high school department, and in the course of a few days it is expected that the attendance will be quite as good as at any time during the fall.

Mr. D. B. Hoblitzell, of Andrews, had as her guests from Murphy at a bridge party Thursday night, Mesdames W. W. Hyde, J. W. Thompson, E. T. Campbell and A. J. M.

## Third Se Stock

Stock in the Murphy Building Association is now being sold. This stock is offered in three months, two previous offerings have been sold. There is a large amount that may be sold in one time.

During the past year the stock were either built outright or built by the association. The total outlay of approximately \$100,000 adding just this amount to permanent improvements in Murphy, aiding four people to build homes that otherwise may not have been able to build. This has done to the stability of the citizenry of Murphy.

The stock is valued at \$100 per share and is paid for on the installment plan at the rate of 25 cents per week per share. If the stock is allowed to mature it will net the owner about six per cent interest and is non taxable. It thus becomes a very attractive investment for the man with money. It is also a desirable means of saving for the working man with small weekly or monthly salary. It is a good way to provide money for the education of one's children. All in all, it is one of the most attractive forms of investment. Any of the officers of the association or any of the stock holders will be glad to explain the advantages and principles of the association.

### WOLF CREEK.

We now date them 1925.

Mr. H. M. Ballew left here Tuesday of last week for Kock Island, Tenn. It will be recalled that about one year ago Mr. Ballew, while in the employ of the Tennessee Power and Electric Company, got one of his legs badly broken and just a few days ago got a satisfactory settlement out of them and so has gone back into their employment.

Mr. W. L. Garren was seriously ill all last week with an aggravated case of quinsy and is no better at this writing.

Mr. W. A. Burgess, of Beltsville, is planning, with his family, a home here.

Wolf Creek is not often blessed with distinguished men, visitors as happened last week. It was in the person of Warden P. Dougherty, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Dougherty is a native of the West, but has been in the Southland ten or twelve years, and is known and knows more people personally, perhaps, in the eastern half of Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida than any other man in the territory.

Mr. Dougherty is field Secretary of the above named territory of the Seventh Day Adventists, that is, he has the general oversight of the book work in this territory of the denomination.

Last year with a force of sixty-two Colporteurs he placed \$87,000.00 of denominational literature in the above named territory. He says this is only a drop of the \$4,500,000.00 worth sold throughout the world last year.

Mr. Dougherty preached two sermons in the Adventist school here and left for Atlanta Monday.

### OWL CREEK.

Mr. W. P. Marcus and Mr. Payne of Englewood, Tenn., visited Mr. C. J. Marcus last week.

Mr. N. C. McRea has lost the sight of one of his eyes.

Jerry Solesbee has moved to his new home.

Mr. C. J. Marcus is making some nice doors for the new church house and hope the flue will be finished by the fourth Sunday next.

Ernest Kephart moved up on Dinkins Creek the past week.

Mr. C. J. Marcus moved down near his planer into the W. P. Marcus house New Year's Day.

It was said there was some drinking in the county day before Christmas. Still some moonshine in the county.

Mr. John Marcus is going to move back to his mill this week.

Mr. W. H. Johnson is going to buy hides on Ocoee this week.

## North Carolina Gains \$4,000,000 In Small Grain Values

North Carolina farmers realized \$4,000,000 more on their small grains this year than in 1923, according to the Seras-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, which reports that the national increase in grain values amount to \$550,000,000.

The half million bushel increase in the North Carolina wheat crop this year brought the value up to \$10,250,000 as compared with \$7,500,000 of 1923. The oat crop of this state this year is up to 6 million bushels as compared to the 5 million acreage with the result that farmers will have taken in 5 million dollars on this crop as compared with 3 1/2 millions the year before.

The yield per acre on corn in North Carolina the report states, dropped to 14.9 bushels per acre and the normal production of 60,000,000 bushels dropped off to 38,000,000 bushels this year. The wet days, on the other hand, were a great help to the wheat and oats production, the former rising to 12.1 bushels per acre as compared with 11.1 the year before, and the latter to 25.2 from 22 in 1923. The profit per bushel of wheat this year was 22 cents where a loss of 34 cents was taken last year and a 11 cent profit in oats for the 18 cent loss of the preceding year.

The increased yield per acre of small grain and the increased price per bushel on all grains has aided materially in restoring the farmer to a better financial basis, the foundation report concludes. The high grain prices have resulted in live stock prices and a new vitality to the industry.

Mr. Andy Kephart caught a few hares on Ocoee this week.

Mr. Gaston Solesbee bought a few hares on Ocoee this week.