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Building Program Nearly \$200,000

EIGHT BUILDINGS TO
BE ERECTED DURING
THE PRESENT YEAR

Two Now Under Course of Construction—Dirt being removed for Foundations of Two Others

The New Year opens with one of the greatest building booms on than at any other period in the history of the town. The program to date includes five business houses, and Ice plant, one church, and one dwelling, to be erected at a cost of approximately \$150,000, together with the municipal program calling for \$40,000 water extension improvements total 192,000. This amount supplemented by several thousand dollars by the contemplated improvement, by E. C. Moore, of the recently acquired Valentine property, part of which is already under course of construction, brings the grand total up to nearly \$200,000.

Local capital is represented in the present building boom entirely, and is a progressive step of the forward-looking business men of Murphy in preparation for taking care of not only an increased local business, but that of tourists. It is expected that hundreds and thousands of tourists will be brought into this section this spring as a result of the widespread publicity being given Western North Carolina throughout the entire country in connection with the proposed Great Smoky Mountain National Park, and also the Appalachian Scenic Highway, which passes through Murphy North and South.

A brief summary of the several projects follows:

Excavations have been finished on the Britain-Axley property at the corner of Tennessee and Hiwassee Streets, and the concrete foundation is now being poured. This building is to be a modern two-story brick, the second story being equipped for offices and the ground floor fitted up for a substantial business. It will be erected at a cost of about \$15,000.

A modern brick and concrete structure to house a new twenty-ton ice plant for Murphy is being erected by J. C. Townson on his property adjacent the old ice plant. It will be completed sometime next month and will be erected at a cost of some \$15,000.

Excavations have been made and sand and stone placed on the ground of the Baptist Church lot on Peachtree Street, prior to pouring the foundation, which is expected to begin as soon as the weather permits. This building will be a magnificent structure, two stories and a basement, with an auditorium seating capacity of more than six hundred people. It will be erected at a cost of \$50,000.

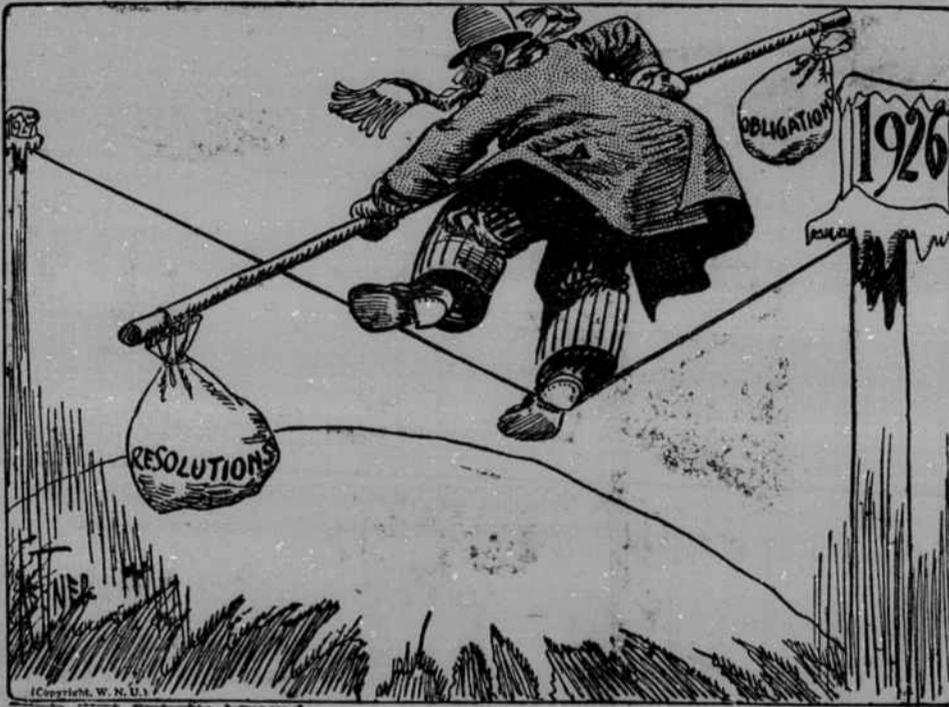
The excavating work is progressing on the lot of E. C. Moore on Valley River Avenue, adjacent the Coca-Cola Bottling works. The building to be erected here will be a modern one story brick, and will cost approximately \$5,000. It will be completed sometime in the spring.

Nichols and Ellis began breaking the ground this week for the foundation of a modern two-story brick structure on their property at the corner of Hickory Street and Valley River Avenue. This building will be erected in the form of a L, running back 100 feet on Hickory St, then back of the present filling station about 60 feet. Part of the ground floor will be cut up into private garages and perhaps a large repair shop, while the second story is expected to be fitted up for three and four room apartments or offices. It will be erected at a cost of some \$25,000.

The Dickey Motor Company is preparing to enlarge their garage on Peachtree Street by erecting another building on their lot between the Theatre and their present building. It will be about 25 x 160 feet, of brick, and cost about \$5,000.

The standard Oil Company has

His Annual Stunt



RECEIPTS AT LOCAL POST OFFICE HEAVIEST DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS

Total will Run Over Seven Thousand—Gain of 25 Percent over Same Period Last Year

Postmaster A. B. Dickey in an interview this week stated that the local postoffice receipts for the first half of the present fiscal postoffice year would probably run well over seven thousand dollars, which is a gain of some twenty-five percent over the same period of time for last year. The postoffice year runs from July 1 to June 30th.

The sales represented in this seven thousand dollars include only stamps, envelopes, postcards, etc. "This sum represents the handing out of many a stamp and envelope," stated Mr. Dickey.

Mr. Dickey was highly optimistic over the record sales of the local postoffice for the first half of the fiscal year, and expressed the opinion that this year's sales probably would reach \$15,000 by June 30th.

C. T. F. STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET JANUARY 18

Announcement is made by Mr. W. V. N. Powelson, President, that the Stockholders of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company would meet on Monday January 18th, at the office of the company in Murphy for the purpose of electing directors and transacting such other business as might come before the body.

recently acquired the Wells home place on the corner of Hiwassee and Tennessee Streets, and are expected to erect a modern filling and storage station to be used as their headquarters in this territory. It is understood that this building will cost approximately \$25,000, and be erected sometime during the year.

Plans are being formulated by Dr. J. N. Hill for the erecting of a magnificent dwelling on his property in the Bealtown section, on the Appalachian Scenic Highway. It is estimated that this structure will be erected at a cost of \$12,000.

Sometime ago the town issued bonds in the sum of \$40,000 for extension and improvements in the water system. A new filtering plant is to be erected on what is known as the Patterson field now owned by the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company. Material for this plant has already been bought and the contract let, it is understood.

MCKINLEY-ROOT CONCERT CO. NAME OF LYCEUM FOR MONDAY NIGHT JAN. 11

The third number of the 1925-26 lyceum course is scheduled for next Monday night, January 11th, 7:30 o'clock, at the school auditorium.

The trio of young lady entertainers known as The McKinley-Root Company, is a very capable and versatile organization. Their professional experience extends over a period of several years on both the lyceum and chautauqua platforms of the Middle West and have been headliners as entertainers where ever they have appeared.

The Company includes Miss Dorothy McKinley, dramatic soprano and pianist, Miss McKinley has a beautiful soprano voice and features costumed Indian songs.

Miss Eugenia Root is a superb violinist who also plays the banjo most acceptably. Miss Root is the accompanist for most of the vocal numbers and at the piano is very gracious indeed. But Miss Root's specialty is in her violin work.

Miss Edna Bell is a regular comedian and a most remarkable entertainer with her Scotch song impersonations. She has a very low alto voice whose tones are perfect and musical to hear. Miss Bell is also a captivating reader and it is said of her that she can make any audience laugh without effort. This is because she is natural in her work.

This number of the lyceum course has been looked forward to with a great deal of anticipation, and Murphy people are promised a real treat in the McKinley-Root Concert Company.

DATE OF MEETING FOR COUNTY PENSION BOARD CHANGED TO FEBRUARY

The date of the meeting of the State Pension Board for Cherokee County has been changed from the first Monday in July to the first Monday in February, according to announcement this week by Clark of the Superior Court E. E. Davis.

The appointment of Attorney John H. Dillard on January 4th as a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of P. E. Nelson was also announced in connection with the change of the meeting date. The other members of the board for Cherokee county are J. G. Tatham and Mack Harris.

BIG PROMOTERS POUR MILLIONS INTO WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1925

Investments totaling \$75,000,000 Forecast by Charlotte News During 1926

The Charlotte News of December 27, carried on its first page under a streaming box-car headline, the following review and outlook with regard to the development of Western North Carolina:

Investment in Western North Carolina, principally in projects related to industrial and real estate developments, that may approximate \$75,000,000 in the course of the approaching New Year were forecast in reports assembled here. Further extensive improvements in that section of the great natural beauty and undeveloped resources will be undertaken within a few weeks and others may be launched at intervals in the course of the year.

The popular interest in these projects, all of them planned on a large scale, lacks any spectacular element. Investors here who have acquired interests in some of these numerous enterprises, particularly real estate and hotel properties, and agents here for some of those development companies are in accord in declaring that there is no excitement attendant upon the progress of the Western North Carolina counties. Neither is this interest concentrated on one or a few localities, but the accomplishments in a material way are well scattered over the whole section.

CAPITAL IS ATTRACTED.
Some estimates, based on carefully made surveys place at \$100,000,000 the amount of foreign capital which has been brought into Western North Carolina in the course of the past three years by the appeal his section's potential resources has made to the judgment of financiers these estimates indicate that perhaps half of that amount was invested within the past twelve months.

Approximately a dozen tremendous developments, largely in the nature of resorts, are being promoted with remarkable success, and are making the names of as many Western North Carolina localities known far beyond the limits of this State. At the same time this is being accomplished, there is industrial development of tremendous importance, which is serving to maintain the wellrounded growth of this section and give additional

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FATE COPE IS SHOT BY NEPHEW WHILE ON HUNTING TRIP IN SWAIN

Coroner Finds Gun Was Accidentally Discharged—Was Brother of G. H. Cope, Of Murphy

Fate Cope, 25 years old, half brother of G. H. Cope, of Murphy, and a prominent farmer residing near Judson in Swain County whose body was found in the woods near his farm Tuesday was slain accidentally by a shotgun in the hands of his small nephew, according to findings of Dr. B. C. Thomason, county coroner, who instituted an investigation.

Were Hunting Rabbits

Cope and his nephew were out rabbit hunting late Tuesday afternoon, according to the coroner, and the boy, carrying a shotgun, is supposed to have cocked the weapon in anticipation of a quarry, leaving the gun in this condition while walking. When Cope was slightly ahead of his nephew, the latter is said to have stumbled, discharging the gun. The full load of shot struck Cope in the head, nearly severing it from his body.

On account of the remoteness of the community in which Cope lived, when the body was first found, report was brought to the sheriff's office at Bryson City that the man had been slain. Sheriff G. T. Ferguson was out of the city at the time and Sam Beck, deputy sheriff, with Coroner Thomason rushed to the scene.

Upon arrival there they found and interviewed the nephew who told them how the accident occurred. The coroner, it is said, was convinced that the boy was telling the truth and no further proceedings will be taken.

Cope is the son of William Cope and the family is prominently connected in Swain and adjacent counties. He was married but had no children.

Funeral services were held Thursday.

MISS LENORE ANDERSON WEDS IN OKLAHOMA

The following announcement is taken from the Binger (Okla.) Journal:

"Mr. Glen A. Hudelson and Miss Lenore Anderson, were united in Holy Wedlock on Christmas day, December 25th, at the Binger Congregational Parsonage by Rev. George H. Dierlamm.

"The wedding took place shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon. In the course of the ceremony a beautiful ring was given to the bride by the groom.

"Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hudelson, of Carnegie were in attendance as special guests.

"Miss Anderson came to Binger some time ago from North Carolina. Mr. Hudelson has been in partnership with the Binger Drug Company for the past year. After the ceremony the newly wedded couple left for a short honeymoon to Oklahoma City.

"We join with their many friends in wishing this happy couple a long, prosperous and happy life.

"They are at home to their friends in the Tracy Apartment House."

Miss Anderson is a Cherokee County girl, having gone to Oklahoma sometime ago. She was a student in the Murphy Schools during the first part of this scholastic year.

The announcement is quite a surprise to her many friends here, who extend best wishes.

A head to a thing generally puts it on its feet,

Divorce evils are no worse than marriage scandals,

At that, how could peace treaties ever be signed without arms,

Wouldn't it be cheaper for France to take straw votes of confidence?

"TWO NEW NATIONAL PARKS" TITLE OF ARTICLE IN OUTLOOK MAGAZINE

Members of Park Commission "Skeptical" Until They Saw Great Smoky Mountains

If the old spirit of exploration, which led Columbus and Balboa to their discoveries, were not still extant the men who located the Great Smoky Mountains and the Shenandoah Valley as sites for new national parks, the first in the Eastern United States, would never have succeeded in their quest. Such is the conclusion of William C. Gregg, one of the members of the Southern Appalachian National Park Commission, which at the behest of Secretary of Interior Work undertook the task of locating sites for a national park in the East. In the current number of the "Outlook" Mr. Gregg tells of the search for these parks, and presents a vivid picture of the necessity for the early creation of those great playgrounds.

The article, which has a prominent position in this issue of the "Outlook" is entitled "Two New National Parks" and beneath this caption is a map showing the relative location of those proposed parks and the following legend: "You can have them if you want them, as the map on this page shows. The proposed parks lie close to the thickly populated sections of the East, the South, and the Middle West. One lies close to the National Capitol itself. Ask your Congressman if he will help."

Six illustrations accompanying Mr. Gregg's article show the beauties of the Great Smoky Mountains section, and the devastation done by the lumberman's axe, fire and the consequent erosion.

In introduction of his subject Mr. Gregg writes:

"Under the shadow of a great telescope a man with a microscope may be unfolding new worlds.

"Thousands of discoverers followed Columbus and Balboa. When did the first white man see Niagara Falls, the big trees of California, the Yellowstone Geysery, and Ausable Chasm?

"Has everything been fully discovered in the United States? I guess not. A commission of five men, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, last year, with powers to hunt for a National Park in the Southeast, found two which were unknown and might have remained 'unheralded and unsung' if the old spirit of exploration had not spurred them on.

"Timber cutters cruised the areas, but their views were commercial. A good many hunters had pursued game in both areas; but the impelling adventure was evidently the chase and the kill, for they did not pay much more attention to the remarkable scenery than did the dogs they were following.

"This commission composed of five National Parks 'experts' were of all men most sceptical before they put on their canvas clothes and started to examine a few suggested 'parks'.

"We Americans hunt oil because we want oil, and by George, we find it! We want one or two places worthy to be called National Parks in the East, and we find them."

The Article is rather lengthy, yet it should be read with interest by every person in Western North Carolina.

POWELSON'S GIFT OF 100 BOOKS RECEIVED

Miss Josephine Helgway, Librarian, announced this week that the gift of Mr. W. V. N. Powelson, President of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company, which was selected by a vote of the people last October, had been received and would be in the shelves and ready for the patrons of the library the latter part of this week. The gift is volumes of fiction.