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OBSERVANCE OF GOLDEN RULE DAY IS URGED

Mayor Hill Addresses Letter To Citizens—President Coolidge Endorses Movement

Observance of International Golden Rule Sunday, which is December 5th, urged in a letter addressed to the citizens of Murphy by Mayor Frank Hill this week.

Golden Rule Sunday was begun several years ago in America in an attempt to care for the orphan children in the New East, but today has been extended to many other lands. A letter of endorsement by President Coolidge is also carried. Conclusions may be sent to the state chairman, Mr. J. B. Ivey, 1200 Realty Building, Charlotte, N. C.

Mayor Hill's letter follows:
CITY OF MURPHY, N. C.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
November 30, 1926.

The Citizens of Murphy:

December 5th is International Golden Rule Sunday. It is sponsored by President Coolidge and by leaders of all faiths and callings. A representative National Committee urges participation in its observance. I am glad to endorse their request.

Golden Rule Sunday is most appropriately placed midway between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Its purpose is two-fold: To awaken us to a greater appreciation of our own blessings, and emphasize our responsibility to the less fortunate in all parts of the world.

The central idea of the day's observance is the substitution of a simple and meager "orphanage" meal place of our usual bountiful Sunday dinner. In doing this the plight of the destitute in the world's poorest lands is made more real to us and our children.

In the orphaned children who are beneficiaries of Golden Rule Sunday, the recent earthquakes in Armenia have brought additional suffering. It is evident that unless we help our children they will perish. I therefore hope that International Golden Rule Sunday will be observed every home in our city.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK S. HILL, Mayor.

PRESIDENT'S ENDORSEMENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
May 15, 1926.

Regarding International Golden Rule Day as a movement of much importance. Begun in an attempt to care for the orphaned children of our lands, it has been extended to other countries.

Practical help is the best expression of friendship. The aid we may give out of our abundance to those who are unfortunately situated than we could be of great value in bringing out the application of the Golden Rule to the settlement of misunderstandings among nations as well as among individuals.

I hope the voluntary observance of this day may become increasingly prevalent in America and throughout the world.

Very truly yours,
CALVIN COOLIDGE.
International Golden Rule Committee,
11 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

City Cafe Under New Management

Mr. Toby Fain has recently taken over the management of the Mountain City Cafe, located in the stand formerly occupied by the Meroney Lumber Company. Mr. Fain is continuing the high standard of service set by his predecessors. He serves meals at all times during the day, and on Saturdays and holidays a special menu is prepared for customers.

Mr. Fain is a hustling young business man and invites his friends and the public to visit him whether hungry or not.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Gaston, of Asheville, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gray. Mrs. Gray's brother, T. T. Gaston, of Hixson, N. C., was also their guest during the holidays.

FUNERAL OF LESLIE BATES HELD SUNDAY

Was World War Veteran and Member Of One Of Murphy's Oldest And Most Prominent Families

Leslie Olin Bates, age 31 years, 8 months and 11 days, died at his home on Peachtree Street a few minutes before noon Saturday, November 27th, after an illness of long duration.

Last summer Leslie's health began to decline and his condition was such that he was forced to take his bed on July 12th. He remained under the care of local physicians here for about six weeks, and was then carried to the Wesley Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, where he received treatment for ten weeks. He returned to Murphy about four weeks ago, apparently improved in health, but not recovered sufficient to leave his bed. His recovery was despaired of by his friends a few days before his death, and the end was not unexpected.

He was a member of one of Murphy's oldest and most prominent families, his father, T. N. Bates, at one time being sheriff and tax collector of Cherokee county, and at present is a Justice of the Peace and local retail merchant. Leslie was also a veteran of the World War, having served more than ten months in France with Battery F, 34th Field Artillery, of the 9th division. He was gassed while serving his country in this capacity, and at the time the Armistice was signed was on the battle front. He entered Germany with the Army of Occupation, his particular division being stationed in the vicinity of Coblenz, Germany. He served his country well in time of war, and was honorably discharged with excellent character. He had many good qualities of character, one of which was being a friend, and the large number of sorrowing friends who paid their last respects to his memory, and the many beautiful floral offerings bespoke the high esteem of the community in which he lived.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. E. J. Harbison, assisted by Rev. T. L. Sasser, and interment was in the old Methodist church yard.

He is survived by his father, F. N. Bates; five brothers, Fred, Groves, Willard, Glenn and Carl Bates; one sister, Mrs. Fred Dickey. His mother and a brother and sister preceded him to the grave.

The following were the pall bearers: Active, Toby Fain, Lowry Gentry, Jake Dewese, Bill Adams, Neal Sneed, Richard Meroney; Honorary, F. H. Sword, J. M. Vaughn, F. C. Hall, Glenn Vandiver, P. C. Gentry and Mack Carringer. C. B. Hill, local funeral director, was in charge.

REV. CLARY ACCEPTS CALL TO SMYRNA, GA.

Local Presbyterian Minister Delivers Last Sermon to Murphy Audience Sunday Night

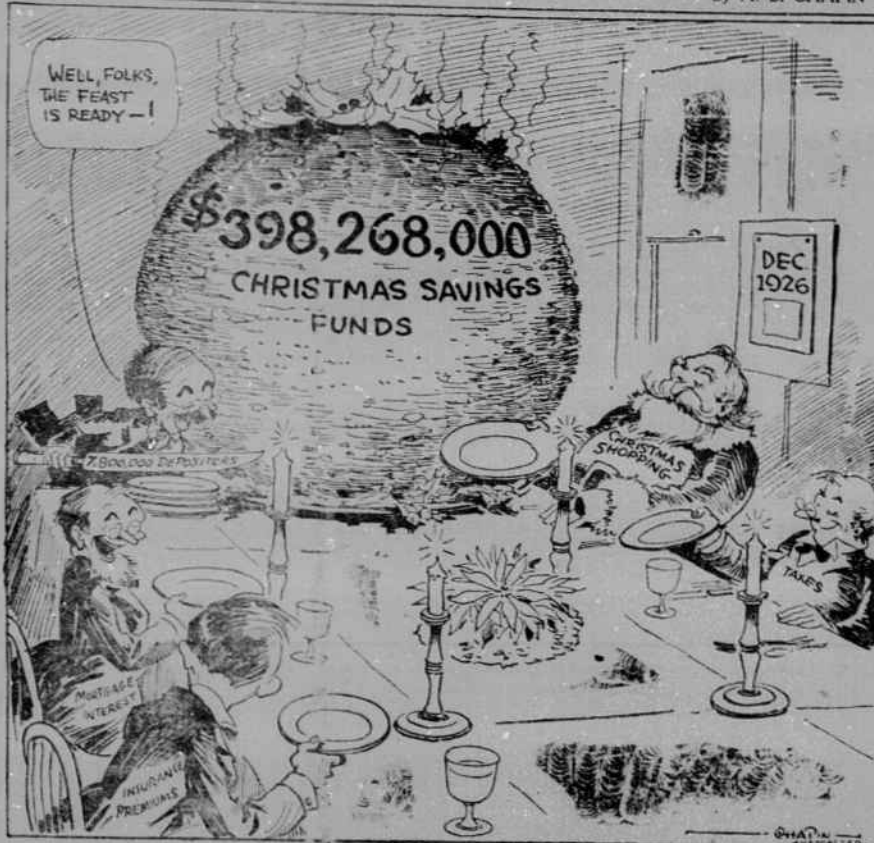
Rev. E. G. Clary, the popular pastor of the local Presbyterian Church for the past three years, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Church at Smyrna, Ga. He delivered his last sermon to his Murphy congregation Sunday night, and as has been the custom for many years, the other churches dispensed with their services Sunday night in order to worship with the Presbyterians and bid the retiring pastor adieu.

Rev. and Mrs. Clary have made many friends in Murphy during their sojourn here, and it is with a feeling of regret that they see them leave, but whose best wishes accompany them to the new field of labor. Mr. and Mrs. Clary left for Smyrna this week. No announcement has been made yet as to who will fill the vacancy made by Mr. Clary's going.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCormick, of Berryville, Va., were registered at the Regal Hotel this week. Mrs. McCormick is a grand niece of George Washington. They were enroute to Florida.

READY TO CARVE THE PUDDING

By A. B. CHAPIN



WOMEN VOTERS HEAR PROGRAM OUTLINED

Representative of Legislative Council of N. C. Women Speaks to Audiences at Murphy and Andrews

Miss Gertrude Weil of Goldsboro spent Tuesday in Cherokee county talking with the women about the legislative program of the Legislative Council of North Carolina Women, a committee chosen from The Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, League of Women Voters, State Nurses' Association and other like organizations.

Miss Weil held a meeting with some of the women of Andrews on Tuesday afternoon and although the weather was threatening, a number of women gathered to talk over the legislative program with her. On Tuesday evening at seven o'clock Miss Weil spoke to a group of women in Murphy about the same program.

The program which the women are sponsoring include the following topics:

1. A State-Wide Australian Ballot Law.
2. A law limiting the working day of children under sixteen to eight hours a day in industrial and mercantile pursuits.
3. The establishment of a farm prison for women offenders other than those received at Samaritan.
4. Two-weeks notice before marriage.
5. Taking over by the state of the reformatory for colored girls.

The women are also endorsing the program of the State Board of Public Welfare and the program of the Department of Education.

No attempt was made in Cherokee county to organize a league of women voters for the county, however, Miss Weil believed that such an organization would follow in the course of time. There are several women in the county who belong to the state league. A great many of the women of the county are in sympathy with the legislative program of the league. Miss Weil left Wednesday morning for Asheville and other points in the State.

—B. W. S.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Taylor, of Asheville, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Mattie A. Taylor and family. Mrs. Taylor accompanied them on their return as far as Topton, where she visited, returning to Murphy Tuesday.

XMAS SEAL SALE EXPECTED TO GO WELL OVER TOP

More Than Half Of Murphy's Quota Already Subscribed—75 Percent To Be Used Locally

The local Red Cross Christmas Seal sale, which began on Thanksgiving and will continue until Christmas, is expected to go well over the top, officers stated this week. Murphy's quota is placed at \$100.00, and already more than half of this amount has been sold.

Mrs. W. M. Axley, local chairman, is well pleased with the progress of the campaign. Announcement that the sale was on was made from the pulpits of the churches last Sunday, and this week the school children have been offering the seals for sale.

The proceeds of the seal sale will go toward stamping out tuberculosis, 75 per cent being used locally and 25 per cent being sent to the state organization.

ROBERTSON WILL CONTEST ROANE'S SEAT

Fight Expected To Be Carried To Floor Of Senate Next January

Senator Henry G. Robertson of Franklin has filed notice that he will contest the seat in the state senate awarded to R. J. Roane, of Whittier. Robertson, who is a Republican, represented the 33rd district in the state senate, two years ago, and it is said that he will carry his contest to the floor of the senate when it meets in January, charging irregularities in the election of Senator Roane, Democrat.

An article in the Bryson City Times of recent date says:

"On Saturday night a large number of the Republican workers of Swain county gathered in Bryson and held a meeting of the office of McKinley Edwards so report says. They had with them Henry A. Robertson of Franklin defeated candidate for Senate for the 33rd district. It is reported that this meeting was for the purpose of formulating plans to contest the recent election in Swain county. It was one of the closest election ever held here, some of the officers being elected by only a few votes, and only two going over 100. There has been a lot of reports going the rounds ever since the election that the result would

LAUNDRY IS NOW ASSURED FOR MURPHY

New Business Expected To Be Ready For Business By Middle of December

Murphy is to have a modern laundry. This decision was reached early this week by W. J. Crossley of Asheville and W. C. Gatherings of Memphis, Tenn., at a meeting with some of the officers and members of the local Lions Club. The J. W. Davidson building on Hiwassee Street just across the L. & N. bridge, which was formerly occupied by the Gulf refining company, is being put in condition for such an establishment. Some of the machinery is already here. The remainder is on the road and is expected to reach here this week, or early next week. The building is being refloored, additional windows cut and the walls being doubled so as to make the building warmer.

The new enterprise will be modern in every respect and will fill a long felt want in this section. Pledges of support have been given by the hotels and similar institutions in this and neighboring towns and by a number of private families. Messrs. W. M. Fain, E. E. Adams, E. P. Hawkins, R. W. Gray, H. G. Elkins and R. W. Sipe are understood to be backing Messrs. Crossley and Gatherings financially.

Both Crossley and Gatherings have been with the Apex Electrical Company for a number of years, making headquarters in Asheville. They are thoroughly acquainted with the laundry business as they have been selling and demonstrating the machinery for years. The equipment to begin with will consist of Apex washing machines, steam dryers, steam ironers as well as a number of electric irons and other small equipment to handle all sorts of work. Laundry lists and other necessary stationery and supplies are being printed this week and it is expected that this new business will be ready for operation by the middle of the month.

The regular meeting of the Music Club will be Monday night, Dec. 6th, 7 o'clock, at the club room. An interesting program from Schubert, consisting of violin, vocal, and piano numbers, is being prepared and a real treat is anticipated. All members are urgently requested to be present. A number of new members are expected to join at this meeting.

be contested but this is the first move of any importance that has been made, so far as is known."

TOM M'COMBS CROSSES DIVIDE SUNDAY NIGHT

Funeral Services Held Monday With Full Masonic Honors—Interment in Sunset Cemetery

Thomas Jefferson McCombs, 26 years old, died at his home Sunday night of pneumonia, after an illness of about ten days, being the second young man in Murphy to cross the great divide within as many days, casting a shadow of sadness over the entire community.

Tom, as he was known to all, was also a member of one of Murphy's oldest and most prominent families, his father, W. S. McCombs, was for many years a leading dentist who retired several years ago on account of failing health.

Tom was a Mason and Shriner, holding the office of Junior Deacon at the time of his death, and was always prominently identified with the activities of local Masons.

He was one of Murphy's most prominent young business men, having been connected with the Cherokee Hardware Co., Inc., for the past ten years. He was always sociable and well liked, as was attested by his many friends who crowded the residence to pay their last respects regardless of the downpour of drizzling rain, and the many beautiful floral tributes.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock, by Rev. E. G. Clary, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. T. L. Sasser and Rev. E. J. Harbison, and interment was in Sunset cemetery. The Masons took charge of the body at the residence and it was laid to rest with full Masonic honors.

He is survived by his father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. McCombs; four sisters, Misses Ella, Bettie Kate and Ruby McCombs, and Mrs. W. E. Davidson, of St. Louis, Mo.; two brothers, Robert and James McCombs.

The pall bearers were: Honorary, (Masons): Tom Mauney, Sheridan Dickey, Spurge Christopher, Jim Green, Tom Axley, and John Whitcomb; Active: Virgil Johnson, Elbert Mallonee, Walter Mauney, Neal Sneed, Frank Abernathy and Grover Mauney. C. B. Hill, local funeral director, was in charge of arrangements.

\$15,000,000 POWER PROJECT ON HIWASSEE

Options Being Taken On Land Submerged By Proposed Lakes, Three Villages In Path

By Daisy Rice Spradling in Knoxville Journal.

ATHENS, Tenn., Nov. 20—Large power development projects are pending along the Hiwassee river, according to reports of citizens along the stream and the war department engineers who are said to be making preliminary surveys. There is indication that projects calling for the investment of about \$15,000,000 are being presented to the Federal power commission for permits.

It is stated by engineers, that recently the Hiwassee Power company purchased all the pending water power rights by the Thompson Power company. The Hiwassee Power company, it is stated, is now ready to construct four dams on the Hiwassee river. One at Appalachia, one near McFarland, one close to Hiwassee and another at Austral, all in Polk county, making four large lakes suitable for navigation.

It has been stated further by engineers now on the survey that the Hiwassee Power company plans to construct the dam at Austral 100 feet high, making the peak of the structure 800 feet above sea level.

Higher Dam Sought

This, the engineers fear, the Federal Power commission will refuse to sanction, army engineers contending that the dam should be 150 feet high, or 850 feet above sea level. Until this difference between the Hiwassee Power company and the army engi-

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