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MURPHY TO GET CITY DELIVERY ON APRIL FIRST

Fight Extends Over Period Of Two Years—People Are Urged To Take Service

City delivery service for Murphy has been authorized by the postoffice department, according to information given out last week by Postmaster A. B. Dickey. This news is hailed with enthusiasm by the people of Murphy, and comes as the result of the efforts of both Postmaster Dickey and local civic organizations and city officials extending over a period of nearly two years.

The service is authorized to begin April 1st, and will require one full time carrier and one part time. The carrier service affords salaries approximating more than \$1700.00, and applications are now being received for the places.

Five letter boxes will be placed at the following points: intersection of Peachtree and Hiwassee streets; Peachtree and Terrace streets; at The L. & N. railway station; the Southern Railway station; and on Valley River Avenue near the Methodist church. These boxes have been shipped by the department and will be erected as soon as received. The service will be under the direction and supervision of Postmaster Dickey.

A census of the town two years ago showed that Murphy had more than 2100 individuals required to secure the service, and over 2700 patrons of the office. The department required that the receipts of the local office be at least ten thousand dollars. Other requirements such as naming streets, numbering houses, etc., were met and the department given the report.

Since then Postmaster Dickey has been constantly in touch with postoffice authorities, and it was due to his untiring efforts to a large extent that the service was secured for Murphy.

The local postoffice has long been in the second class column, the receipts last year being \$11,385.00. Besides Mr. Dickey, it employs three clerks regular time, and daily average of 6,000 letters and 2,000 packages are handled by them. The office handles an average mail order business of \$6,000.00 per month.

In connection with the announcement, Postmaster Dickey stated that it was desired that the people of

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MURPHY BOY IS ADMITTED TO BAR

Howard Moody, 23 year old Murphy boy and son of Attorney and Mrs. J. N. Moody, successfully passed the state bar examination held in Raleigh last week and was granted license by the Supreme Court to practice law in North Carolina.

According to members of the local bar association, the examination was one of the hardest ever given to applicants, and is attested to by the fact that only fifty-nine out of one hundred and twelve applicants passed.

Howard is a graduate of the local high school. He also attended Wake Forest for several years, and for the past two years was a student at the University of North Carolina. He will enter as junior partner of the law firm of Moody & Moody, at Murphy, which firm is composed of his father and brother, J. N. Moody and Ralph Moody.

Howard is a popular young man and his many friends wish him success in his chosen profession.

Two other western North Carolina boys were admitted to the State Bar along with Howard, B. C. Jones, of Bryson City, and Edwin Bryson, son of Judge T. D. Bryson, also of Bryson City.

And George Did It



George T. Swearingen, of Trenton, S. C., is "Cotton King," winning the crown and reward for having raised more cotton per acre in 1926 than any other planter in the state.

BLOCKADERS FLEE AS OFFICER MAKES RAID

Four Men Recognized By Rose Leave Still, Beer and Sugar Behind

A twenty-one gallon outfit, 600 gallons of beer and 300 pounds of sugar were left behind by four men when Deputy Sheriff J. L. Rose raided their quarters in the Whitner settlement, eight miles below Murphy last Saturday, according to information given out this week.

The still was in full operation, and at the approach of Deputy Rose, four men fled. However, they were recognized by the officer before they got away, and arrests in the case are expected to follow.

This is the fourth large moonshine manufacturing outfit taken by officers within the past month or so, in which the officers are waging an aggressive campaign to rid the county of prohibition violators.

Scout Installs Four New Fyr-Fyters

The Scout received and installed this week four one-quart Fyr-Fyters fire extinguishers purchased through Mr. J. W. Axley, agent for them at Murphy. Three have been placed in the plant of The Scout and one in the home of the editor.

We are not contemplating any fire, and hope we will never have to use them, but there is nothing like being prepared, and feeling a degree of protection in such matters.

Mr. Axley has placed quite a number of these extinguishers in the county and contemplates placing many more. They are approved and inspected by the Underwriters Laboratories.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT OF METHODIST S. S. TO GIVE PUBLIC VALENTINE PARTY

Keen interest is centered around the approaching Valentine party which is being sponsored by the teachers of the primary department of the Methodist Sunday School, Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the social rooms of the church.

Many delightful games and contests have been planned for the entertainment of the guests. A fortune teller will be on hand to read the past, present and future of any who desire to know what Dane Fortune holds in store for them.

Several home made cakes will be given as prizes. Delicious refreshments served free. Admission ten cents. The public is cordially invited to attend and support this worthy cause.

HAS BEEN AN INVALID FOR FIFTY-FIVE YRS.

Isaac F. Price, Born At Lenoir, N. C., Now Stopping At The Wells House

The story of a man who has been an invalid for fifty-five years is the history of Isaac F. Price, native of Lenoir, N. C., who with Mrs. Price has been stopping for several days this week at the Wells House.

Mr. Price, who has written his life history, says he was born at Lenoir in 1857. At the age of fourteen an attack of rheumatism left him an invalid for life. Since then he has spent fifty-five years in bed.

He is small in stature, and agreeable in conversation, taking his affliction good naturedly. According to his story, he had little opportunity for getting an education, but has read the scriptures through several times, and also likes to read histories of the world.

In writing the history of his life, he has prepared nearly fifty pages of typewritten copy, single spaced. It required him three weeks to copy it. The copying was done by himself, by placing a typewriter upon a stool beside his bed or on the bed. He is contemplating having it published in pamphlet form.

They arrived from Greensboro last Saturday and expect to leave for Atlanta the latter part of this week.

Talks Hard Surface Road From Toxaway Over To Hayesville

Franklin, Feb. 3.—That section of Highway No. 28 lying between Hayesville and Lake Toxaway is not only going to be completed as to grading, but is to be hard-surfaced.

That is the firm conviction of C. R. Cabe, chairman of the Macon county board of commissioners, following a conference in Asheville a few days ago with J. G. Stikeleather, ninth district state highway commissioner.

No. 28 extends from Murphy to Bat Cave, via Hayesville, Franklin, Highlands, Cashiers, Lake Toxaway, Rosman Brevard, and Hendersonville, connecting with No. 10 at Murphy and No. 26 at Bat Cave. The major part of the road between Hayesville and Lake Toxaway is either unimproved or only graded; the highway commission forces are now at work on the grading at two points in this county, west of Franklin toward the Clay county line, and to the east toward Highlands.

It was a report to the effect that the grading work being done in this county was to be discontinued that sent the board of county commissioners, accompanied by Gilmer A. Jones, county attorney, to Asheville to see Mr. Stikeleather. They returned convinced that not only was work on the grading not to be discontinued, but that the road is to be completed and hard-surfaced.

Mr. Stikeleather promised the commissioners, they said, that the crews of men would not be taken off the road; and, while his statements with reference to completion of the project were guarded, pending action on highway legislation now before the general assembly, he gave the commissioners sufficient assurance that they have no fears for the road's completion, they said today.

When completed, Highway No. 28 will traverse six counties, and connect five county seats. It will traverse some of the most beautiful sections of the western North Carolina mountains, including the far-famed highlands and Lake Toxaway countries.

The route has been top-soiled from Murphy to a few miles east of Hayesville, and is graded to Shooting Creek, Clay county. The section ly-

Sepalla and Togo



Leonard Sepalla and his lead dog "Togo" of Nome fame again proved their class by winning with ease the Poland Springs, Maine, annual sled classic last week.

BATTLES JAILED CHARGED WITH CUTTING BRO.

Lax Battles is in jail charged with cutting his brother, Bruce Battles, in a fracas last Monday night at the home of Vic Curtis two miles east of Andrews.

Bruce Battles is said to have received serious knife wounds, and is at his home in Andrews in a serious condition. He was reported to be some better Thursday.

Lax would discuss the affair but little, saying that it was forced upon him. He has retained Dillard & Hill to defend him, it is understood.

CLAY COUNTY LUMBER COMPANY CHARTERED

Hayesville, Feb. 9.—Certificate of incorporation has been received here from W. N. Everett, secretary of state, for the Clay County Lumber Company, of Hayesville, to manufacture and deal in forest products of all kinds. The authorized capital is \$50,000, with \$6,000 subscribed by C. Smart, R. L. Long and S. E. Hobbard, all of Hayesville.

Dairy For Clay County Is Aim Of New Agent

Franklin, Feb. 5.—A primary object he will keep in mind in his work in Clay county will be the establishment of a dairy in that county, J. V. Arrendale, Clay's new county agent, announced here this week.

Mr. Arrendale's plan is gradually to increase the production of cream in Clay county until the quantity produced for sale is sufficient to warrant establishment of a dairy.

Mr. Arrendale, who has been employed as county agent in the neighboring county for the next 22 months, held the post of county agent in Macon county for the past four years.—Asheville Times.

ing between Shooting Creek and a few miles west of Franklin is yet to be graded, as is the section lying between a point a few miles southeast of Franklin and the Jackson-Transylvania line. It is paved from the county line to Rosman, and from there to Bat Cave. The road has been improved, either oil-treated or top-soiled.

The road's completion will mean much to Macon county, for 28 will traverse the county, east and west, as 286 already cuts it approximately in half north and south. No. 28, also, will bring Highlands—not only into communication with Franklin, Macon's county seat—but back into Macon county and North Carolina. At present, the easiest method of approach to Highlands is from South Carolina.—Asheville Times.

LIONS CLUB ENDORES NEW CITY DELIVERY

Postmaster Dickey Requests Members To Help Put Service Over—Will Be Benefit To Town

The Lions Club went on record at the regular meeting Tuesday night as favoring the free delivery service for Murphy, and pledging their support both individually and as an organization to assist in every way possible to put the service over.

Mr. Dickey appeared before the club at the invitation of members and outlined the plan and gave out information relative thereto on questions asked as the discussion proceeded.

It was brought out that the service would be a great benefit to the town from many angles. For instance, mail would be delivered early in the morning to the home, and outgoing mail collected and gotten off on the outgoing noon trains. It was also pointed out that numbers of business houses sent out direct-by-mail advertising matter that was intended for the housewife to see, and on an occasion they had gone to the postoffice and found any number of their letters in the waste basket in the corner of the postoffice building, having been taken from the box and thrown there by whoever got the mail. This would be eliminated, and more than one member of the family given a chance to look the advertising over.

It was pointed out that many towns the size of Murphy had been striving to secure city delivery but few had postoffice receipts sufficiently large to merit the service. The service would also be a great advertising factor to the town, would help to relieve congestion at the postoffice following the arrival of the mail trains.

Many other angles of the service to the town was discussed, and the meeting was an enthusiastic one. Besides Postmaster Dickey, Mr. S. B. Coffee, of Dahlonega, Ga., addressed the club.

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVE IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

Representatives of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department will be at the following places on the dates given to assist taxpayers in filing Federal Income Tax Returns: Andrews, Feb. 16-17. Murphy, Feb. 14-15.

MOORE PRAISED IN LINCOLN

Lincolnton, N. C., Jan. 30, 1927.—Judge Walter E. Moore of Sylva, N. C., preside over the January term of Lincoln County Superior Court at Lincolnton for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. His Honor made a favorable impression upon the court officials and citizens generally of Lincoln County, and the court officials and bar of Lincolnton took special notice of the court's impartiality and fairness. This was the first term of court over which His Honor presided since being elevated to the position of Superior Court Judge. The following resolution was passed by the Lincolnton bar and Court officials:

"Resolved by the members of the Lincolnton Bar and officers of the Court, that we express our sincere appreciation of the able, humane, and dignified manner in which His Honor Judge Walter E. Moore, has presided over our Superior Court at the present term. His able charge to the grand jury, his kindly and dignified demeanor on the bench, and his impartial judgments have procured a profound impression on the community and made for him as a man and a judge a warm place in the hearts of our people."—Jackson County Journal.