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Big Crowd Present At Old Antioch Reunion

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Labor Day—a day free from the cares and toils of life, just to go about and view the glories of nature, and pine—thinking of the long ago, meeting and making friends. A rest from toil and care surely must fit the G. and Reunion of Antioch of the 80's.

Mr. Edward S. Mauney, one who enjoys bringing back sweet memories, and loves to hear the stories told of the days of old, is the father of this reunion. As in all other things he put his whole soul into this program, and saw it through to a wonderful finish. He started about the task about three months ago of bringing back the thin ranks of the students of the 80's to the old school grounds, and Monday he realized the dream which he has been dreaming.

Early Monday morning—and it was a beautiful day—not a cloud in sight—the sun sweeping over the heavens, shedding its rays of gold—the birds singing in notes which were rapturous and sweet—students who at one time attended school at Antioch about 50 years ago, began pouring in, eager and anxious to live over again the days of long ago. No more were their rosy cheeks blushing as in the school-boy and school-girl days; neither was their glowing hair the same; their faces showed the marks of hard work and great sacrifice, and the many winters that had come between, had turned their hair to snow—but within—their hearts were tender with love, and possessed a burning desire to be of service to each other and to the world.

From that hallowed spot many have gone to the four corners of the earth, and since the span between, have been contributing their part to their fellow-man, their country and their God.

The reunion was held in a spacious grove especially trimmed for the occasion. After the roll call by Prof. Luther Mauney, the opening address was delivered by Dr. Lewis Casteel, and as usual, his soul was filled and he soon was pouring out a soul-stirring message. He was followed by Prof. Luther Mauney, who had again returned to his own. He delivered an address that is seldom surpassed, telling of the great joy that came into his soul in being able to return to the spot where he had spent the most happy moments of his life. In part, he said: "I worked hard, but I did it with pleasure." He impressed the audience with the fact that the world was seriously neglecting the essential things for those more playful. During his discourse he said, "We are prone to know the mysteries of the universe created by a God. We are prone to know the mysteries of the universe without a God," he said with special emphasis. "It is easier to understand the mysteries of a universe with a God," admonishing his audience that they must believe in God, and in conclusion said: "Many are the faces now absent, but when the roll is called above we all can answer present." Those to follow Prof. Mauney were: Rev. Greene Sparks, of Maryville, Tenn.; Judge John Casteel, Sulphur, Okla.; Rev. Tom Jackson, Young Harris, Ga.; Mr. Tom Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.; and Mr. Frank Duncan, of Hopewell, Va., and others, thrilling the audience with their great messages. Mr. Frank Duncan presented Prof. Mauney with a gold-

Murphy P. T. A Stages Drive For Members

The Murphy Parent Teacher Association held special meeting last Tuesday night. The association has entered into a membership contest, being divided into two sections, the Reds and the Blues, with Mrs. J. H. Hampton captain of the Reds and Mrs. W. M. Axley captain of the Blues.

As the visitors arrived they were greeted by representatives of each group and badges were given them. Then the parents visited the rooms in which the children are located in order to meet the teachers and become better acquainted. The rooms were attractively decorated with flowers.

After this all assembled in the auditorium, with the president, Mrs. C. U. Williams, presiding. Prayer was offered by the Superintendent, C. U. Williams, after which the following program was rendered—Piano solo by Miss Kathryn McCall, supervisor of music in the Murphy schools. Paper—Undernourished children by Mrs. Edward E. Adams. Paper—A Father's Parents by Mrs. W. B. Cartrell.

M. & M. BANK, ANDREWS, FAILS TO OPEN SAT.

Recent Demands Of Depositors Said To Have Lowered Banks Surplus

The Merchants and Manufacturers Bank of Andrews, which was organized in 1905, and which was the largest bank in Cherokee county, failed to open its doors for business last Saturday morning, October 10th. A notice posted on the door stated that the bank had been placed in the hands of the state commissioner of banks or liquidation for re-organization. Recent demands of depositors, it was stated, had lowered the bank's surplus.

It is now in the hands of the state commissioner of banks, and it is understood that W. B. Henderson, Asheville auditor, will have charge of the audit of the books. When the audit is completed, it is understood that E. F. Gill, liquidating agent, will take charge of the bank. These two men are now working on the Cherokee bank, which closed exactly one week before the M. & M. did.

The last statement of the closed Andrews bank, as rendered to the state commissioner of banks on June 30th, last, showed that the bank had loans and discounts of \$319,716.74, with cash in vaults and due from approved banks a sum of \$19,722.35 and \$6,602.49 due from banks which were not approved depositories. The bank's capital stock is listed at \$20,000.00, with \$25,000.00 surplus, deposits \$251,845.12, and \$50,180.00 in bills payable.

Officers of the bank were: J. W. Walker, president; E. A. Wood, vice-president; J. H. Abernathy, cashier; J. H. Christy, assistant cashier; Miss Marvie Walker, bookkeeper. Directors: J. W. Walker, E. A. Wood, T. J. Bristol, J. H. Abernathy, D. W. Whisenhunt (deceased), J. R. Leach, W. B. Fisher, and W. H. (Bud) Nelson.

It is understood that efforts will be made to reopen the M. & M. bank as soon as possible. However, the conditions under which it will be allowed to open will not be known until after the audit is completed and the state commissioner of banks can examine the report.

headed, specially-engraved walking cane in behalf of the student body as an expression of their love for him.

The old-time school spirit was re-enacted when Judge John Casteel, Mrs. J. Y. Walker and Mr. Frank Duncan came to the stage as a class in the "Blue-back," conducted by Prof. Mauney. The audience derived much pleasure from their many school-day expressions—"it's yore time to spell."

After all had gathered and greeted each other, renewing afresh the friendships of the long ago, and telling of the little incidents that will never be forgotten, dinner was spread—or a feast—and everything that could be imagined was on the table, and that that was good. Today that dinner was plentiful is only putting it mildly, for the tables fairly groaned with their load of delectable viands prepared by the good ladies of the Antioch and adjacent communities. The people in that section are to be praised for what they did in contributing so much to the success of this occasion.

In the evening they began to bid each adieu, knowing that this would be their last reunion on this earth, and as Professor Mauney stated, that this would be the last roll call until the Great Teacher—the Master—of Teachers—would take up the roll call in which all could answer present, and where no absences are reported on account of sickness and death—but will only be one long and peaceful day in the shining city made by the Master Craftsman.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

John Ellis, who lives on Murphy, Rural Route, was a visitor in town Tuesday. Mr. Ellis is seventy-five years old and is as active as lots of men half his age. He says the people of this day know nothing of depression. When he was a young man he says, he made his own shoes and the womenfolk made their own dresses and hats. They made their own bread and butter, and their own preserves. And whitewash and jazz and white mule was unknown.

Prize Winner



Betty Lou Warrick, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Warrick, of Murphey, who won first prize in the baby contest held at the Cherokee County Fair. Betty entered in the class for girls from two to six years of age. She is three and a half years old. Her father is principal of the Murphey High School.

Frank Davis, Murphey Boy With U.S. Marines, Is Home On Furlough

Frank D. Davis, son of E. E. Davis of Murphey, who is with Uncle Sam's Marines, stationed at Quantico, Va., arrived Tuesday for a month's furlough with his family and relatives.

Frank enlisted in the Leatherneck outfit about three years ago. He went through his boot training at Parris Island, S. C., Marine training base, and then shipped to Quantico, Va. From Quantico, Frank was sent to Nicaragua with the detachment of Marines sent there by the United States to supervise elections and combat Sandino, the Nicaraguan bandit leader and rebel.

He was at Managua, Nicaragua, when the capital of that Central American country was destroyed by earthquake and fire. Frank said he had a narrow escape in the Managua earthquake. Everything he had in personal belongings were lost, and commissary building in which he was working was destroyed. Many lives were lost, and to aggravate the situation, fire broke out in the city with no water with which to fight it. The Marines immediately placed the city under martial law, and began fighting fire by dynamiting pathways in the path of the blaze.

They also took charge of rescue work, caring for the injured and feeding the thousands of homeless Nicaraguans. For their splendid work in this catastrophe the Marines have received the commendation of leaders from all over the country.

Frank's friends here are glad to see him, and the editor enjoys living over old scenes as he talks with him about the two camps, Parris Island and Quantico, through which both have trained with the Marines. Frank says he soldiered under General Smedley D. Butler, now retired to Private life. The editor soldiered under General Butler during the war, and it was this same General, then a Colonel, who administered to us the greatest "bawling out" we received while in military service.

WARD-HOLT

The marriage of Miss Neva Alys Ward to Dr. E. L. Holt, well known dentist of Murphey, in Georgia, recently, has been announced here.

Mrs. Holt for the past seven years has managed the Enka Beauty Parlor, residing in West Asheville. Dr. Holt has been practicing his profession in Murphey for about five years. Dr. and Mrs. Holt are at home to their many friends in East Murphey where they have taken an apartment with Mrs. Leila Dickey.

Mission Service Conducted At Murphey Church

The Rev. C. N. Duncan, rector of the Episcopal Church at Franklin, was in Murphey last week, holding a mission service at the Episcopal Church. The service began Monday evening and continued throughout Friday evening. A communion service was held Wednesday morning.

The membership of the church is small here, but members of the other churches made up good sized congregations each night, and enjoyed the series of sermons delivered.

FIRE DAMAGES MURPHY PLANT

Several Thousand Feet Of Valuable Lumber And Dry Kiln Destroyed

Fire, caused by overheating, destroyed between 5,000 and 6,000 feet of valuable walnut and cherry lumber and the dry kiln at the W. D. Townson furniture plant Tuesday evening.

The fire originated in the dry kiln. Firemen fought the flames for an hour and succeeded in saving the rest of the plant. No insurance was carried. The total amount of the loss could not be estimated.

Mr. Townson announced that he would start rebuilding the dry kiln at once, and Wednesday morning began clearing the ground for the new plant.

Mr. Townson recently received orders to make a quantity of school furniture for Georgia and Tennessee. The fire necessarily delays this work, since the lumber was of a kind and quality that is not easy to replace.

Murphey Loses To Sylva By Score of 6-0

The Murphey football squad held the strong Sylva team to one lone touchdown here last Friday, although some who had seen the two teams playing against other opponents had prophesied that Sylva would beat Murphey 100 to 0.

The game was one of the hardest fought ever played on the local gridiron. When the two teams appeared on the field, the casual observer would have given the odds to Sylva, because they had a considerable edge over the Murphey team in size.

However, when the game started, everyone realized that Murphey was there and fighting. Sylva tried the forward pass tactics, but the Murphey boys played such havoc with them they only succeeded in completing one. Sylva's line plunging played havoc with Murphey's defense, but the Murphey boys bucked it like veterans, especially when Sylva had the ball near the goal line. Only sheer weight put the ball across for a touchdown.

Ferguson and Trotter did themselves and the local team honor with their excellent playing. Ferguson was never as good in his life. He led the local boys as captain, and the entire squad showed they were backing him to a man.

The game was clean, although the referee became confused at times, but this was ironed out and forgotten.

The Murphey boys played Bryson City Thursday afternoon at Bryson, the score being 20-0 in favor of the Bryson boys.

Woman's Club To Meet

The Woman's Club will meet Wednesday, October 21, at two-thirty in the club room. All members are requested to be there.

ATTEND INDIAN FAIR

Among the Murphey people attending the Cherokee Indian Fair at Cherokee last week were—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gray, Mrs. W. H. Griffiths, Miss Josephine Heighway, Mrs. Fred Dickey, Mrs. B. R. Carroll and daughter, Dorothy, Dr. Cannon, Mrs. Thelma Dickey, Mrs. Carl Dobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coleman, Mrs. J. W. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crisp, Mrs. Bud Allen and daughter, Miss Pauline Allen.

William C. Walker

William C. Walker, of Letitia, N. C., was born December 3, 1848, and died September 30, 1931, age 82 years 8 months and 27 days. He was a son of the late Col. William C. Walker of the Confederate Army.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Amanda Walker; one sister, Mrs. J. M. Dickey, of Ranger; one brother, J. D. Walker, of McRae, Ga. He left this county at the age of 18, and moved to the West, where he lived for thirty years. He returned to this county in 1898, and enlisted in the Spanish-American War, and was honorably discharged. He was a member of one of the most prominent families of Cherokee county.

On September 18, 1902, he was married to Miss Amanda Stiles, and spent the remainder of his life near where he was born, and now sleeps on the hill in the Walker cemetery near the place of his birth. He was buried October 1 at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. Elisha Rogers, of Suit officiated at the burial. The pallbearers were: W. A. E. Stiles, M. C. Stiles, C. E. Walker, Willie Walker, Waitzell Walker, Clarence King, Hydor Walker, and W. E. Graham.

MARBLE PLANT TO BE ERECTED

Town of Marble To Be Scene Of Activity As One Of Largest Plants in South Goes Up

Representatives of the Converse Bridge and Steel Company of Chattanooga, Tenn., were here last Wednesday, October 7, with blue prints and specifications for the new marble cutting and sawing plant of the Columbia Marble Company, which is to be located at Marble.

According to their report this will be one of the largest and most up to date marble plants in the country. The weather permitting, this plant can be completed and erected in about 90 days. It is being designed to accommodate and house a complete outlay of the latest marble cutting machinery.

The Columbia Marble Company is already quarrying and shipping marble blocks from their recently acquired quarry at Marble. Large blocks of fine marble are being quarried there, and the work of further developing this quarry is going on at a most satisfactory rate.

They are now installing quarrying machinery at their other quarry at Regal. This is the old Regal quarry which used to produce the famous Regal Blue, well known throughout the country as one of the finest and most beautiful marbles for monumental and building purposes in the country. Derricks, compressors and other quarry equipment are being installed at this quarry, and the quarry is being cleaned off to facilitate quarrying. Within two or three weeks they expect to be quarrying and shipping blocks.

The Columbia Marble Company is going ahead with its advertising program. Orders are being received from all parts of the United States and Canada for monumental and building work. At present this work is being cut and shipped from their Knoxville, Tenn., plant, but in the near future, or just as soon as they put their new plant here in operation, they will manufacture this work here. We have an abundance of high grade marble around here, really as fine as is quarried anywhere. The Columbia Marble Company should be able to build up a big business in these local marbles.

MOVES TO FORMER HOME

Mrs. Leila Dickey, who operated The Maples for the past several years, has recently moved to her home in East Murphey. The Maples has been leased to Miss Ruby Owenby, is personally operating this popular tourists' home.

MRS. DICKEY ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Leila Dickey was hostess to a six o'clock dinner at The Maples on last Friday evening, honoring the football team of S. C. I. of Sylva. Those present besides the football team, were Rev. and Mrs. J. Leroy Steel, Misses Nettie Huston Dickey and Catherine Abernathy, and their friends.

Says Murphey Did Not Fight The Indians

Editor, Cherokee Scout: For the enlightenment of your correspondent at Oak Park and others who do not know, I will state that Judge Archibald DeBrow Murphey, for whom our town was named, was a native of Caswell county and graduated at the State University in 1799, served as State Senator from Orange county from 1812 to 1818, when he was elected as a judge of the Supreme court of Law and Equity, which he resigned in 1820, also served as reporter of the Supreme court for a time, and died in 1829, which was ten years before the county of Cherokee was organized; therefore, he was not a pioneer nor was he an Indian fighter as your correspondent seems to think. Tradition says that there was a family of Cherokees by the name of Murphey who resided at or near the present site of the town of Murphey and possibly raised vegetables in the public square, as is attributed by some of your correspondents to Judge Murphey.

I do not know who suggested the name to be given the town, but from the similarity of these two names I surmise that the latter may have had some bearing in the selection. The present spelling of the name has been the same since the Civil War, and possibly before and I regard the attempted reformation as much ado about nothing. But as a compromise I suggest that we might insert a comma to show that letter has been deleted.—W. M. West.