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## Lions Hold Meet Tuesday Night

Departing somewhat from the usual the Lions had their regular Second Tuesday Night dinner in the main dining room of the Regal Hotel, after which they retired to their Den for a short business meeting. The Lions had as their guest on this occasion Rev. Higgins, the new pastor of the Methodist Church, who made a short but appropriate talk that was much appreciated.

Lion President Fain read a letter from Miss Marguerite Butler of the John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, stating that the hour for the joint meeting of the Brasstown Community Club and the Murphy Lions Club was set at 7:30 p. m. December 12th (Murphy Time) instead of 6 p. m. as previously announced.

Lion Fain also read a letter from Lion and Lioness H. P. Powell of Marion expressing thanks and appreciation of the letter of resolutions sent them by the Lions, a copy of which appeared in The Cherokee Scout of last week.

A letter was also read by Lion Fain from Bonnell H. Stone, formerly of Blairsville, Ga., in reality a citizen of both North Georgia and Western North Carolina, a worker in every progressive movement for both sections, and a member of the Murphy Lions Club, the only non-resident member. Lion Stone expressed regrets that the pressure of business necessitated his moving to his new home, Oxford, Ga., and wished to be remembered to all old friends.

Marion, N. C. December 3, 1931  
Mr. W. M. Fain, President  
Murphy Lions Club  
Murphy, North Carolina  
Dear Fellow Lions:

This will acknowledge and thank you for the resolutions, which came to Mrs. Powell and me in yesterday's mail. It is true that one often learns better how to appreciate his friends after he has to leave them. This is true in our case. While we have already found our way into the hearts of some very fine people here in Marion, we find ourselves thinking often of the old friends we have left in Murphy.

Personally, I do not feel that I contributed very much to the Lions Club. I know I received far more than I gave. However, it was a pleasure and a privilege to have been a part of what I believe to be a group of the very finest men in the little city of Murphy.

Praying God's richest blessing upon you individually and collectively, and thanking you again for Mrs. Powell and myself, I pledge you my continued interest in all you undertake and all you realize as a Lions Club.

Sincerely yours,  
Howard P. Powell

December 3, 1931. Oxford, Ga.  
Mr. W. M. Fain,  
Murphy, N. C.  
Dear Mercer:

When my father offered to give me the old family homestead here in Oxford we realized that we could not afford to miss this opportunity to live in a more central part of the State, so we are only 35 miles from Atlanta on a new paved highway into the Capitol.

My father's health is not good and he needs me near him, while my own work with the Forestry Association requires more attention in South Georgia and my children are now the fourth generation to live in this old college town and get their start in life here.

I am not going to try and express my gratitude to you and other friends in Murphy for the many kindnesses shown my family and me, for it is impossible to tell you all how much you mean to me and how much I love that mountain country. After 18 years and 8 months of life in your section it was no easy matter to leave it, so we had to make a rush job of it and keep busy to hold down the homestead feeling that continues to return each night for the mountains.

Please remember me to friends in Murphy, especially the Lions Club, for I appreciate the honor extended in the invitation to join and regret that I could not be with you on the evening of Nov. 24th.

With best wishes always,  
Cordially yours,  
Bonnell Stone

The many friends of the Rev. Claude Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who was operated on at Statesville recently, will be glad to know that he is getting along fine and is expected to return to Murphy about the 18th of this month. Mrs. Turner and son returned from his bedside last week.

The many friends of Mr. Frank Hunsucker who suffered a stroke of paralysis last Saturday will be glad to know that he is slowly improving.

## Lions Meet With Brasstown Clubs Saturday Night

The Men's and Women's Clubs of Brasstown will hold their usual monthly joint meeting on the second Saturday of December, the 12th, at 7:30 p. m. Central time. At this time they have invited the Murphy Lion's Club and their wives to meet with them. An interesting program has been prepared by both groups.

## PERSIMMON CREEK

Rev. J. P. Decker filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Ben Reese preached an interesting sermon at Persimmon Saturday night.

Miss Gertrude Lauder milk spent the week at Bellevue.

Miss Vesta Rogers spent the week with Mrs. Hester Watson at Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reese spent Saturday night with home folks.

We are planning on organizing a B. Y. P. U. at Persimmon Creek church in the future.

Mr. John Voyles spent the night with Mr. John Stiles last Friday.

Mr. Russell Sneed has returned home from Lenoir City, Tenn. where he has been employed for sometime.

Mrs. S. J. Cearley has returned home from Murphy where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hester Watson for the past two weeks.

Miss Pearl Rogers spent Saturday night with Mrs. Maude Stiles.

## Has Entrance Forms For Frigidaire Contest

Entrance forms for the \$5,000.00 Christmas prize contest now being conducted by the Frigidaire Corporation are available in the showroom of Walter Coleman, Murphy representative of this General Motors subsidiary, he announced this week.

The contest is being staged over a nation-wide radio hook-up of 50 stations, every day of the week except Saturday and Sunday, at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Mr. Coleman will be glad to furnish blanks and explain the contest to anyone interested.

## Seal Sale Sponsored Woman's Club

The sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals is now under way, sponsored by the Murphy Woman's Club, with Mrs. C. W. Savage as chairman.

Dr. George R. Salisbury bought the first dollar's worth of seals and was also the first one in Murphy to join the Red Cross.

Money from the sale of the Christmas Seals last year was used to buy milk for undernourished children in the Murphy public school. These children gained in weight and showed a decided improvement in their class work and attendance. Money from the sales of the seals can be used for the treatment or prevention of tuberculosis.

## Conservation Letter

Mr. D. M. Birchfield, county game warden for Cherokee and Clay and Graham, is in receipt of a letter from J. W. Harrelson, Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, which in part follows:

Your record shows that you are working hard for conservation. However, in the present serious situation the public looks to the department for greater work. All wardens are for conservation and must work for the protection and law enforcement in fisheries, game and forestry.

The incentive to "pot hunt" will be stronger during the next winter. No efforts should be spared to bring into the courts all persons who violate the conservation laws. Violators of conservation laws rob you, your friends, your neighbors and your county of their rights to enjoy the natural resources.

Please impress upon all citizens that they too have a part in the conservation program. The dangers, which now confront our fish, game, and forestry call for the patriotic service of the part of all citizens. Write to your local newspaper regarding forest protection and law observance in fishing and hunting.

## MINNESOTA FARM PLAN SPEAKERS



FREDERICK E. MURPHY  
Publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune, director of the Associated Press and sponsor of the Minnesota Plan which revolutionized Northwestern agriculture and increased farm revenues nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars in seven years.



CHARLES F. COLLISON  
Farm editor of the Minneapolis Tribune and authority on agricultural conditions in the Northwest. As a lecturer and writer he is telling the country how the so-called Minnesota plan increased farm revenues nearly \$700,000,000 in seven years.

## FARM PLAN IS BASED ON SUCCESS EXAMPLE STUDY

Murphy Explains How Idea Was Applied in Solving Problems in the Northwest

"The Minnesota Farm Plan," sponsored in the Northwest with marvelous success by F. E. Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune, who will address a mass meeting of farmers and business men at the Plaza theatre, Asheville, on December 14th, already has aroused interested study in North Carolina, Washington, Texas, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi and other states, according to an article published in the Asheville Citizen of December 8th.

The article in the Citizen continues:

In several sections, definite agricultural improvement campaigns, uniting business leaders of the cities behind farm rejuvenation, have been launched under the inspiration of the successes in the Northwest.

Mr. Murphy continually reiterates his slogan, "Unless the 29,000,000 Americans who live on our farms prosper, the nation cannot prosper, what we have accomplished in 10 years in the Northwest, Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana can be approximated in other regions. Our particular cure, which was to get away from wheat growing and into dairying, live stock, and general farming, may not be the correct solution in every region.

Study Successful  
"But the gist of the Minnesota plan can be applied. We started in 1921 by studying the methods used on the 200 most successful farms in each region. Then we urged the spread of those methods to the rest of the farms.

"In 1921 Northwestern banks were failing in waves. We formed a loan corporation and its moral effect was to stop the failures. Then it financed individual farmers in the purchase of cows, live stock, sheep, and enabled them to shift over from old style cash crops to farming which paid them income every month through the year. We loaned the farmer money with the live stock as our sole security. Yet from the live stock the farmer earned the money to pay off the loan. Fourteen thousand farmers have been helped by loans already. And when the country banks saw the loans were safe, they began making them and thousands of additional farmers were helped over the hump to business-like farming."

"One of our first steps in the Northwest," he continues, "was to get the farmers to raise their own food. Thousands of our wheat farmers were without cows, pigs, and chickens. And they didn't even have a garden. Yet the average grocery bill was \$800 a year. That's all changed now.

Make Large Gains  
"In eight years our four states gained 228,000 cows. The rest of the country put together only gained 283,000 cows. We've raised our dairy income 55 per cent since 1921 until it's a three hundred million dollar income producer. Our cow-sow-hen income boosted farm profits 71 per cent since 1921, an average gain of ninety-five million dollars a year. And in 1926, in spite of low farm prices, our farm income held 34 per cent above 1921.

## OLD BAPTIST CHURCH BELL TO TOLL AGAIN

The old Baptist Church bell will toll again, but not to call the boys and girls and their fathers and mothers to church and Sunday school. It will ring out the Christmas tide and ring out the old year and ring in the new. It will also be a clarion call and siren for a section of the city when fire breaks out.

When the old Baptist church was torn down, the bell was discarded. It lay around for several years in the grass and bushes, which have since grown up, on the old church site, exposed to the elements, corroding, rusting-abandoned. Several weeks ago, prominent members of the Baptist church gave the bell to Mrs. Nettie Dickey, and now she has erected it between two big poles in the front yard of the Dickey Hotel. Mrs. Dickey said it had a wonderful tone and she was glad to get and swing it up in the yard so that it could be heard again. However, she said that when it did ring, it would mean that fire had broken out in town, or that it was Christmas, or the old year going out and the new year coming in.

How old the bell is no one seems to know. It was the first Baptist church bell to ring in Murphy, and history shows that the First Baptist Church of Murphy was constituted about 1845. Mrs. Dickey says she has been in Murphy more than fifty years, and it was used by the Baptist church when she came.

## Dramatic and Glee Clubs To Entertain

On Tuesday evening, December 15, at seven o'clock the Murphy High School Dramatic Club and the High School Glee Club will present an entertainment free to the public. The dramatic club will present "Bird's Christmas Carol", a play which is based on the story of that name, by Kate Douglas Wiggin. The cast of characters will include Virginia Howard, Marion Trotter, J. H. Brendle, Jr., Frazee Ferguson, Laura Hamilton, Margaret Mauney, Mary Witherspoon, Cecile Mattox, Mary King Mallonee, Mary Alice Bristol, Ruth DeWeese, Fain Weaver, Ruth Hampton, Horace Keener, Vivian Cearley, Vera Cearley, Pauline Allen, Louise Axley, Helen Warner, Pearl Baker and Mary Catherine Hensley.

Appropriate Christmas music will be furnished by the Glee Club under the direction of Miss Kathryn McCall.

## Christmans Bargains Awaiting Public

The buying public and Christmas shoppers of Murphy and vicinity have an unusually large number of bargains and Christmas gift goods awaiting them during the next 13 days before Christmas.

Last week, we carried an advertisement of Lahn's department Store, offering a wide range of dry goods, toys and novelties. Also, a special lot of drygoods and Christmas gift suggestions were advertised by the Leader Store, while Virgil Johnson had some mighty good prices on meats.

This week, we are carrying a page advertisement of the Cherokee Variety Store, offering a large assortment of Santa Claus gifts for the kiddies and grown-ups, as well as an advertisement of the Davidson and Griffith bankrupt stocks.

These folks are offering some bargains that are really bargains, and indications are that business and trade will be greatly stimulated during the next few days.

## STATEMENT OF DEFUNCT BANK TO BE FILED

Auditor's statement of the Cherokee Bank which closed last October 3rd will be filed this week, according to E. F. Gill, liquidating agent in charge. The statement came in last Friday, and Mr. Gill said that Frank S. Hill, attorney, was looking over a copy for some information and as soon as he was through with it, the statement would be filed, which will be sometime this week.

In connection with this statement, Mr. Gill said that he wishes it understood that anyone having claims of any form against the Cherokee Bank must call at the bank and prove their claims. All claims must be filed on or before the 28th day of January, 1932, according to an advertisement which appeared several weeks ago in this paper.

## Bankrupt Stocks Are Bought By Andrews Men

George B. Hoblitzell and Lee Watkins, of Andrews, were the successful bidders for the stock of J. W. Davidson and Griffiths, Inc., bankrupts, here last Saturday. It is understood that the stock of both stores brought a little over \$2400.00, including fixtures.

The stock of Griffiths, Inc., has been moved to the building occupied by J. W. Davidson, and will be sold during the next few weeks, the sale beginning today.

J. W. Davidson conducted an exclusive men's and boys' shop, while Griffiths, Inc., was an exclusive women's and children's shop.