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## 5-10 YEAR FARM PLAN ENDORSED

Cherokee County Farmers and Business Men Tell What They Think Of It

Farmers and business men of Cherokee county heartily approve of the Western North Carolina 5-10 year Organized Farm program sponsored by the Asheville Citizen and the Asheville Times.

J. H. Ellis, one of Cherokee county's most successful farmers, says: "I believe in it. I lived for 26 years in Montana and saw the method demonstrated in that State and in Minnesota and North Dakota. I lost practically all I had in farming on a big scale, raising grain alone, and I know that diversified farming in any country is what the farmers have to do to make a success. The farmers, the business men, and the banks must all work together for the success of the movement.

### Undeveloped Resources

"I have been in several different states, but North Carolina has more undeveloped resources than any other place I have ever been, and I think it is one of the coming undeveloped states of the Union. You can't keep a good thing down. The South hasn't advertised like the West. If we had had one-twentieth of the advertising the West has had, we would be up with them. Taking the year round climate, I'd rather be here than any place I have ever been. When I first came to this country, I bought some land that was as poor as any in the country, and people tried to discourage me, saying that I could never make it pay, but I have built it up until it will produce anything. We have thousands of acres of valuable land that isn't producing anything. If people will go to building up this land, in a few years it will produce in paying quantities. When one lets his land go down it is a losing proposition. By building it up, it is an asset to the State as well as to the farmer. When people come into a State and see worn out land, they think the state is of no value. The only way to keep land is to diversify crops."

Mr. Ellis has fine stock, good cows, hogs, and hens, and raises a greater variety of fruits and vegetables than any farmer in the county.

M. L. Mauney, successful farmer, says: "I heartily approve of the plan and am trying to follow it by raising better cows, hogs, and chickens. I also raise a variety of grain, corn, rye, and hay. One of the best things to do is to raise plenty of vegetables. We can have gardens until frost. The only remedy is to 'live-at-home.'"

D. Witherspoon, prominent attorney and farmer, says: "This is what we have been hammering at for several years."

Walter C. Witt, insurance agent and farmer of the Peachtree section, says: "I am raising rye, corn, potatoes, chickens, and hogs, and vegetables, and expect to go in on a larger scale next year. If people would do as Henry Ford said—get out on a farm and raise what they eat, times would get better. I read where in Greenville, S. C., they put 61 families out on farms and gave them each a mule, and this year they are self-supporting."

### Diversification Is Needed

A. McD. Harshaw, who has a large farm on Hiwassee river with about 350 acres in cultivation, with eight or 10 families on the place, says: "It is a deep problem, and diversification of crops is the only thing. I am urging my tenants to raise a greater variety of grain and vegetables, and more pure bred poultry, cattle and hogs."

R. W. Gray, Cherokee county farm agent, says: "For the last four years we have been working on the same plan—the dairy cow, the brood sow and the hen, and, two years ago, we added sheep. Now we are going to get the backing of The Asheville Times in what we are trying to do, and we will make a success. It is the only salvation of the country; the merchant and farmer must get closer together and know what each can do for the other. Numbers of families in Cherokee county who were dependent last year, with a little help, are absolutely independent this year."

## Preaching Schedule Of The Murphy Circuit

J. H. CARPER, Pastor.  
1st. Sunday 11:00 A. M. Bellevue; 3:00 P. M. Martin's Creek.  
2nd. Sunday 11:00 A. M. Brass-town; 3:00 P. M. Ogden.  
3rd. Sunday 11:00 A. M. Ranger; 3:00 P. M. Roger's Chapel.  
4th. Sunday 11:00 A. M. Tomotia; 3:00 P. M. Peachtree.  
5th. Sunday 2:30 P. M. Grape Creek.

## 44 License To Marry Issued Here In 1931

Only 44 marriage licenses were issued from the office of the register of deeds in Cherokee county during the year 1931.

Register of Deeds, B. L. Padgett, states that the reason there have been so few licenses sold here is the high cost of getting married in this State. The licenses cost \$5.00 health certificates \$2.00 and add to that the fee for the minister makes the cost around \$10 or more when a couple drive 20 miles to the nearest county seat in Georgia and get a license for \$2.50, without being required to get health certificates.

## OWENBY NAMED HEAD OF LOCAL WHOLESALE CO.

Wofford-Terrell Company Stockholders Hold Meeting On January 9th.

At a stockholders meeting of the Wofford-Terrell Company, local wholesale merchants, held Saturday, January 9th, W. G. Owenby, of Marietta, Ga., was elected president, succeeding C. A. Brown, of Andrews.

Other officers elected follow: J. W. Walker, of Andrews, re-elected vice-president, which position he has held for the past five years.

Gorge C. Mauney, secretary-treasurer, succeeding P. C. Hyatt. Mr. Mauney has been in the accounting department of the company for the past six years.

Directors were elected as follows: E. C. Moore.

J. W. King.  
George C. Mauney.  
W. G. Owenby.  
T. A. Terrell, Jr.  
Harry Miller.  
C. M. Wofford.  
J. W. Walker.  
J. H. Reagan.

Mr. Owenby, the new president is not a stranger to the people of Murphy and Cherokee County. Some 23 years ago he was in the wholesale mercantile business in Murphy. He bought the wholesale company of J. L. Smathers, and it was then that Mr. C. M. Wofford entered the business, it being known as the Owenby-Wofford Company. Later Mr. Owenby sold to Mr. Wofford, and it was reorganized with Dr. T. A. Terrell, of Blue Ridge as a partner, under the firm name of Wofford-Terrell Company, which name it has since retained.

Mr. Owenby is a native of these mountains, having been born and reared within about ten miles of Murphy. For the past 23 years, he has been in the wholesale business in Marietta, Ga. However, he has held business connections in Murphy for many years, being interested with Mr. C. M. Wofford in the Community Oil Company, which concern is local wholesale distributors of the Sinclair Oil Company products.

## Andrews Cage Teams Win Easy Victories

Cage teams of the Andrews high school had an easy victory over Peachtree on the local floor Tuesday night. The score for the boys was Andrews 22, Peachtree 17; and for the girls, Andrews 36, Peachtree 12.

In the girls' contest, Montoney, Carver, and Palmer, for Andrews, were the attractions of the game, Andrews maintaining the lead easily. The boys' teams were a little more evenly matched. Morrow, forward, and Lovingood, guard, were outstanding featurers of the game for Andrews. Herbert and Millsaps for the visitors did splendid work.

The Andrews Blues, an all-star team, who took defeat by a narrow margin of one point from the Bryson City B. Y. P. U. last Monday night, is to play a return game on the local floor Saturday night.

## Martin's Creek Minstrel

An old-time dinky minstrel performance was staged the last of December in the Martin's Creek school auditorium by Messrs. Vaughn Stalcup, Judson Chastain, Dillard Coleman, Pauline Stalcup, Myrtle Chastain, and Mrs. Florence Smith.

Mr. Tom Ellington gave valuable assistance with his singing, accompanied by the banjo.

The sixth and seventh grades of the school also assisted in the folk songs and choruses.

The admission proceeds have been used to purchase books for the school library.

## AUDIT REPORT M. & M. BANK FILED HERE

Shows Expense Of \$8,792.84 In Excess Of Income From January 1, to October 9, 1931

The audit report of the Merchants and Manufacturers Bank, of Andrews which closed on October 9, last, shows that the bank had an expense of \$8,792.84 in excess of its income during the period of January 1, until it closed, although it earned during the same period \$11,362.38. The report was filed with the clerk of the superior court during the Christmas holidays by E. F. Gill, liquidating agent in charge. It was prepared by W. Bowen Henderson, certified public accountant, of Asheville.

The report shows that the resources and liabilities of the bank, as of the closing date, amounted to \$321,781.98, with loans and discounts of \$305,966.89. The amount of these loans pledged to secure bills payable, contra, is give as \$108,894.92.

When the bank closed, it had \$3,373.96 cash on hand, with \$2,160.27 due from other banks, or a total of \$5,534.23.

The regular deposits or checking accounts amounted to \$43,101.34 with certificates of deposits amounting to \$188,391.77. Bills payable, including interest, accounts, salaries and taxes, amount to \$50,241.85. The capital is listed at \$20,000.00, with a surplus of \$17,390.29, or a total of capital and surplus of \$37,390.29. The public funds amount to \$24,784.25, with the Town of Andrews having \$20,619.51 on deposit, and Cherokee County \$4,133.33.

The income and expense sheet shows that the bank earned \$11,362.38 from January 1, to October 9, 1931, while expenses for the same period amounted to \$20,155.22, or an expense in excess of income of \$8,792.84. Surplus of the bank on January 1, 1931, amounted to \$25,000.00, with \$1,182.13 of undivided profits as of the same date. This, after deducting the excess of expense leaves a surplus of \$17,390.29, on the day the bank closed.

The stockholders of record on October 9, 1931, follow:

W. B. Fisher, 6 shares, \$600.00.  
W. H. Nelson, 2 shares, \$200.00.  
J. W. Walker, 111s, \$11,100.00.  
T. J. Bristol, 6s, \$600.00.  
S. Porter, 7s, \$700.00.  
J. H. Abernathy, 2s, \$200.00.  
D. W. Whisenhunt, 2s, \$200.00.  
J. R. Leach, 2s, \$200.00.  
Lee Watkins, 5s, \$500.00.  
F. A. Wood, 44s, \$4,400.  
Mrs. Lena Wood, 7s, \$700.00.  
Porter Estate, 1s, \$100.00.  
Mrs. R. W. Collett, 1s, \$100.00.  
Mrs. Martha B. Walker, 1s, \$100.  
J. Frank Bristol, 1s, \$100.00.  
Mrs. Ethel W. Slagle, 1s, \$100.00.  
A total of 200 shares, \$20,000.00

The report does not list the officers and directors. They are as follows:

J. W. Walker, president; E. A. Wood, vice-president; J. H. Abernathy, cashier; J. H. Christy, assistant cashier; Mis 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.

That part of the report, showing the statement of the condition, public funds, and income and expense, will be found in another column.

## GOLDEN WEDDING IS CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Suddeth, two of Cherokee county's best known and most respected citizens, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their country home near Murphy last Friday, receiving the congratulations of their relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Suddeth were married January 8, 1882, and throughout their 50 years of married life have lived in the same community, quietly contributing their part toward its development and progress.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Suddeth was Miss Emily Norton, daughter of Giles and Sarah Norton, of Clay county. Mr. Suddeth is the son of Theodore and Delia Suddeth, of Cherokee county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Suddeth were born nine children, eight of whom are still living. They are: Mrs. Ethel Witt of Murphy; Mrs. Eva Humphrey of Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Edna Hasty, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Mrs. Alba Albright of Raleigh; Wayne Suddeth, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Carl Suddeth, of Miami, Fla.; and Mrs. Grace Mauney of Murphy.

There are 15 grandchildren, eight boys and seven girls.

## Murphy Boy Makes University Honor Roll

Marshall C. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Bell, of Murphy, was one of 324 students to make the honor roll at the University of North Carolina for the fall quarter, according to figures recently made public by T. J. Wilson, Registrar of the University.

In order to make the honor roll a student must make an average grade of B (90 to 95 per cent) in all studies.

## MAN AND STILL TAKEN IN RAID IN SHOAL CREEK

Total Of Thirty-Three Stills And Forty-Two Men Taken In County During Past Year

Charlie Floyd was arrested and a 45-gallon still was taken in a raid by local officers and Federal prohibition agents in Shoal Creek township Tuesday morning.

Officers stated the outfit was located about 250 yards from the home of Charlie Floyd. A search of the Floyd premises revealed a 16-gallon keg out in the edge of the yard partly filled with whiskey. The whiskey and about 700 gallons of beer were poured out, the furnace, containers and equipment destroyed, and the still brought to Murphy where it was placed in the blockade museum in the county jail.

No one was at the still when the raid was made. However, the officers found Charlie Floyd some distance from home hauling in a load of hay or feed, and from the way Floyd acted, he evidently did not know the power or ability of Deputy Sheriff Lee Crisp at running. He probably had never heard that it was Crisp who won a mile foot race at the county a year or so ago, or else he thought he was more fleet footed. But he soon found out.

Deputy Crisp mounted the wagon with Floyd and the two continued on toward the house. The wagon had no brakes on it. As they started down a rather steep grade in the road, the team, so the deputy relates, had to run to keep out of the way of the on-rushing wagon. And they were running, too. Suddenly Floyd leaped from the fast-moving wagon and started toward the rear, back up the mountain as fast as his feet would carry him.

Deputy Sheriff Crisp was left sitting atop the loaded wagon with the team running for dear life. He had a decision to make, and make quickly. He made it. Throwing caution to the four-winds, he leaped from the wagon and started in pursuit of the fleeing Floyd. After a short race, Floyd was overtaken and caught up on the mountain. And the team and runaway wagon ran on down to the level of the flat and stopped.

Floyd was brought to Murphy and placed in jail. He later waived preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner A. A. Fain and was bound to Federal court under justified bond in the sum of \$500.

This made the 33rd still, together with 42 men, captured in the county during the administration of Sheriff J. Frank Bristol within the past 14 months. Officers taking part in the raid were Federal Prohibition Agents Charlie Branton and Thurman Crisp, of Bryson City; Sheriff J. Frank Bristol, and Deputy Sheriffs Fred Johnson, Bud Morrow, and R. L. Crisp.

## Miss Rickett Is Secretary For State B. Y. P. U.

George Pennell, member of the North Carolina Baptist board, announced upon his return from a meeting of the board in Raleigh that Miss Winnie Rickett, of Andrews, has been appointed to succeed the Rev. James A. Ivey, of Asheville as state secretary of the Baptist Young People's union work.

W. O. Riddick, of Asheville, the other member of the board from this section, also attended the meeting. It was announced that the board authorized appropriations for the work of the denomination at Enka and at the United States Veterans hospital at Otten. Mr. Riddick and Ray Morgan, of Waynesville, were named on the commission on missions, and Mr. Pennell was chosen on the education commission. Receipts handled by the board during the year totaled \$560,818.04, Mr. Pennell said.

## BELL SPEAKS AT FOLK SCHOOL

Murphy Lawyer Tells Brasstown Clubs About Indian Myths

On Saturday night, the 9th, the Men's and Women's Clubs of Brasstown held their monthly joint meeting at the John C. Campbell Folk School. They were fortunate in having as the speaker of the evening Col. M. W. Bell, of Murphy, who gave a most interesting talk on Indian Myths. The appreciation of all was expressed by Mrs. Campbell. Then Mr. Brooks spoke briefly.

The Clubs then adjourned to the dining room, where the women's part of the program was enjoyed in the form of cookies and coffee. After the refreshments, came the men's part of the program: a debate, "Resolved that it is better to live in the country than in the city." The team for the country was composed of Fred O. Scroggs, Rufe Teems, Quay Ketner, and Alexander Ware; those upholding city life were Park Fisher, George Bidstrup, John Deal, and Leon Deschamps. The debate was quite impromptu, and was most amusing. Both sides scored some merely amusing, as well as some really convincing points. The audience, showed its approval with much laughing and applause. The three judges, Mr. Brooks, William Clayton and Elizabeth gates then retired while the eight debaters nervously awaited the "verdict." Upon their return, Mr. Brooks acted as spokesman, and announced that the decision was unprecedented, but that the judges were unanimous in voting to give each side a vote and a half.

After a few singing games in the community room, the party ended, and, as usual, a very good time was had by all. It was voted to omit the joint meeting in February, as several business meetings are scheduled for the latter part of January and early February. The next joint meeting will therefore be held Saturday, March 12.

The Women's Club is to hold its next meeting on Wednesday, January 27, at the home of Mrs. Elmer sales.

## UNAKA WOMAN DIES WHILE ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. J. U. Farmer, 48, of Unaka, died at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Farmer had been ill for two days and the physician advised taking her to the hospital at Franklin for an operation. En route about eight miles from Murphy, she became so ill she was taken to the home of Will Hall, where she died.

Funeral services was held at the Unaka Baptist church, of which she was a member, Monday at 12 o'clock by the Rev. E. A. Beavers. Surviving are her husband and eight children, Marcus, India, Elizabeth, Isabel, Ada, Allen, Ralph, Hazel and Glenn.

## Murphy and Hayesville Divide Cage Honors

Murphy high school basketball team divided honors with the Hayesville team in a double-header on the local floor Friday night. The girls easily won with the score of 28-7, while the boys were defeated in the overtime period by score 18-16.

The boys game was very closely contested. In the first half, Murphy led the scoring, but in the second half Hayesville tied the score which remained tied until the end. In the overtime period Hayesville scored two points, thereby winning. The girls very easily won their game. They have won every game this season thus far by a large leading score.

Feature players of the game for the visitors were: girls, Scroggs, Duvall, and Wakefield; boys, Stratton, West, and Phillips. For Murphy, each girl played a good game of ball, while Ferguson, Hensley and Trotter starred for the boys.

The next contest will be with Ducktown high school, a double-header on the local court next Friday night at seven o'clock.

Trifling  
First Lady—"Rumor has it that you and your first husband aren't getting on well together."  
Second Ditto—"Excuse me! We had a word or two and I shot him, but that's as far as it went."  
Then there's the Scotchman who bought the car because the clutch was thrown in.