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HUGE MARBLE PLANT IS NOW BEING BUILT

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

The huge steel building, which will house the cutting and sawing of the Columbia Marble Company, is rapidly being erected at Marble, N. C., nine miles east of Murphy. The concrete foundations were completed several days ago, and the huge steel posts and frame work is now under way, with a crew of laborers and steel workers daily making rapid progress. The converse Bridge and Steel company are contractors for the job.

The building is 260 feet long by 160 feet wide and will be about fifty feet high. It will be constructed of steel throughout, and it is understood that it will be finished in about forty days. Sixteen carloads of steel have already been placed on the ground. Machinery will then be installed for cutting and sawing and quarrying the marble, and will consist of the most complete outlay of the latest marble cutting machinery found in any plant in the south.

The Columbia Marble Company is already quarrying and shipping marble blocks from their recently acquired quarry at Marble, where they have erected a huge fifty-ton derrick. Large blocks of fine marble have been taken from the quarry, and the company recently acquired the properties of the Carolina Marble Products Co., and it is on this property that the present building is being erected, a few hundred yards east of the town of Marble proper.

The Columbia Marble Company has started an extensive advertising campaign, and orders are being received from all parts of the United States and Canada for monumental and building work which is being cut and shipped from their plant at Knoxville, Tenn. As soon as the plant at Marble is completed, this work will be manufactured there.

The marble belt running through Cherokee County contains an abundance of high grade marble which has been pronounced by marble authorities as among the finest quarried anywhere. Cherokee County's court house is built out of this native marble, and it is one of the show places of this section. Many builders and contractors have visited this building and inspected it with a view to erecting building elsewhere from the same marble.

When this plant at Marble is completed, it will mean much to this section, in wages paid to laborers as well as the realization of the dreams of many for the development of Cherokee County's marble of a large commercial scale.

COMMUNITY CLUB ORGANIZED IN TEXANA

The colored people of Texana have organized a community club in co-operation with R. W. Gray, county agent, and A. L. Martin, county superintendent of schools. The club is organized on the same basis as the clubs started in the white communities of the county, and they plan to meet twice a month. The club has already been functioning, and it is expected that much good will be done among the colored people through its offices.

Will Powell is chairman; Georgia Harshaw, vice-chairman and Troy Bowman is secretary. The general committee is composed of Walter Bowman, Mrs. James Allen, Mrs. Victoria Hall, Mrs. Jennia Allen, and Mrs. Emma Powell.

The following compose the program committee: Mrs. Lula McKinney, Mrs. Maggie Rain, Mrs. Hassie Simmonds, A. M. Wiley, and Clarence Suddreth.

Poultry Specialist Here

C. F. Parrish, poultry extension specialist, of Raleigh, is in the county this week with County Agent R. W. Gray, inspecting flocks and holding meetings and discussing the general outlook for poultry raising in the county. A meeting was held with Mrs. F. J. Watkins, of Peachtree, on Wednesday morning, and another was held in the afternoon with Mrs. C. B. Wood, of Andrews.

Sales of limestone have been doubled and sales of fertilizer have decreased in Tyrrell County this spring, according to the County Agent.

WOMAN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT IN ANDREWS

In an automobile accident here Friday morning, March 25th, Mrs. C. W. E. Pittman was painfully injured. Severe cuts about the head and face were thought to have been caused by the force with which she was thrown against the windshield. Medical attention was rendered. Mrs. Pittman was riding with Miss Nell Hall, Andrews teacher, whose car, a small sedan, collided with a car driven by W. F. Turner. The cars were badly damaged.

Organized At Peachtree Community Club Is

On March 3rd County Agent, R. W. Gray called a meeting of the citizens of Peachtree and organized a community club.

The officers elected are as follows: president, F. J. Watkins, vice-president, R. C. Pipes, secretary, John Donley.

Members of the executive committee are, G. A. Walsh, Lawson Lunsford, Mrs. J. E. Hall, and Mrs. John Shanks. The program committee composed of W. W. Leatherwood, Minnie Ferguson, Mrs. F. J. Watkins, and Betty Robinson.

Mr. Gray pointed out very definitely ways and means by which community cooperation could make Cherokee County self-sufficing.

Supt. A. L. Martin also made a very interesting talk relative to the benefits that might be obtained from the people working together.

It is generally understood that the purpose of such organization is to function in connection with the 5 and 10 year Live at Home program of N. C.

The first Thursday night of each month was set for the meeting this club. We hope the farmers and citizens of Peachtree will be interested enough to crowd the school auditorium at that time.

We are inclined to think that the greatest trouble with most of us in the past years is that we have been trying to live too much to ourselves individually and not interested enough in the welfare of our community at large.

So let's get busy and try to find out some of the great needs of our community and county and then co-operate to the fullest extent for the betterment of all.

JOHN DONLEY.

Sets High Value On Woodlands

Miscellaneous sources of income from the forests of North Carolina return approximately \$26,000,000 annually to landowners, in addition to between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 in income from the lumber cut, Bryan W. Sipe, statistician of the Department of Conservation and Development, said Monday, March 21, in summarizing some of the services of the forests in connection with the observation of "Carolina Forest Week," during the past seven days.

Other factors which make the forests vital in the lives of the people include services whose value cannot be measured in terms of finances, but which are nevertheless essential, Mr. Sipe said. These include the creation of natural beauty, places of recreation, homes for wild life, protection of watersheds, and control of erosion.

"More than a hundred thousand cords of pulp wood are cut each year," said Mr. Sipe, "from our wood lands. The price of pulpwood varies, but on the average it brings a return of well over half million dollars annually to the State.

"Wood is practically the only fuel used by the 1,600,000 people living on the farms of the State. Besides cooking and heating, many thousands of cords are used for curing tobacco. The 1930 census shows that two-thirds of the farms, 187,519 to be exact, cut 2,628,000 cords of wood that year. Farmers also turn to the forest for wood for countless other purposes. Nearly a million fence-posts are required annually in repairing old and building new pastures for farm animals.

"From 150,000 to 200,000 telephone and telegraph poles and many pieces of piling are supplied yearly by our timber crop." —News and Observer.

Mrs. Thelma Dickey Is Appointed Postmaster

Mrs. Thelma Dickey has received notice of her appointment as postmaster for a term of four years.

Mrs. Dickey has been acting postmaster since the death of her husband, A. B. Dickey, who served as postmaster for almost two terms. Mr. Dickey died in August, 1930.

GUN SHOT WOUND FATAL TO WORLEY CRAIG ARRESTED

Trouble Said To Have Been Over Wife Of Craig, From Whom He Was Separated

Cecil Worley was shot and fatally wounded at the home of William Craig at Wehuty, about 20 miles west of Murphy, at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, March 22nd.

The shot, which struck Worley in the abdomen, is believed by officers to have been fired from ambush from a Winchester rifle. Worley was removed to a hospital at Ducktown, Tenn., where he died Thursday afternoon, the 24th.

William Craig, charged with the shooting, was arrested about midnight on the 24th by Deputy Sheriff Harris and was lodged in the Cherokee county jail early the next day. At a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Felix Hill, of Suit, he was bound over to the next term of superior court which meets here next week.

Craig and his wife had been separated about two weeks and officers said they were informed the two men had trouble over her.

Worley's home is in Tennessee.

Sheriff J. Frank Bristol, being notified Thursday, March 24th, of the shooting, took Coroner Dr. S. C. Heighway to the scene of the shooting, but found that Worley had been removed to the Ducktown hospital in Tennessee, and returned to Murphy.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET HERE SAT.

The Republicans of Cherokee County are scheduled to meet here Saturday in convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention and the various district conventions, electing a county Chairman and transacting such business that may properly come before the convention.

Fred Dickey, of Murphy, has served as county chairman for the past two years. The precinct conventions of the Republicans were held last Saturday and delegates were selected to meet at the county convention here Saturday. The hour of meeting is 1:30 in the afternoon.

FORD BRINGS OUT NEW 8 - CYLINDER IN LOW PRICE CAR

New Fords To Be Shown Here Soon — Prices From \$460 to \$650 F. O. B. Factory

Thos. S. Evans, local authorized Ford dealer, received prices and advertising charts on the new Ford cars this week. He plans to have one of the cars on display as soon as he can secure one.

The new cars are V-type eights and fours. Prices for the eights range from \$460 for the roadster to \$650 for the convertible sedan. The prices of the new four-cylinder cars were announced at \$50 less than those quoted on the corresponding eight-cylinder body types.

The prices of the new 8-cylinder car average about \$10 more in each class than the corresponding type of the 1931 four-cylinder cars, making the fours some \$40 cheaper than the 1931 models.

The prices of the eight, all f. o. b. Detroit, were announced as follows: Roadster \$460; deluxe roadster \$500; phaeton \$495; deluxe phaeton, \$545; coupe \$490; deluxe coupe \$575; sport coupe \$535; cabriolet \$610; victoria \$600; tudor sedan \$500; deluxe tudor sedan \$550; fordor sedan \$590; deluxe fordor sedan \$645; convertible sedan \$650; chassis \$370.

Community Meet At Pleasant Hill April 4

A community meeting will be held at Pleasant Hill church on Monday night, April 4th. R. W. Gray, county agent, and A. L. Martin, county superintendent of schools, will be present to address the meeting on community affairs. Mr. Knight, district road supervisor, is also expected to be present. The public is cordially invited to come out and hear these men.

Seed sweet potatoes have been bedded in preparation for the new crop in Currituck County.

MURPHY MAN TO AID REPUBLICANS DRAFT PLATFORM

Fred O. Christopher, of Murphy, will be one of the Republicans drafting the platform of the State Republicans when the platform committee meets in Charlotte on April 13th. The platform will be tentatively drafted and presented to the state convention the next day, according to announcement this week by Thomas J. Harkins, of Asheville, who was recently appointed chairman of the platform committee.

Civil Service Exam. Announced for Guard

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that April 19 it will accept applications for the position of guard-attendant in the Medical Hygiene Division of the United States Public Health Service, for duty at Federal prisons throughout the United States.

The entrance salary is \$1,620 a year, less \$360 a year for quarters, subsistence, and laundry when provided.

For this position the Treasury Department wishes men.

Applicants must have been graduated from a recognized school for trained nurses which requires a residence of at least two years in a hospital giving thorough practical and theoretical training, or in lieu of such graduation they must have served at least one three-year enlistment in the Hospital Corps of the United States Navy or have had at least three years of active service in the Hospital Corps of the United States Army.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office in Murphy.

First Fruit Tree Patent Granted By Government

If the great horticulturists of the past—men who labored without pay and without protection to improve fruits—could now come back for a day—they would gasp with astonishment when they learned that the strong arm of the law was now the protector of the toiler in the field of Fruit Tree Improvement. For truly, an epochal event has just occurred; a new day has dawned in the World's Fruit Tree History, and no man may now propagate, grow, sell or otherwise infringe the rights of the owners of Hal-Berta Giant Peach.

Luther Burbank, the Master Mind of all times in things horticultural, looked forward to this day; begged for it; hoped for it, but despaired that the day of Patent Protection would ever come to Originators and Inventors of New Fruits.

The first Fruit Tree in history of the world to be distinguished by a Patent issued by the United States or any other Government, is Hal-Berta Giant Peach.

The name "Hal-Berta Giant" is a combination of the names "Hale" and "Elberta"—two of the best known peaches. The new peach is mammoth in size and is a truly marvelous fruit—rosy cheeked, delicious to eat, and ideal to can. The experts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture—after all kinds of tests and study—decided it was different from any other peach and therefore this first Fruit Tree Patent has officially been issued to the Starks of Louisiana, Mo., who gave the Delicious and Golden Delicious Apples to the world.

MURPHY MAN IS MENTIONED FOR CONGRESS

Don Witherspoon, prominent lawyer, is being mentioned as a probable candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket from the eleventh congressional district, according to news dispatches in the daily press this week, but when asked about it by a Scout representative, Mr. Witherspoon said he was not a candidate for the office.

The convention for selecting a congressional candidate will meet at Canton on April 20th. The district comprises the counties of Buncombe, Rutherford, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, McDowell, Macon, Jackson, Haywood, Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania.

English "Round Church" Saint Sepulchre, a church in Cambridge, England, is commonly called the Round church. It is a Norman building dating from 1101.

FARM LOANS AVAILABLE TO CHEROKEE

S. S. Williams, District Supervisor, Here This Week—Headquarters At Andrews

Federal farm loans are now available to the farmers of Cherokee county, according to S. S. Williams, of Asheville, who will supervise the district comprising the counties of Swain, Macon, Cherokee, Graham and Clay. Mr. Williams will make his headquarters at Andrews.

The committees named for the different townships of Cherokee county are as follows:

Murphy Township—Fred Davis Grandview, Z. B. Lovingood, Murphy, Rt. 1, Fred Stiles, Murphy, Rt. 2, Valleytown Township—G. W. Cover, Andrews, J. M. Lovingood, Marble, E. B. King, Topton.

Shoal Creek Township—J. F. Woods, Suit, E. E. Jenkins, Suit, Policy Quinn, Postell.

Hothouse Township—T. M. Cole, Culberson, Rt. 2, E. E. Jenkins, Culberson, Rt. 2, T. T. Johnson, Culberson, Rt. 2.

Notla Township—Steve Evans, Unaka, U. F. Farmer, Unaka, E. E. Stiles, Murphy, Rt. 3.

General County Committee—W. J. Martin, Murphy, Rt. 3, N. E. Dockery, Murphy, Rt. 3, A. M. Simonds, Murphy, N. C.

"The loans to farmers will be handled in each county by a special committee," Mr. Williams said today, "and I will represent the government in checking up on these applications and supervising the expenditure of the money as provided in the act of January 22, 1932, creating the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

Value To Farmers

"I believe that this will be of great value to the farmers of this section," Mr. Williams added. "They will be able to secure loans for fertilizer and seeds to finance their 1932 crop making operations."

Under the act the largest amount that can be loaned to one farmer is \$400 and the security will be a lien on the crop under production.

In the case of a tenant, the total of all loans to tenants of any landlord in one county shall not exceed \$1,600, and in each case the landlord must sign the waiver before the tenant can secure the loan.

The interest rate on all such loans shall be five and one-half per cent and the notes will mature November 30, 1932.

All applications must be made by April 30th.

Applications blanks have been sent to the various county committees, and can be secured from them, or from the county agent or at the office of The Scout.

The steps to be made in securing a loan are simple. Application must be filled out in detail, signed and sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths. The community committee must then fill out and sign a certificate. The application and other papers are then sent to the county committee for action, after which it is then forwarded to the regional office.

A promissory note for the amount desired must accompany the application, and a mortgage lien made up on the crop. In case of a tenant making application for the loan, waivers from the land lord and or the party from whom the land was leased.

Full information can be had from any member of the committee or from the places or persons named herein.

NEW BOARD OF ELECTION FOR CHEROKEE CO.

A new board of elections out and out for the county was named by the state election board which met in Raleigh last week, according to news dispatches from the capital city.

The board named for Cherokee follows: Joshua Johnson, Murphy; E. B. King, Topton; and B. B. Morrow, Murphy. This gives two Democrats and one Republican, which has been the number of the election board's personnel from the two parties in the past.

The board also ordered that ballots for State officers and U. S. Senator be consolidated, that is, printed on the same ticket instead of two as in the last primary election. The congressional ticket remains separate.

It was also decided to print the Democratic ballots on white paper and the Republican ballots on pink paper.