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COLUMBIA FIRM WILL DEVELOP VAST DEPOSITS

Number Of People Will Be Given Employment In Quarry and Mill At Marble

Messrs. Barnett & Witt began work June 29th, on their contract with the Columbia Marble Company, Marble, North Carolina, to strip and remove the overburden from one of the latter's quarry sites at Marble. A steam shovel and a lot of other necessary contracting equipment have already been placed on the job and work is well under way.

This large quarry site, containing the largest and finest marble deposit in this part of the country will be completely stripped of overburden to facilitate the quarrying of North Carolina marble for use in the new plant of the Columbia Marble Company, Marble, North Carolina as well as in the plants of other marble manufacturers all over the country. The deposit has been thoroughly corded and tested, and has been found to contain a vast amount of beautiful white, grey and blue marble, the latter representing the famous Regal Blue, so well known throughout the country. It is estimated that it contains enough marble to last for many years, sufficient to take care of the needs of the building and monumental trades for many years to come. The quarry will be completely stripped and the necessary quarrying equipment installed to enable the company to begin quarrying marble some time within the next ninety days.

The latest types of marble quarrying machinery will be installed and the quarry will be operated in close connection with a finishing plant. The nearness of the plant to the quarry will not only save much time, but will also eliminate freight costs on the stock, greatly improving the service to the trade and reducing the cost of the finished product.

The new building, which is to house the marble cutting machinery, has been completed for some time. A good part of the machinery has already been installed and will be ready about the middle of this month. Two additional carloads of machinery have just been received and as the foundations have already been put in for this equipment, the latter should be completely installed and ready to run by August 1st.

The plans of the Columbia Marble Company are to begin operation of the plant by August 1st. The company has a lot of nice orders on hand for both monumental and building work, and will therefore be in position to start off in a real way just as soon as all of the equipment is ready. The plant will be thoroughly modern in every way, completely equipped with the latest types of marble cutting and handling machinery, with everything electrically driven.

The buildings are fire proof, being of steel, brick, and concrete construction. The foundation is of marble, quarried from the nearby quarries and milled on the site, ready for use. The buildings consists of a main central structure, with an open area about 50 feet wide between the buildings, to be used for loading and unloading marble. The plant, when finished, will represent an outlay of approximately \$125,000.00.

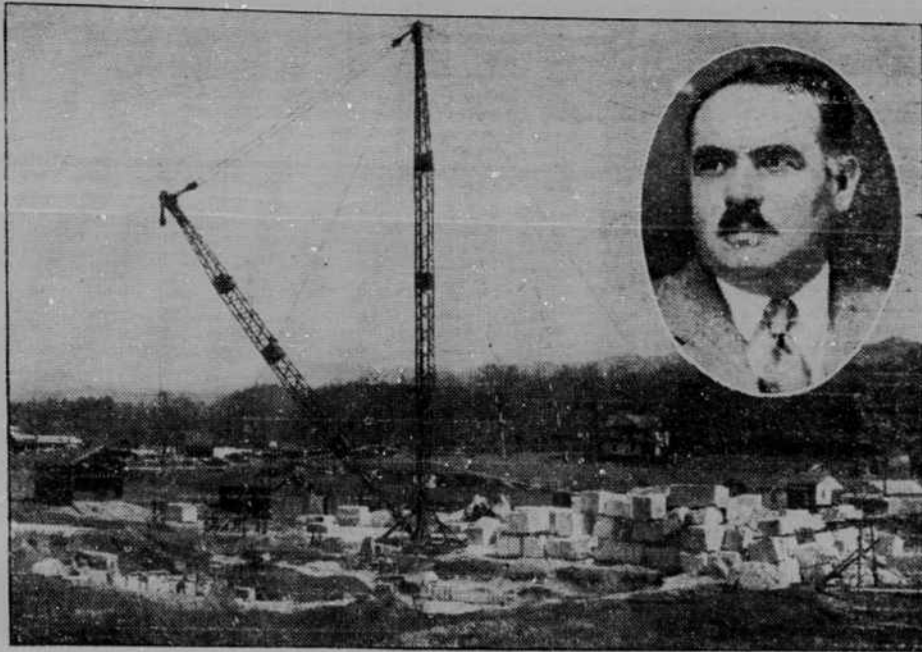
Electricity, which is being supplied by the Nantahala Power and Light Company, will be used to operate the project. Two huge cranes, both electrically operated, will be a part of the equipment. Water will be furnished by a gravity system for use in the machinery, including the rubbing beds and polishing machines. Tracks with concrete bases will facilitate the handling of freight cars in and out of the plant.

The equipment consists of two P. and H. electric traveling cranes, seven gang saws, two diamond saws, one carbondum saw, an air compressor, and a complete machine shop. An office is being built near the mill.

The Columbia company quarries, finishes and sells marble for both building and monumental purposes, and is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the United States. Its quarries are located at Marble, and in Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia. It is among the largest producers of marble and marble products in the United States.

Good Shipping Facilities
The facilities for shipping marble away from the plant are good. The Southern railway line runs adjacent

TAKING CHEROKEE MARBLE FROM THE EARTH



View a fane of the marble quarries of the Columbia Marble Company at Marble, N. C., where a new all-steel marble-cutting plant of the most modern machinery has just been completed, which assures the development on a large scale of this county's vast deposits of marble. Inset, C. Comolli, vice president and treasurer of the company and one of the leading marble and granite authorities in the South. Below: View of the huge plant.



to the plant, and eight miles away at Murphy, is a connection with the Louisville and Nashville railroad. The plant is also near Highway No. 10, one of the most important thoroughfares in the mountain region. Officials of the company, therefore, say they are convinced it will be relatively easy to quarry and market the vast deposits in the marble area. Regarding employment and plans of the company, one of its members has announced that "we are going ahead with our work at Marble, and are confident it is going to be worth while, not only to ourselves, but to the community. It will mean employment for a lot of people—directly and indirectly. We will use local people except where experts are needed and these will be brought from our other plants. We will expand the plant as needed."

PROGRAM OF SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY, JULY 17, 11 A. M.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD
Characters in the order of their appearance:
The general superintendent of the Sunday School. K. V. Weaver.
A Young teacher. Eloise Fain.
A Shepherd. Sid Hinshaw.
A little girl (8 years old). Mary Willard Cooper.
A mother and her daughter. Mrs. E. C. Mallonee.
A Young girl (sixteen years old). Mildred Akin.
An old man. R. R. Beal.
A group of boys (ten years old).
A foreign-born girl or boy, representing foreign missions. Mary Weaver.
A young man representing home missions. Robert Weaver.
A business man. Sam Akin.
Offering for conference board of Christian education.

Oxford Orphanage Singing Class Coming

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage, the State Masonic Institute will make its annual appearance at the School Auditorium, Wednesday night, July 20th. Everybody invited to come. No admission. A free will offering will be taken following the program.

Sculptural Term
A cycloglyph is a comprehensive composition in sculpture comparable to a cyclorama or panorama in painting.

MISS MARY ANN RHEA DIES

Miss Mary Ann (Sis) Rhea died at her home at 1:45 last Thursday morning following an illness of four months. Had Miss Rhea lived until Saturday, July 9th, she would have been 82 years old. She was born and reared here and spent her entire life here and was familiarly known as Miss Sis Rhea. At the age of 15 she lost the sight of one eye and had been totally blind for the past 16 or 15 years. Funeral service was conducted at 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon by the Rev. T. F. Higgins pastor of the Murphy Methodist church assisted by Rev. John Carper pastor of the Murphy circuit. At Miss Rhea's request the funeral was held in the old Harshaw chapel which was used by the Methodist congregation here until its new church was completed about 8 years ago. The bell was tolled by J. D. Rector who was sexton of the old chapel for many years and she was laid to rest beside her father in the old church yard. Two sisters survive, Mrs. Allie Bell of Murphy, who is also blind and Mrs. Dora Hubbard of Dalhart, Texas. Active pallbearers were, S. D. Akin, W. M. Fain, P. C. Hyatt, Tom Axley, Hadley Dickey, Honorary pallbearers were, R. M. Fain, L. E. Mauney, W. M. West, J. D. Rector, R. C. Mattox, R. R. Beal, K. V. Weaver, A. A. Fain, Jasper Fain, George Abbott, E. B. Norvell and C. W. Savage.

LITTLE INFANT OF MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WILSON DIES

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Sunday, June 26, and carried away their darling baby. Betty suffered with colitis for a period of five weeks and at the age of eight months and one day, God saw fit to relieve her pain. She leaves a father, mother, and three brothers, one sister to mourn her departure, also a grandmother and grandfather.

Interment was in the Peachtree cemetery. Brother Howard Hall conducted the services. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved.

We had a little darling once, Who was our joy, in life. We loved her, oh, perhaps too well For soon she slept and died.

All is dark within our home, Lonely are our hearts today. For the one we've loved so dearly Has forever passed away.

AUDIT REPORT FOR TOWN OF MURPHY, N. C.

Prepared by W. Bowen Henderson, Certified Public Accountant, Asheville, North Carolina.

May 27, 1932.
Honorable V. I. Butt, Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Murphy, North Carolina.
Honorable Sirs:

I have audited the records of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, for the period from July 1, 1931 to May 5, 1932, accepting balances of record, as of July 1, 1931. Report is herewith submitted consisting of exhibits and schedules shown in index hereto.

Certain employees of the Town of Murphy were not available for the necessary time to furnish aid and explanation further than that shown by the records.

Operations for the approximate ten months period audited show a surplus of \$2,894.64. This surplus is influenced most largely by 1931 tax levy and does not provide reserve for loss of any 1931 taxes nor does it provide for loss of water revenue accrued in this period. License taxes of the period are \$313.50 compared with \$439.65 shown for the 1930-1931 fiscal period.

Taxes receivable are summarized as to levies in Exhibit "E" page No. The 1931 levy is 52.21 percent collected and abated at May 5, 1932. Continued on Audit Report page 1

Mary Ella Fain Bit By Dangerous Snake

Little Miss Mary Ella Fain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Fain, of Tellico Plains, Tenn. was bit twice last Monday morning, June 27, by a dangerous Copper Head snake while out at play. Mr. W. M. Fain a Deaf Mute who happened to be present claims by Dr. Rodgers to have done a very wise deed by opening the wound of the bite with a sharp knife and sucking out the poison with his mouth, then went after the snake with a pistol. Mary Ella was then rushed to a doctor at once and we are all happy to say, she is improving very nicely at this writing.



Ole Man Murphy says---

Well, we are back again. And with a chip on our shoulder! And How!

What are the Cherokee County Commissioners supposed to do? What they think best, in all their lack of wisdom, or what the majority of the people want them to do?

We are talking, of course, about their peculiar action in respect to our County Agent Gray. After holding an open meeting to get the idea of the people, which meeting was attended by five opposing his reelection, and by sixty-five favoring his reelection they dismiss the meeting without taking action.

To meet again, and give the people even another chance to express themselves, which was deemed unnecessary by all we heard express themselves. And then what? Announced a meeting for a certain time in the Court house, and then slip away to Marble and have the meeting, at which they decide in all their wisdom not to employ Mr. Gray for another year, and discontinue the valuable work he has started. And then have the nerve, affrontery, audacity or what-have-you to announce to interested persons that there could be no further hearing officially, that they may condescend to hold a meeting out of mere courtesy but leaving the strong impression that it would do no good. And courtesy was mentioned.

Why all this, anyway. Economy? Rather late, are they not? Both party nominees running on an outlined program of economy. Why should they get so interested at this late date? Why apply all their economy to one feature of County activity?

Why give the County Physician a contract at \$100.00 a month, when his calls at both jail and County Home average less than fifteen per month. Particularly, when all preceding Boards of Commissioners had allowed only \$25.00 a month, with the exception of the brief period when we had a full time County Health Officer, whose salary from the County was duplicated by the State? Economy? We hardly think so.

Mr. Gray's salary from the County was \$75.00 a month. Doing away with his work is a step to the rear, which step is particularly fitting to the present Board of Commissioners, it would seem.

Many of us are thinking of a County Wide Tax Payers League. Many of us are interested in ascertaining from each of the nominees from both parties just what is their attitude toward the work of the County Agent. They are going to be asked for a signed statement as to whether they favor retaining, or having the County Agent work continued. And their statements will be published, with their permission. People will then know for whom to vote.

Why not a Tax Payers League? Such a League, with members from both parties, may be able to elect some nominees who are really interested in tax reduction, and in a way that would not be false economy, such as doing away with such progressive work as that of the County Agent, at a salary of \$75 a month. No more CHEROKEE COUNTY FAIRS, say the present Board of Commissioners! Keeping the Cherokee County Fair, in the estimation of many, many of us, is worth the entire yearly salary to the Agent, and worth far more than any thing, or group of things, that the present Board has accomplished.

What do you think? And have you ever wondered from whom most of the County supplies are bought? Well, do a little wondering. May be healthy for you. You do not have to go further than the Court House to find out. Legal question attached to this. And wonder if the purchasers of County supplies call for competitive bids? Coal, for instance?