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EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY POST OFFICE

Largest Space Behind New Screen-Line Section and Methodical Arrangement Aids Service

A complete set of new equipment of interior and screen line fixtures have just been installed in the Murphy postoffice, and the office now becomes one of the most modernly equipped small postoffices in this section, or the United States for that matter. All equipment was built and installed in accordance with the latest approved methods of the Post Office Department.

The lobby of the Murphy building has been cut down and arranged methodically, to allow more and needed space behind the screen line, and to expedite the traffic or customers entering and leaving the building. The different windows are so arranged as to let the customer transact any business, such as purchasing stamps and mailing letters, packages, etc., with the least possible effort and delay in depositing them in the proper places when ready. And the individual boxes are on the other side of the lobby, and although the lobby is much smaller, no box holder gets in the way of those transacting business at the windows, and vice versa. Two flat-top table desks are provided for customers use, and two bulletin boards are placed on the wall. The inside of the building behind the screen line is also arranged methodically, with the idea of keeping incoming and out-going mail moving in one direction through the different channels for mail-working uppermost in the minds of the Department's traffic experts. This allows mail to be worked through the Murphy office with the least possible handling and delay.

The finance department is separated from the traffic department by a heavy steel-wire partition, the entrance of which is equipped with a gravity-sliding door which locks automatically. This department contains the burglar-proof safe, filing cabinets, stamps, money-orders, general delivery mail and a large locker-cabinet for keeping the stock, such as envelopes, postals, printed forms, etc. In this department is also located the desk of the postmaster with a commanding view of all the windows and principal working stands in the building, as well as the entrances and exits.

The equipment for handling the incoming and out-going mail is so arranged that the city carriers, the rural carriers and the clerks can keep out of each others way during the time of and when heavy mail-working is at its peak.

Nine individual lockers for the clerks and carriers takes care of their coats and hats and working clothes, while they are on duty. A large, beautiful eight-day clock adorns the

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LAST RITES ARE CONDUCTED FOR ROBERT ALSTON

Funeral service for Robert Mills Alston, 37, of Charlotte, was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, with the Rev. T. F. Higgins, pastor of the Methodist church, in charge, assisted by the Rev. C. K. Turner, pastor of the Baptist church, and the Rev. John Carper, pastor of the Murphy circuit of the Methodist church.

Mr. Alston died in a hospital at Charlotte Monday morning about 8 o'clock following an operation for appendicitis and the body was brought to Murphy Tuesday.

He was born in Jackson, Tenn., but lived a number of years in here where he was connected with the Regal Blue Marble Company. For the past five years he had been a designer for the Carolina Marble and Granite Company of Charlotte.

He is survived by his wife, who was, before her marriage, Miss Ella Sadler, of Farmer, Tenn., three sons, Bobby aged six, Tommy four, and Eugene, six months, his mother, Mrs. Mary Alston of Murphy, and two sisters, Mrs. F. C. Hall of Asheville, and Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, of Murphy.

Members of Mrs. Mallonee's Sunday School class, the Character Builders, composed the choir and acted as flower girls. Pallbearers were: T. J. Mauney, R. L. Harris, T. W. Axley, Leonard McClure, R. B. Ferguson, and H. G. Elkins. Burial was in Sunset cemetery.

This Is Germany's Sole "Air Defense"



GERMANY'S sole "air defense" against the invasion of foreign military planes consists of a rocket parachute signal device. The rocket is fired in the proximity of a foreign plane that has crossed into German territory and serves as an order for the offending plane to land, which order he is obliged to follow according to international law. These signals have been introduced along the eastern boundary between Germany and Poland.

SOME 1932 AMERICAN SLAVES HUMAN INTEREST STORIES

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Slavery is unconstitutional but—A farmer and his wife owned sixty-four acres of land on which there was a pretty little white home, a stable, an orchard etc., in addition they had two thousand dollars in cash which they had saved by hard work and self-denial. Now this farmer and his wife decided to buy a combination house and store over on the National highway. They found what they wanted and paid fifteen hundred cash down on that place and assured a debt of seven thousand dollars, secured by mortgage on the new place. Their daughter and son-in-law moved into their old home. With the other five hundred dollars they bought gasoline and groceries to sell and thought they could earn enough in the little store to keep up the payments. They also listed the farm for sale.

One day the store took in thirty-five cents, but some days their sales soared up as high as seven dollars, but usually averaged three dollars a day, not profits, but sales. They could not keep up the payments nor sell the farm so the combination store and house was sold by the sheriff to the man who held the paper for three thousand dollars cash. That left them owing this man four thousand dollars. Then the farm was sold by the sheriff for three thousand dollars. Now they have no claim on the highway place; their home is gone and they still owe one thousand dollars. That is just about the price that two slaves would bring during slavery days. Of course they can go into bankruptcy and get free, just as a slave could escape into a free state and become free, but that man and his wife are just as truly slaves as any slaves that ever lived!

Twelve thousand banks have recently failed, causing many suicides and financial wreck and ruin in every state. These banks were carrying "frozen assets" or commercial notes secured by first mortgages on properties that would not bring the face value of the mortgages. The properties were sold at twice their actual values. Now if a mortgage on one property could not legally be transformed into a claim on any other property, such mortgages would never have been taken, and the banks would not have failed. If such a law were in force that white slave and his wife could go back to their home, penniless but free.

There is nothing wrong with the Constitution of the United States. I think it is just as truly an inspired instrument as are the ten Commandments or the Sermon on the Mount. It was written, agreed to, and signed by providential men. It is the pillow of cloud by day and the fire by night that is destined to lead all the nations of earth out of bondage

into the promised land of Liberty. Under its wise provisions no man should be the tyrant or the slave of any man. The Constitution presupposes equal and exactly just laws, and I think our crooked state laws are the trouble, the whole trouble and nothing but the trouble with this country.

Quite often lately we read that this country needs a strong man in the White House. Like cocks crowing in the night mounds of public opinion say, "Yes, A ST—WRONG MAN." Here is a quotation from a brilliant writer, which I clipped from a daily newspaper recently!

"Democracy is a good enough fair-weather government and one which is well suited to the genius of the Anglo-Saxon, but when grave perils menace the state a concentration of power becomes imperative."

He boldly recommends putting a dictator in the White House. First, a dictator would have to muzzle the press of the United States, and muzzle the writer, provided his writings were contrary to the iron will of the dictator. Muzzling the press of the United States would be a simple little task like forbidding the Niagara Falls to fall. Dictators have very convincing arguments. One of their most convincing is a quart of castor oil poured down the throat of an unbeliever by about eight giant huskies. If that does not convince him, then his arrest on some vague charge and imprisonment probably will teach him the error of his way, but if that fails then several rifle balls distributed along his spine, by a military squad always settles the argument in favor of the dictator's point of view. A dictator would necessarily have to disregard the Constitution of the United States.

Instead of our forsaking the Constitution and foolishly handing over our precious Liberty to any man, re-say to judges everywhere: "Settle cases, not by crooked laws, but strictly according to justice." "There is not a normal boy or girl, twelve years old, in this country, that does not know right from wrong. Any judge knows right from wrong, and doubtless each would be grateful if he were allowed to settle cases, not by a crooked, prejudiced law, but strictly according to justice.

We are entirely surrounded by tall mountains of laws, national state, and city, and there is a living man who has not violated some of them? There are just about one hundred thousand volumes of laws in all; many of them are as crooked as ram's

Remember we take produce, such as chickens, (fryers) potatoes, wood, beans, etc., on subscription, new or renewal—and we are not in the habit of refusing a little cash now and then. Check up on your subscription and if you are behind remember that the editor has to eat.

Mt. Valley Creamery Makes Good Report For First 6 Months

The Mountain Valley Creamery, of Brasstown, has just finished the first six months of their year. During the first six months they made 45,893 pounds of butter, which brought into this section \$8,869.68.

This creamery is run as a co-operative enterprise. They are not in business to make money as a business but to provide a market for the farmers and pay as much as possible for the farmers products.

We were told by the specialists from the State Department of Agriculture that a creamery would not pay unless the production was at least 100,000 pounds of butter per year. So from the above figures you can see that we expect to almost reach that mark this year. Then just as soon as we do reach this amount and we are able to show some profit we expect to allow the farmers to benefit by paying, if possible, above the market price for their products. So, if you are a stockholder or customer of this creamery, it is to your interest to help us grow so we can secure a better market for your products.

This association also markets the farmer's eggs, and have sold eggs during the past six months to the amount of \$5,050.00. This makes a total of \$13,919.68 brought into this section for eggs and butterfat alone.

Hampton Vacation School Closes

The daily vacation church school at Hampton Memorial closed Friday evening with a public worship program, the climax of which was the presentation of the pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross."

A great deal of interest was shown in the school and we appreciate the co-operation of all.

The enrollment was forty-nine and the average attendance thirty-seven. RUBY M. BAILEY.

American Legion Meets Friday Night

The American Legion will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting on Friday night, and Commander Lovingood urges all members to be present, as matters of importance to the ex-service men are to come up at that time.

J. H. Christy's Father Dies In Virginia

T. J. Christy, about 65 years old, father of former Mayor J. H. Christy, of Andrews, died at his home in Emory, Va., Tuesday night and his body was brought to Andrews for funeral and interment Thursday.

Mr. Christy formerly lived at Andrews and was at one time editor of the Andrews paper. It is understood that he died suddenly.

Instead of being perfectly true and square, many of them are curved works of art. There are more than five thousand laws against corporations. Most of them were aimed at the Standard Oil Company or big railroads, but they hit the local cotton mill over the head with a base ball bat. And they hit the little local lace or button factory behind the ear with a sully plow!

If we could burn all the crooked laws, and take only the straight laws and boil them, and boil them down to a concentrated essence, here is my humble idea of what we would have then, something that would be just to the small and great!

An individual is free to do anything that does not infringe upon the rights of any other individual.

CHEROKEE IS FORGING AHEAD, FIGURES SHOW

Great Strides Made In The Values Of Crops In This County

Andrews, August 8. (Special)—Cherokee county agriculture has made significant strides in progress during the administration of County Agent, R. W. Gray, who came to the county in 1925.

Figures indicative of what has been done show that in 1925 the farmers of the county were receiving a total of \$20,000 a year for poultry. During that year through cooperative marketing the profits on poultry increased 9,000. In 1926-27 the total of poultry marketed cooperatively had risen to \$67,000.

When Governor Gardner's rural survey was made it was found that the county was spending the astonishing sum of \$335,000 for feed and food. The item of hay, alone, amounted to \$200,000. The only market crops were corn, potatoes, beef, poultry, and rye, and some of these in very small quantities. In 1929, the amount sent out of the county for farm products was reduced \$35,000 in 1930 it was further cut by \$151,000. In 1931, the county grew the largest crop in its history which was generally distributed throughout the range of necessities which the people were accustomed to purchase from outside sources.

Sell Hogs

In 1928-29, \$70,000 was paid to Cherokee farmers for live hogs prepared for the market at home and shipped to the packers in other states.

In 1925, there was no hog work under way in the county. Cherokee county young people have heartily responded to the opportunities offered in this field. There are at present five clubs in the county with a membership of 165 boys and girls.

During the current year, the county has launched upon the greatest farm program in its history. The depression has turned many families back to the farm and this movement has been steadily encouraged. The county agent has been active in locating those families desiring to get started with a crop, and homes have been found and supplies arranged until crops began to mature.

Active In Relief Work

For the past two years, County Agent Gray has been especially active in relief work which was necessitated by prevailing economic conditions. Mr. Gray has acted as county chairman of the committee on unemployment relief and also chairman of the Red Cross in the Murphy area. Cooperating with these agencies were the American Legion Associated Charities, and the church Missionary societies. On account of his intimate knowledge of the conditions throughout the county, Mr. Gray was called upon to give personal attention to the organization of the welfare work and the distribution of articles of food, clothing, and medicine.

In the Murphy area, the past year a total of \$2,131.50 was raised in cash and commodities for relief. Clothes were provided for 125 children; 375 families were helped; 200 days, work were supplied to unemployed; yeast provided in pellagra cases; and garden and field seed were furnished to those unable to secure them.

Correlate Activities

The Andrews welfare board, the Red Cross, the Masons, woman's club, and other cooperating organizations in Andrews working as a separate unit but correlating its activities with the county organization raised and disbursed in cash and commodities a total of \$1,500. This amount went for food, clothing, medicine, school lunches, and employment.

Cherokee county farmers and business men are opening their eyes to the value of a progressive farm program. The 5-10 year program in Western North Carolina is attracting attention and renewed interest in farming and farm life is stirring throughout the county. —Asheville Citizen.

Masons To Meet

There will be a call communication of Cherokee Lodge No. 146, A. F. & M., Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All officers and members are urged to be present, as the Grand Secretary of Raleigh will be in charge.

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