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## RESOURCES IN CHEROKEE ARE BEING WORKED

Large Marble Quarries In Operation; Another Will Be Opened

## BANK DEPOSITS ARE INCREASING

Merchants Optimistic In Andrews and Murphy; Farmers Are Active

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MURPHY, Sept. 26.—Cherokee, the extreme southwestern county of North Carolina, and one of the wealthiest counties in the State, is now enjoying an improvement in business conditions.

With a diversity of resources and facilities, including agriculture, lumbering, water power, mining, industries, and two railroads, Cherokee is looking forward to the day when prosperity will return in full force and large enterprises will begin the development of the great potential wealth of the county.

The banks of Andrews and Murphy, the two principal towns of the county, report increases in deposits and general improvement in the business structure.

L. E. Bayless, cashier of the Bank of Murphy, said today that money is easier, deposits in his bank are increasing, and that the people of the county are exhibiting a greater degree of confidence over the outlook for business. Mr. Bayless said quite a bit of money has been placed in circulation in the county recently as a result of the sale of wood products, livestock, and farm crops.

Mr. W. D. Whitaker, cashier of the Citizens Bank and Trust company of Andrews, said that business conditions "are really better" in Andrews. "There has been an improvement in conditions within the past 60 days, and especially in the last 30 days," he said. He pointed out, as an illustration of how money is being put into circulation, that two or three large dealers are buying bark and other wood from all over the section and are selling it to the Andrews Tanning Extract company and to the tannery of F. P. Cover and Sons, at Andrews. This, he said, put lots of money into circulation, especially among the working classes where it is most needed. Mr. Whitaker also said there has been an increase in the number of depositors and in the amounts deposited in his bank within the past two months, and that confidence is being gradually restored.

**Merchants Optimistic**  
L. B. Nichols, owner and operator of the Nichols department store of Andrews, said there has been some pick up in business and the outlook is brighter. During the past 30 days, he said his store has enjoyed a good volume of business. The September business to date, he said, is 60 per cent better than the August trade. While this is partly a seasonal improvement, it is not altogether due to this, he said, for people are taking advantage of the low prices and are buying because it is expected that there will be price increases.

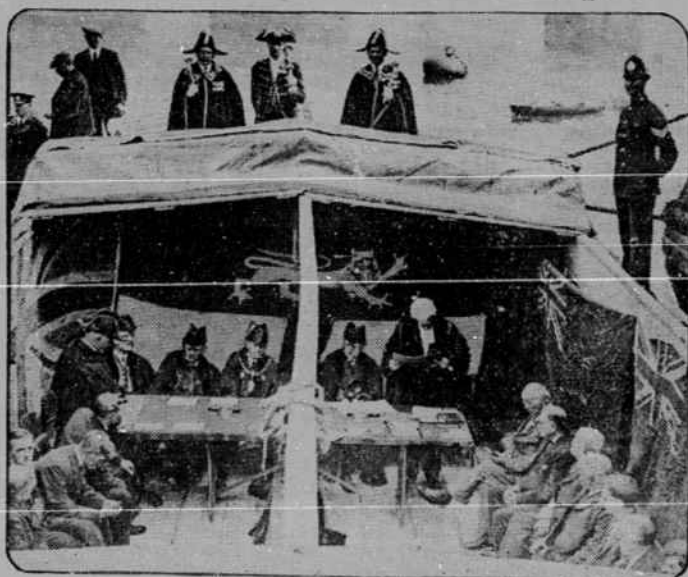
E. L. Townson, owner and operator of the Townson department store of Murphy, also said there has been some improvement in business within the last two months. He said the buying public is taking advantage of the low prices and money is being expended for merchandise to a considerably larger extent than a few months ago.

**Marble Development**  
The most outstanding new industrial development in Cherokee county is that of the Columbia Marble company at Marble, between Murphy and Andrews. F. Borzynski, manager, said that the large new plant of the company is now operating on a full time basis and about 60 men are employed at the plant and two quarries. A third quarry, which will give employment to between 15 and 20 men, is to be opened within a few days. It is within a short distance east of the plant at Marble.

Officials of the company stated that by next spring it is hoped to double the output of the quarries and plant. Mr. Borzynski said business for his company is showing some improvement and it is expected to improve considerably more when the new blue marble is placed on the market within the next three or four months.

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## Holding Court in Hold of a Barge



WITH all the traditional pomp and ceremony, the mayor of Rochester, England, is presiding over a session of the Medway Court of Admiralty in the hold of a barge on the River Medway.

## CHEROKEE FAIR IS UNDER WAY

Interesting Exhibits Feature Opening Of Four-Day Event

Cherokee county's annual fair, scheduled to last four days, was opened here Wednesday with many attractive exhibits and a large attendance, despite rainy weather.

Departments have been arranged for handiwork, household products, agricultural products, live stock and other exhibits. Only ribbons will be awarded this year, but keen competition is expected for these. The Krause shows, operating in the midway, are among the most popular entertainment features.

Fine dahlias on display added a dash of life and color to the exhibits Wednesday.

The Andrews school and the John C. Campbell Folk School have very interesting educational exhibits.

This fair is separate and distinct from the annual Cherokee Indian fair which will open October 4.

## Red Cross Chapter In Cherokee Holds Meet

A call meeting of the executive committee of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross, was held at the Regal hotel, Thursday night, September 22nd.

Miss Pearl Weaver, representative of the Red Cross, was present and heard reports of the work accomplished for the year, given by R. W. Gray, chairman of the Cherokee county chapter, and A. L. Martin, county welfare officer.

The report showed 620 families have been assisted with garden seed, yeast, clothing, food, flour and cash estimated at \$1,521.50. Yeast was distributed to 300 pellagrins. The roll call was discussed, and chairman and committee appointed. R. W. Gray was appointed county chairman, Mrs. C. W. Savage, roll call chairman, and H. Bueck, publicity chairman.

A program for the winter for assisting with clothing for families in need, was planned. Those present at the meeting were: Miss Pearl Weaver, R. W. Gray, A. L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck, Mrs. G. W. Ellis, W. M. Fain, and Mrs. C. W. Savage.

## REVIVAL CLOSED AT NEW HOPE

The revival closed at the New Hope church of God Sept. 11, with great success in every way. Rev. John Harris of Englewood, Tenn. being the evangelist, he was also accompanied with a singer, Le Roy Townson.

The house was filled to overflow. Many wonderful sermons were de-livered. Eight followed the Lord in livered, and many souls won to baptism and more to be baptised.

Forty partook in the ordinance of feet washing and Lord's Supper.

Rev. Harris returned home Monday 12. He is called to do some evangelistic work in Southern Georgia. We pray that God may be with him, for we felt he is a God called minister, preaching only the word of God.

## S. H. STALCUP PASSES AT HOME MARTIN'S CREEK

S. H. Stalcup, 77 years old, prominent farmer, of the Martin's Creek section, died at his home on Thursday September 22nd, after a lingering illness. Mr. Stalcup had been a paralytic for the past two years.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was in the Martin's Creek cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, one son, George Stalcup, of Murphy; four daughters, Mrs. Luther Martin, Mrs. Vance Wilson, of Murphy; Mrs. A. H. Simmons, of 111oxville, Tenn., and Mrs. Frank Leatherwood, of Durham, N. C.; one brother, H. D. Stalcup, of Brasstown, twenty grand children and 2 great grand children.

## OVER 80 MEN ARE EMPLOYED

Projects Are Part Of \$55,000 Program In Pisgah Forest

Franklin, Sept. 23. (Special)—More than eighty men are employed on roads and trails projects now under way in Pisgah National Forest.

The projects are a part of a program in the Nantahala forest area for which \$55,000 Federal relief funds were recently appropriated. As many as three or four projects will be kept going all this year, although no new ones will be begun until all work now under way has been completed. Mr. Bryne, who has his headquarters here, stated.

### Cherokee-Clay Road

One of the most important projects under way is the building of twelve miles of road, twelve feet wide, through the forest area from Junaluska creek, about six miles from Andrews, Cherokee county, into Clay county. Thirty men are employed on this road.

Approximately 20 men are building two miles of road nine feet wide, in the vicinity of Rabun Gap, across the state line in Georgia.

### Widening Nantahala Road

A force of between 12 and 11 men is engaged in widening two miles of the road from Nantahala station through the Nantahala section of Macon county. One mile of this road is to be hard surfaced.

Six men are working on a trail project in the Valley River section of Cherokee county and six more are installing a forestry service telephone line near Highlands.

Ten more men are engaged in telephone construction in the area.

The road from Junaluska creek into Clay county will extend to the mouth of Little Tuni Creek, then up the stream to Tuni Gap, then down Big Tuni. This road is an important project both to Clay and Cherokee counties and to Pisgah National Forest.

The basis of pay for forest labor is twenty cents an hour with thirty hours a week working time.

## THIEVES TAKE WHEELS OFF TEACHER'S CAR

Last Friday night, a party of thieves stole all four wheels off the Ford Coupe belonging to Prof. Deaton, one of the teachers of the Murphy school, and smashed the dash board in attempting to take the whole car.

Prof. Deaton, who is stopping at the McCall apartments, had the car parked out in front of the house on Hilton street. The parties pushed it off down to the river at the end of Hilton street where they were enabled to work in seclusion and without being heard. The spot selected is about a hundred or more yards from the nearest house in the McCall section.

Besides taking the four wheels, which Mr. Deaton said had new tires all around, the thieves broke and smashed up the dash board beyond repair.

It is thought that they tried to get the car started, and being unable to successfully do so, attempted to break into the burglar-proof dash board and make spark connection. Failing in this they took the wheels off. No clue as to the identity of the parties was found, although officers are working on the case in the hope of discovering something tangible to work on.

## ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOLS GROWS

Cherokee County Has An Increase Of Three Hundred Over Last Year

The enrollment of the rural schools of Cherokee county for the first month is 2,763, about 300 more than were enrolled the first month last year, according to an announcement by A. L. Martin, county superintendent of schools.

Following is a list of the schools showing the enrollment:

Potato Creek, 21; Sunny Point, 62; Johnson School, 61; Culberson, 106; Beech Creek, 61; Macedonia, 30; Kinsey, 55; Martin's Creek, 178; Ebenezer, 69; White Church, 62; Bates Creek, 62; Owl Creek, 50; Grape Creek, 134; Boiling Springs, 47; Davis Creek, 28; Harshaw, 65; Mt. Pleasant, 66; Peachtree, 236; Buckberry, 22; John Morrow, 36; Ogeeta, 32; Violet, 31; Unaka, 101; Upper Beavertown, 89; Fairview, 28; Topton, 75; Rhoda, 57; Junaluska, 99; Oak Grove, 32; Marble, 159; Persimmon Creek, 39; Reid's Chapel, 41; River Hill, 32; Shearer School, 46; Hill School, 49; Clark School, 58; Postell, 32; Friendship, 106; Ranger, 115; Tomotla, 91.

## OLMSTED LEAVES FOR VIRGINIA

Stanley Olmsted, novelist, and until last Fall, Hearst newspaper critic, left this morning for his mother's country-home estate, "Vinecroft," in Virginia, near Washington, D. C., where he will sojourn a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. Myrtle Olmsted McMahon, before settling in New York City for the winter. The final manuscript of "Homespun," his last novel, representing several months work done here in Murphy, at Dickey House Annex, was completed and expressed to the publishers last week. International critics have advised Mr. Olmsted to devote the rest of his life to novels of larger calibre, and to give as little of his time to newspaper work as he may find possible.

Mr. Olmsted says the conditions under which he wrote "Homespun" in Murphy were as ideal for creative work as any he has ever known. Nothing whatever to distract from well nigh monastic seclusion and toil "that, as he puts it, "knew no Sundays."

## Baptist Ministers To Meet At Murphy

All Baptist ministers of Cherokee and Clay Counties are urged to meet at the First Baptist Church in Murphy on Monday, October 3rd, at 10 o'clock a. m. Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of organizing a Minister's Conference. W. F. Sinclair, of Hayesville, Moderator of the Western North Carolina Baptist Association, requests that every Baptist minister in the two counties attend this meeting.

## 5-10 COUNCIL HELD MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

Farm Program Leaders Get Together At Murphy Hotel Last Friday Night

The regional Council of the 5-10 Year Farm Program comprising the six counties of the extreme western part of the state, met at the Regal Hotel last Friday night. Twenty members were present, representing the counties of Jackson, Macon, Graham, Cherokee and Clay. There was no representative from Swain county.

Sam L. Franks, of Franklin, presided, and Bruce Webb read the minutes of the meetings at Franklin, Spruce Pine and Brevard.

John W. Goodman, district farm agent, and R. W. Gray, Cherokee county agent, spoke of the value of community organizations in each county. Mr. Gray has 12 organizations in Cherokee county, which meet once a month. In order to stimulate interest in these meetings Mr. Gray asked that Mr. Goodman furnish the organizations with a suggested program, that they might have something definite to work for at each meeting.

George Bidstrup of the John C. Campbell folk school, told of how his organization centered on silos at one meeting, and as a result, five silos were built.

Mr. Webb stressed the value of home and farm beautification, and Miss Marguerite Butler of the folk school, told of how they had beautified the school by planting native trees and shrubs and other plants.

E. H. Meachem of Franklin, told of how pupils had planted white pines and other trees and native shrubs on the school grounds there, and of the great interest the children took in making a rock garden on the grounds, and the plants they brought for this garden.

E. V. Vestal, Jackson county farm agent, talked of the advantage of marketing stock in Atlanta, instead of shipping to Richmond and Cincinnati.

A. J. Dills of Sylva, vice president of the Farmer's Mutual Exchange in North Carolina, and secretary of the Smoky Mountains Exchange, told of the value of brick brooders in poultry raising.

W. B. Wiggins of Robinsville, said citizens want a farm agent in Graham county, and are going to use their efforts to obtain one.

S. S. Hooper, chairman of the farm program in Graham county, known far and wide for his fine black Angus cattle, told of how he had established from his herd herds in most all the southern states. He is the largest cattle raiser in Graham county.

F. S. Sloan, Macon county agent, told of a cattle sale recently held in his county, and of how farmers disposed of the scrub cattle.

The council accepted an invitation to hold the November meeting in Robinsville.

Those attending the meeting were: Bruce Webb, and Norman Schwab, of Asheville. John Goodman, district farm agent, A. J. Dills, and E. V. Vestal of Sylva, F. S. Sloan, E. H. Meachem, and Sam L. Franks of Franklin, S. S. Hooper, W. B. Wiggins, J. R. Miller and Troy Hyde of Robinsville, Miss Marguerite Butler, chairman of the Women's department of the 5-10 program, and George Bidstrup, of the folk school at Brasstown, Quay Ketner, manager of the Mountain Valley Creamery, and Fred O. Scroggins, both of Brasstown, E. D. Bowditch, Clay county agent, R. W. Gray, Cherokee county agent, Wm. P. Payne, chairman of Cherokee county and W. M. Fain, president of the Murphy Lion's club.

## Taxpayers League To Meet Monday

The Taxpayers League of Cherokee County will meet Monday, October 3rd at 10 o'clock in the morning, Prof. L. E. Mauney, president, announced this week.

Taxpayers of the county are cordially invited to attend and affiliate with the county organization, he said. No dues or other expenses are required for membership, but the organization is free to all taxpayers.

The county league was organized sometime ago, and it is expected that constitution and by laws will be discussed and adopted at this meeting.