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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Chamber of Commerce Meets in Annual Session On Monday Night

Work of Past Year Reviewed—All Old Officers Re-elected.

The Chamber of Commerce held a very enthusiastic meeting Monday night, this being the time for the regular annual meeting. President Witherspoon opened the meeting with a review of the work of the organization during the past year, pointing out that even though no particular outstanding achievement could be credited to the organization, yet a number of smaller matters had been consummated as a result of its work. "One of the most important accomplishments," thought the president, "was the fact that the people of the town had been brought together in a closer spirit of co-operation than ever before." Among the accomplishments mentioned was the persuading of the State to hard surface the road from here to Bellevue without any local funds being provided, as was the original intent of the commissioners for this district; the bringing of an ice plant to Murphy; and the assurance that one other small factory would soon locate here. Not to be overlooked, in enumerating the accomplishments of the past year thought the President, was the fact that Murphy had been brought before the country as never before and there is no way of estimating how much this may mean in the future.

Following the president's talk, a number of pending propositions were discussed, and then officers were elected for the ensuing year. All the old officers were elected as follows: D. Witherspoon, President; W. M. Fain, vice-President; W. D. Townsend, vice-President; R. W. Sipe, Secretary; and J. B. Storey, Treasurer. A number of new members joined the organization and a committee will canvass the town for new members in a few days.

The entire community is enthused over the prospects for great things during the coming year and everybody is working as they have never worked before. The spirit of co-operation is abroad in the community and everybody is confident that much can be accomplished for Murphy during the present year.

Regal

Our Sunday School at this place will open Sunday, February 11, 1923. Everyone invited; large crowds are expected.

Mr. Tom Watson and Mr. Garrett have accepted positions in Belford, Indiana.

Mr. Paul McClure, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting parents and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Howard moved to East Murphy recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts and little daughter, Kathleen, spent Saturday night with parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McClure.

Mr. Louis Roland, of Georgia, has accepted a position here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hensley spent Saturday night with their brother, Mr. J. O. Hensley.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McClure spent Saturday and Sunday here with their parents.

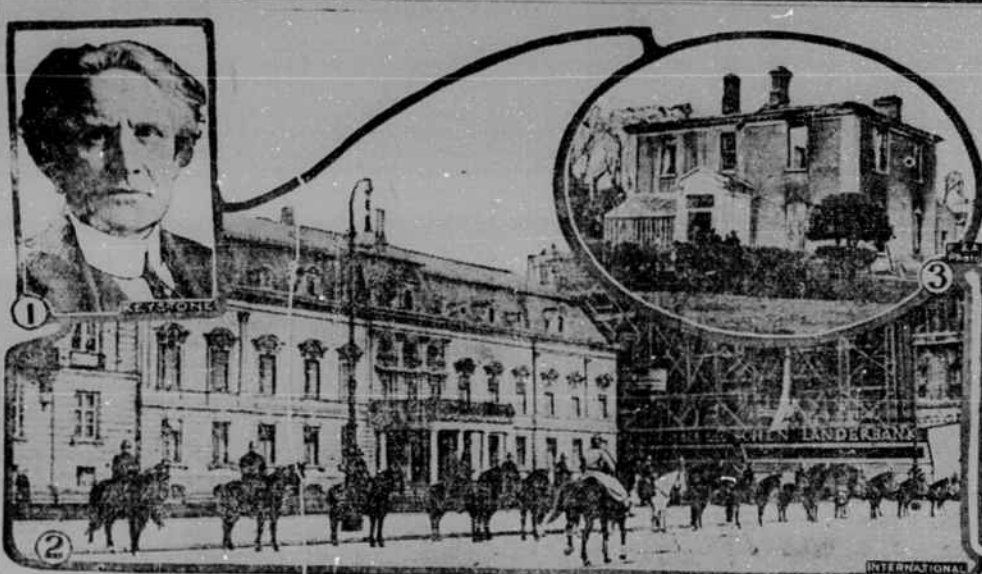
Miss Ada Mae Solesbee spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Jessie McClure.

The people here are grieved to hear the sad news of the death of Miss Anna Fawcett. She has left many friends to mourn her loss.

Mr. Henry Barton and Mont. Rogers left Monday for Ohio.

Mr. J. B. Moore and wife returned to Asheville Sunday.

Mr. George Barton and son left for Copperhill Sunday.



1.—Dr. Robert Watson of New York, who succeeds the late Dr. W. E. Crafts as superintendent of the International Reform bureau. 2.—German troops protecting the French embassy in Berlin. 3.—Country home of President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State after it was burned by republicans.

LARGE IRON MINE NEAR MURPHY IS NOW OPERATING

Equipment Installed to Handle 200 Tons Daily To work about 30 men

Messrs. Heaton and Mahaffey have completed the installation of machinery on the Hitchcock property near the Hiwassee River and are now operating one of the largest iron ore mines in the entire Cherokee field. Machinery and equipment, including a washing plant capable of washing 200 tons or ore daily, has been installed and the ore is now being loaded and shipped to smelters in Tennessee and Virginia. The local company will employ 20 or 30 men and ship three or four cars of washed ore per day. The deposit was worked some during the war but has been standing for the past two years until about

three or four months ago when the present operators obtained lease and began to install new equipment. It is on a tract of land of 1800 acres, the larger part located almost in Murphy. This tract was formerly owned by Mrs. Coit, of Paris, Fr., and was acquired by Dr. Westray Battle, W. N. Garrett, L. M. Bourne, Dr. J. A. Sinclair and W. S. Whiting, of Asheville. It is known locally as the Hitchcock property.

A vein of ore one quarter of a mile in length, 100 feet wide and the depth undetermined, is known to be on the property and is part of this vein that is now being worked.

The opening of this valuable ore deposit marks another one of the developments of nature's products, which is attracting business interests to this section. It also means the providing of employment for a number and the expenditure of a considerable sum of money in this community.

Letitia

The sick people of this community are improving after a long illness of the flu.

Mr. Harvey Johnson is planning to move to Ducktown, Tenn., in the near future.

Mr. Coleman Rick is erecting a new dwelling on his farm. Says he is going to have a renter.

Mr. S. Garland visited his daughter, Mrs. Lon Anderson, Thursday.

Mr. Barnie Brown and Fred Foster went opossum hunting Friday night and caught two fine ones.

Mr. John Forrester has moved to the Loudermilk farm. We are glad to welcome him back in our community.

Mr. Sammie Beavers made a business trip to Ranger Sunday.

FINANCES OF STATE BEING INVESTIGATED

Morrison Resents Statement of Maxwell; Committee Appointed to Investigate.

By Maxwell Gorman

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—Interest in the Legislature this week, on the part of both the public and the legislators, is largely directed to the work of the committee in charge of the investigation into the financial condition of the State, as recommended by the Governor in his thrilling and dramatic address at a joint session of the two branches of the General Assembly last Friday.

Mr. Maxwell now states that he did not mean to assert or insinuate that a dollar of North Carolina money had been misappropriated or wrongfully spent, but that, in calling attention to what he claims to be danger in appropriating too large sums to meet the condition of the state's fiscal ability to successfully shoulder through heavy appropriations demanded by the Educational Department, for example, and other calculations being pressed upon the Legislature, he deemed it wise to make the statement public which appeared in the newspapers last Friday.

In a later statement Mr. Maxwell

"The way to protect the State's credit, and the only way, is to keep it sound. The State cannot keep \$90,000,000 of indebtedness afloat and consistently fail to earn its living expenses. I have disclosed nothing that a competent bond attorney or expert accountant could not learn in a few minutes of investigation of the published reports of the State Treasurer. If we can't set up sinking funds, or retire serial bonds from revenue when due, we must at least earn our living expenses. And the fiscal policy of this General Assembly must be fixed with a knowledge of these facts.

"While eating the bread of the State, I am trying to earn it, and without questioning motives of other gentlemen, Governor Morrison has a great deal more of reputation and responsibility at stake in readjusting the financial policy of the State to a sound basis than I have. The good old Scotch Presbyterian, Ben Lacy was right when he called attention to a net deficit of \$1,833,894 in operating expenses in one full rounded year of revenue income, and the mistake of the Governor, and the Budget Commission was in not accepting at full value his faithful warning that economy must be practiced to meet

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EARTH TREMORS CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL HOURS

Practically Every Seismograph in World Record Earth Shocks.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Two distinct earthquakes, one of tremendous and unusual proportions, the other of moderate intensity, occurred today, but their exact location could not be determined from the records of delicate seismographs and scientists differed widely in their opinions as to the regions affected.

The first quake, the worst of the two, was estimated to have been centered 5,000 miles from Washington. Its tremors continued for more than three hours and before they ended the seismographs recorded a second series of shocks estimated to be at another point between 3,000 miles and 3,700 miles from Washington.

Seismologists were much at variance on their estimates as to the exact location of the major disturbance. Designations ranged from Alaska, the Aleutian Islands and the Arctic region on the north to Northern Argentina on the south. On the west the range was from the bed of the Pacific Ocean at a point southwest of Lower California, to the vicinity of Marshall Islands, between Hawaii and the Philippines and in Japan. Prompt radio communication with Japan, however, disclosed no unusual disturbance in that country.

Inasmuch as telegraphic and cable communications brought no intelligence of an earthquake in Hawaii, the Philippines, Alaska or the countries of South America it is considered most probable that the disturbances were submarine shocks or sea quakes which never will be definitely located.

Factorytown

Mrs. Frank Coleman is doing nicely from an operation performed last Monday.

Mr. Barnett McDonald, of Fontana, was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. John Zimmerman, of Etowah, Tenn., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Howell, this week.

Mr. Allen Davis has been very sick with the flu, but is slowly improving now.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carroll were Factorytown visitors Saturday night.

Mrs. Marvin Grant is on the sick list.

Mrs. W. K. Vandiver spent the day Friday with Mrs. Bill Gillett. Miss Alberta Warren was the guest of Mrs. Edna Vandiver Friday night.

Local Attorney Appointed Director Of Relief Campaign

Fred O. Christopher to Raise Quota of \$600.00 For Cherokee County

Mr. Fred O. Christopher, of Murphy, has been appointed chairman for Cherokee County of the Near East Relief, for the current fiscal year, and will handle the campaign for that great humanitarian organization here, was announced from Raleigh by Col. Geo. H. Bellamy, State chairman.

Cherokee County's quota is \$600 which will feed, clothe, and educate the ten little children who are motherless and fatherless and assigned to this county for support. So efficient is the work of the Near East Relief overseas, that each child can be taken care of and given an education on \$60 a year—\$5 a month—17c a day.

Mr. Christopher will have the active co-operation and assistance of a number of leading men and women of Cherokee County in the great work. His plans will be announced at an early date.

In making the announcement, Col. Bellamy pointed out that although the need has been doubled in the stricken Bible lands, as a result of the recent massacre at Smyrna, the country's minimum quota has not been increased over last year. More than 800,000 refugees were driven into Thrace, and suddenly thrown on the hands of the Near East Relief as a result of the horrible massacre of 150,000 Christians in Smyrna. Other hundreds of thousands are now leaving Anatolia to escape a similar fate.

The regular quota of Cherokee County will take care of its ten children which is paramount to the feeding of the refugees. All funds received over and above this regular quota will be used to feed these Syrian and Anatolia refugees, thousands of whom have already starved to death.

The fathers of many of these children, who are now in the North Carolina orphanages at Trebizond, a port on the Black Sea far removed from the danger of a Turkish raid, were killed in the Great War, defending the oil fields of Baku. The failure of the Germans to get this precious oil supply caused their sudden collapse, in the opinion of military experts. North Carolina really owes a debt of gratitude to the fathers of these children, Col. Bellamy states.

North Carolina is raising \$200,000 this year to take care of the 2,334 children assigned to it. Josephus Daniels of Raleigh is Honorary State Chairman and Col. Geo. H. Bellamy, of Wilmington, is State Chairman in charge of this work.

MURPHY BOY LOSES LIFE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

John Wise lost his life in an automobile accident in Florence, S. C., Thursday, February 1st, and his companion was seriously injured when the car in which they were riding collided with a wagon. Mr. Wise was a soldier in the United States Army at the time of his death, stationed at Camp Bragg, N. C. His body was brought to Murphy late Saturday night by a military escort and funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Church, Rev. M. B. Clegg having charge of the ceremony. The body was buried in the uniform of the United States Army and a large American flag was draped over the casket.

Mr. Wise was the son of Mr. Irvin Wise of Murphy and leaves a number of relatives and friends in this section, who sympathize with his sorrowing family.

LEGISLATURE REFUSES TO ALTER CHARTER

Representative Dillard Loses in Fight Against Power Company

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—The House Judiciary Committee No. 1, and the Senate committee on corporations, meeting jointly, late last Friday afternoon voted unanimously to report unfavorably the bill of Representative Dillard and Senator Walker of Cherokee County to repeal the charter of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company of that county. The matter was thoroughly discussed before the committees on the 22nd and 23rd of January and at that time a subcommittee was appointed to consider a bill amending the charter of the power company but the bill and all proposed amendments were killed today, and thus an end was put to what promised to be a hard fought battle on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Representative Dillard and Senator Walker made a hard fight for their bill. The sentiment of the legislators against it, however, increased with time and the odds were greatly against the Cherokee representatives when the final hearing was held. The feeling among legislative circles was that this was a matter for the courts to settle and not a legislative matter. As a result they refused to take any action.

The road bond issue of fifteen million dollars was authorized by the Senate last Friday and is now a law on the statute books of North Carolina, the House having passed the bill some days previous.

The appointment of a committee of the legislature to investigate the finances of the State at the request of the Governor now lies all Raleigh by the ears. This action was precipitated by a statement issued by the corporation commission, A. J. Maxwell.

Culberson

We sure are having plenty of rain.

The was about all died out in this part of the county.

Messrs. W. O. Rogers and Albert Watson are planning on leaving for Youngstown, Ohio, Tuesday.

We are glad to report Mrs. Hall better this week.

Mr. W. A. Nichols has his new store completed, and will soon move into it where he will carry a line of general merchandise.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ellis spent Sunday with Mrs. Pat Cearley.

Mr. George Townson was a visitor was a visitor at Culberson Sunday.

Mrs. Pat Cearley and daughter are planning on leaving soon for West Virginia to join her husband, where he has been for the past few months.

Mrs. Dollie Voyles returned home from Ohio last week.

While visiting the hen house of Mrs. Ross Ellis, Uncle Billy Possum had the misfortune of getting his foot caught in a steel trap the other night.

Miss Edith Mason has returned home after a three-weeks visit at Patrick, N. C.

The remains of Mr. Frank Welbourne, of Texas, were brought to Culberson last Friday and carried to Blairsville, Ga., for interment.