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ARTHUR ASPLET DIES SUDDENLY AT DICKEY HOTEL

Was Buried Tuesday afternoon—Had no Relatives in this Country.

Arthur Asplet, manager of the Valley River Furniture Company, died suddenly at the Dickey Hotel Monday morning of heart failure. While sitting in the lobby joking and talking with friends awaiting breakfast, Mr. Asplet made a complaint about his back hurting. It was suggested that he get a plaster for it. He started out the walk, presumably to the drug store, but fell in the yard before reaching the street. He was carried into the hotel and given medical attention but died within an hour. He regained consciousness long enough to give directions to his friends about certain personal business, telling them at the same time that he was passing over the great divide.

Mr. Asplet has been in Murphy more than twenty years and through out this time he has lived at the Dickey Hotel. He is an Englishman and has no relatives in this country. Although once married, his wife and only daughter preceded him to the grave. He was 57 years old at the time of his death. He has for a long time been manager of the local furniture concern.

The life of Mr. Asplet has been by coincidence strikingly connected with the presidential history of the United States. He was born on the 4th of March, the day our presidents are inaugurated, and died on the 12th of February, Lincoln's birthday. He came to Murphy September 7th, 1901 the day President McKinley was assassinated.

Mr. Asplet was a kind hearted, congenial man, and has a great many friends in Murphy and western North Carolina.

The funeral was held at the Dickey Hotel Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. M. C. Liddell, being in charge, and the body was laid to rest in the city cemetery.

SCHOOL MUSIC CONTEST TO BE HELD IN APRIL

Students to Compete In
Piano, Violin, Voice,
and Glee Club Work

Greensboro, Feb. 12.—The fourth annual contest in music for high school students will be held at the North Carolina College for Women Thursday and Friday, April 19 and 20. This contest has for its aim the encouragement of musical activity in the high school of the State, affording opportunity for the comparison of work and the establishment of higher musical standards. Prof. W. R. Brown, of the college, will arrange homes for the high school students while they are in Greensboro.

All high schools in the State may send contestants. Contests will be arranged in piano, voice, violin, and glee club work. Schools may enter both solo and group contests, and awards will be made to winners in the respective fields. The qualities which will enter into the judging are tone, technique and interpretation. The schools are arranged in two groups: those with less than 150 students and those with more than 150 students.

The suggestion offered apply to boys' glee clubs, girls' glee clubs, mixed quartets, boys' quartets, girls' quartets, piano solo, violin solo, soprano, contralto, tenor, baritone and bass solos. All entries for the various contests are to be reported by April 1, and then a definite program of events will be arranged.

DEPUTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER TO VISIT HERE SOON

M. L. Reed to Assist
State Income Tax Pay-
ers In Making Returns

Asheville, Jan. 14.—Deputy Revenue Commissioner of North Carolina M. L. Reed announced today that he would visit Murphy and Andrews and other points on the Murphy branch during the coming week for the purpose of assisting State income tax payers in making their returns for 1922. Mr. Reed stated that he would be in Murphy on the 20th and 21st and in Andrews on the 22nd. His complete itinerary was not made public.

In connection with his proposed visit down the Murphy branch, Mr. Reed gave out the following statement of the new revenue commissioner, R. A. Doughton:

"The law requires every single person who had in the calendar year 1922 a net income of \$1,000 or more, and every married person who had \$2,000 or more, and all corporations whether they had income or not, to make a return on or before March 15. Net income is gross income less the deductions, but before the personal exemption is taken off.

"The deputy commissioner will visit one or more towns in each county to assist tax payers with their returns. Itineraries will soon be prepared and posted in all the counties. These deputies will also furnish the newspapers with the dates in their localities and it is hoped that the newspapers will find these announcements of sufficient interest to their readers to publish them. The commissioner has no authority to pay for such publication.

The law prescribes penalties for failure to file returns, and for failure to file them in the time prescribed by law.

If any individual is in doubt whether a return is required under the law or not, this office or a deputy commissioner should be consulted.

"The State taxes the salaries of all state, county, municipal officers and employees, including officers and teachers and road engineers and other employees, but does not tax the salaries of United States officers and employees. Of course, if these officers and employees, state, federal, county and municipal, had incomes other than their salaries, such income should be included in their returns.

"All individuals, partnerships and corporations are required to report the names of persons to whom they paid \$1,000 or more during the year 1922; all partnerships are required to file a return for information.

"It is hoped that all individuals required to make returns under the law, and all corporations and partnerships will make the returns and reports required on or before March 15th, and avoid penalties.

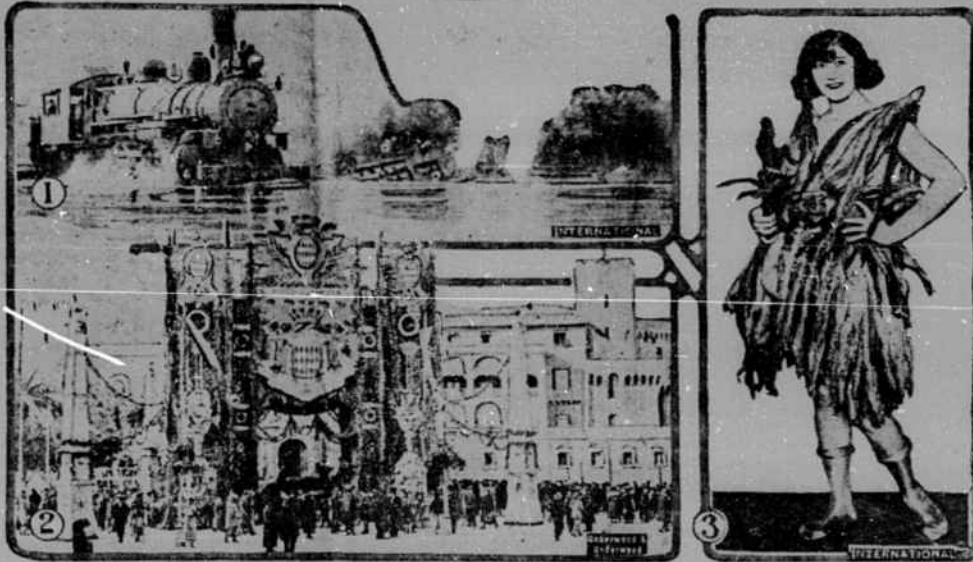
"If blanks have not been received, they can be had at the office of each Register of Deeds, from any deputy commissioner, or from this office."

GEORGIAN KILLED IN CLAY COUNTY BY FALLING LUMBER

John Bumgarner was crushed to death Friday morning, February 9, about 10 o'clock when a stack of lumber fell over on him. He was working for the Deweese Lumber Company on Shooting Creek, in Clay County. His remains were brought to Murphy Sunday afternoon and sent to his parents home at Madison, Ga., Monday for interment.

Lightning knocked a man out of bed, out in western Kansas the other day. The first words he murmured were, "All right, dear, I'll get up in a minute."—Kansas City Star.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN PICTURES



1—Locomotive making its way through region of Louisiana where floods have damaged many towns. 2—Triumphal arch for formal accession of Louis II to the throne of Monaco. 3—Helen Leopold as the "Tobacco Girl" at tobacco exposition in New York city.

REV. W. N. COOK IS WELCOMED BY LOWELL PEOPLE

The following clipping taken from a Baptist paper published in Gastonia, the official organ of the Gaston County Conference, will be of interest to Rev. Cook's many friends here:

"Brother W. N. Cook, who, three weeks ago, was unanimously called to the pastorate of this church, has accepted the call and he and his family are expected in Lowell today. As one we called Brother Cook, and as one we should stick to him. Too often we expect too much from a pastor. Very often we weight him down with burdens we should bear. Friends, no one can do it all. It was not intended. Each member has a part and when that member fails it then makes it harder for others. As Brother Cook comes to us God grant that each Baptist will determine to stand by him, to hold him up and to help him fight sin and satan."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WATERWAYS NORTH CAROLINA

Engineer Points Out Importance of Developing State's Waterways

Chapel Hill, Feb. 12.—A study of English and French Rivers and canals, made by University Engineering Professor, Thorndike Saville, shows how North Carolina can vastly expand its trade if it develops its inland and coastal waterways.

North Carolina has just about the same area as England, and, as all the world knows, it is rich in products that are constant in demand—lumber, cotton, corn, peanuts, and all manner of fruit and vegetables. Yet in comparison with England it has done little to make the best of its resources.

Convenient and cheap transportation is the great need. Both England and France have shown that the development of waterways not only swells the volume of trade with the outside world but brings lower freight rates for inland commerce. In England villages have been turned into great and flourishing cities by the dredging out of a channel a few miles up from the mouth of the river.

"And waterways transportation in England," says Mr. Saville, "has had

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MANY NEW BOOKS ADDED TO SHELVES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. J. C. Slocumb
Makes Latest Contribution — Others Purchased.

Many new books have recently been added to the collection at the Carnegie Library. Mrs. J. C. Slocumb was the donor of 25 useful volumes the first of the week, including both literature and fiction; and sixty-six volumes of fiction bought with library funds raised in one way or another, have just been received.

These ninety-one volumes recently added will increase the usefulness of the library a great deal and the community should feel grateful to those who contributed in any way toward making these additions possible. Special thanks is due Mrs. Slocumb for her splendid donation. Those given by Mrs. Slocumb were:

Selections from Arnold, Gates; A Shropshire Lad, Housman; The Kings and Prophets of Israel and Judah, Kent; Old Testament Characters, White; The Perfect Gentleman, Bergengreen; The Life of Alice Freeman Palmer, Palber; Poems of Matthew Arnold; The History of Henry Simons, Esq., Thackeray; King Henry the Fifth, Shakespeare; Selections from Pater Hale; The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Browning; Short Stories for High Schools, Mikels; Paradise Lost, Milton; Faerie Queen, Spenser; Idyls of the King, Tennyson; The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife, France; Richard the Third, Shakespeare; The New Hudson Shakespeare, Romola, Eliot; Robert Browning's Poems; Selections from Wadsworth; Selections from Shelley; The Wrong Visitor, Stevens; Hammonney of the Gospels, Stevens; Rudyard Kipling's Verses.

The titles in the list of purchases follow:

Judith of Godless Valley, Willisie, Robin, Burnett; The Head of the House of Combes, Burnett; Return of the Soldier, West; The Mysterious Rider, Lane; Galusha, The Magnificent, Lincoln; The Vehement Flame, Deland; The Amazing Interlude, Rinehart; The Wrong Twin, Wilson, Mr. Prohack, Bennett; Lorana Done, Blockmores; The Secret Places of the Heart, Wells; Briming Cup, Canfield; The Contemporary Novelists, Doren; In the Days of Poor Richard, Irving; Carnac's Folly, Parker; Beloved Vagabond, Lane; John Halifax, Gentleman, Bradock; Bab-

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COUNTY TEACHERS MONTHLY MEETING IS HELD SATURDAY

The Cherokee County Teachers' Association held its regular monthly meeting at the Murphy High School Building Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Although the attendance was not as large as it might have been, there was considerable interest in the meeting. Mrs. V. L. Herndon presented a very instructive paper on "The Use of Pictures in the School"; Mrs. L. G. Waters read a selection on "Play," and B. W. Sipe made a few remarks on "The Value of Reading Circle Work."

Several business matters came up with regard to the State Teachers' Association and its activities. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the county association on Saturday, March 10.

MRS. MCKIMMON TELLS WHY TO HAVE GARDEN

Sunny Days and Colorful Catalogues turn Thoughts to Things Green.

Raleigh—"With the advent of warm sunny days and the colorful seed catalogues the impulse to get out with "green things agrowing" is irresistible," says Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, in charge of the home demonstration work for the Agricultural Extension Service.

She states that the woman who is beginning to put on flesh will not need the daily dozen or instructions in getting thin to music if she will learn to operate a Planet Jr. plow and run it up and down the rows of radishes and peas to her own singing.

"It is that little garden behind the house" she says "that enables the woman to get away from indoor worries and brings her close to the poet who said:

"A garden is a lovesome thing God wot
Rose plot, fringed pool, fern grot,
The veriest school of peace
And yet the fool there is who says
That God is not
Not God in gardens when the eve
is cool
Nay but have a sign
'Tis very sure God walks in mine"

"The very practical gardener in the country would have us move our planting place from time to time a few rows in the cornfield or the cot-

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COMPANY OF INFANTRY FOR THIS SECTION

Second Lieutenant R. B. Melver Appointed Recruiting Officer for Organized Reserves.

Under recent orders received from the Chief of Staff, 81st Division, U. S. Army, Organized Reserves, 2nd Lieutenant Roderick B. Melver, Infantry, O.R.C., of Murphy, N.C., has been designated as recruiting officer for "L" Company, 322nd Infantry, which embraces the following counties in North Carolina: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain.

Service in the Organized Reserve is relatively the same as that undertaken by our forefathers, the "Minute Men" of the Revolution, who fought so valiantly at Concord and Lexington. Just as their main vocation in life was that of a civilian pursuing civilian work, so is service in the Organized Reserve. Just they stood ready to answer their country's call in time of national peril; in the same way will the Organized Reservists be called to serve when the safety of the nation is threatened. Those patriots of Revolutionary days banded together and became the "Minute Men", whose fame will be undying in American History, so today the Organized Reservists become "Modern Minute Men", whose fame, we hope, will be no less than that of their ancestors.

"Modern Minute Men" enlisting in the Organized Reserves are not subject to call except in time of national emergency, expressly declared by Congress. They cannot be called by a state of the President of the United States. Congress alone can authorize their use.

Enlistments are now being accepted in all branches to a limited extent for the purpose of securing a nucleus of non-commissioned officers and specialists for the Organized Reserve Divisions.

The following classes are eligible for enlistment:

(a) Persons who served in the army, navy, marine corps at least four months between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918.

(b) Persons who have served not less than one year in the regular army, navy or marine corps, or national guard in federal service.

(c) Persons who have served not less than three years in National Guard not in federal service.

(d) Graduates of Citizen's Military Training Camps.

(e) Persons who have satisfactorily pursued a course of training at either a junior or senior unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

(f) Persons whose occupations or training in civil life particularly qualifies them for technical duties, i. e., cooks, bakers, telegraphers, chauffeurs, mechanics, radio operators, musicians, etc.

There are a number of advantages to joining the Organized Reserve. Get in touch with the recruiting officer in your area, or with the Executive Officer, 322nd Infantry, Greensboro, N. C.

And baby boy might be president of the United States when he grows up but he stands more chance of becoming a Senator's husband—Toledo Blade.

Home agents of the Agricultural Extension Service held a total of 11,167 meetings during the past year with a total attendance at all meetings of 415,060 people.

"As the twig is bent so is the tree inclined." The first five or six years are as important in the life of a fruit tree as they are in the life of a boy or girl.