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PIANO AND SONG RECITAL TO BE GIVEN JUNE FIRST

Gifted Visiting Artists to Entertain for Bene- fit of New Methodist Church

Mr. Stanley Olmsted and Mrs. Edna Edwards, gifted musicians, residing temporarily in Murphy with relatives, have kindly consented to give an elaborate piano and song recital at the school auditorium on the evening of June 1st. The recital will be under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church and the proceeds will be for the benefit of the new Methodist Church. Among the numbers to be sung by Mrs. Edwards are "The Kiss Waltz," by Arditi; "Gretchen at the Spinning Wheel," by Schubert; "The Snowflakes," an Italian song, by Leoncavallo; "Good Night," "Sweet Dreams," a melody by Bishoff; a group of old songs, including "Annie Laurie" and "Suane River." Among the piano numbers to be rendered by Mr. Olmsted are "The Wave," "The Butterfly," by Greig; "Butterflies," by Lavallee; Moszkowski's Waltz in E. Major; "The Sparks," by Moszkowski; "The Death of Cuchullin," by MacDowell; "Two Tone Pictures," by MacDowell; Wagner's spinning song and others.

Murphy people have a rare treat awaiting them in this concert and everyone that possibly can should avail himself or herself of the opportunity.

Mr. Olmsted is a novelist and short story writer, and gifted pianist. He has spent much time in Washington, New York and in foreign countries and has had unusual opportunity to cultivate his natural talents. He is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Olmsted, at the Dickey House.

Mrs. Edwards is an accomplished singer and has had special training for the opera stage. Many Murphy people are already acquainted with her vocal talent. She is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Axley. Tickets for the concert are on sale at Mr. J. W. Davidson's store. Fifty or seventy-five reserved seat tickets will be sold.

To Let Contract For High School Building

The School Board have placed advertisements for proposals to erect a new high school building to accommodate the growing needs of the public schools of Murphy. Bids will be received until Wednesday, June 6th, at which time it is expected the contract will be let. The money is already available and the board is ready to push the work to completion provided satisfactory bids can be received.

The new structure will provide quarters for the entire high school and will also contain the superintendent's office, science laboratories, library, study hall, and other conveniences. Present accommodations are overcrowded and it is expected that when school opens next fall there will be a number of new pupils on account of the resumption of operation of the Cherokee County and the starting of other plants in the town. This will make the new structure a necessity.

Body of Clay County Child Still Missing

Word has been received here of the death of Mr. J. H. Dockery in help City, Mo., on Thursday, May 24th. He was buried there on Sunday, May 20th. He has been in Arizona about twenty years, but was native of this county, and has several brothers and other near relatives here now.

Mr. Raymond Lybrook has just completed the installation of an all-ore washer at his mine just west of Murphy. It has a capacity of forty tons per day, and was moved from Copperhill.

To Hold County Fair This Fall

County Agent H. H. Ellis has the backing of the county commissioners and city council of Murphy in his efforts to organize a Fair in Cherokee County this fall and every citizen who has been approached on the subject has expressed a desire that the county hold a Fair. A meeting is, therefore, called for Tuesday, June 2nd, to be held in the court house at 1 o'clock.

At this meeting the extent and nature of the Fair will be discussed, a date named, committees appointed, officers elected and any other steps taken that may seem necessary. It is desired that as many farmers as possible attend this meeting.

M. P. W. SCHOOL CLOSES A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Blue Ridge Institution Graduates Thirty-Six Young Ladies

Blue Ridge, Ga., May 18—With the concluding exercises of the Mary P. Willingham school here Monday night this institution closed one of the most successful years in its long history of achievements. The commencement exercises began the later part of this week and continued through Sunday and Monday. Diplomas were awarded to thirty-six young ladies Monday evening. The list of graduates follows: Flora Adams, Florine Avra, Willa Bell, Vonnie Bridges, Isabel Brown, Mae Brown, Evelyn Burch, Willhu Burch, Mae Burch, Grace Burgess, Jessie Mae Cooper, Ruth Farrar, Lila Fillingame, Ruby Harrison, Rea Haring, Pauline Hopper, Ruth Jones, Ellen Kolb, Cora McGinnis, Ruth McClung, Lillian Mize, Verena Mosley, Alta Mulkey, Elizabeth Nix, Rosa Pew, Mattie Bell Pinkston, Edith Powell, Rhode Prather, Alma Purvis, Florence Puryear, Leona Rognon, Frances Rucker, Sarah Lou Sewell, Verne Sharp, Jewell Thornton and Amelia Trotter.

Murphy Young Lady Paroled to Parents

Judge E. Y. Webb, in Federal Court in Asheville last Friday afternoon, continued prayer for judgment for Frances McCurdy, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCurdy, of this place, who earlier in the day plead guilty to robbing the postoffice last fall of approximately \$165.00. Toby Fain and Fred Dickey Jr. were implicated in the affair but came clear.

Miss McCurdy will be required to appear at the District Federal Court in Asheville in November with three witnesses to testify as to her deportment for the next six months.

Card of Thanks.

On May 22nd, twelve of fifteen men came with their teams and farming tools and went into the briar thicket and cleaned up, plowed and planted about three or four acres of corn for me.

Those parties were of Bellevue and Martin's Creek. This was a great lift for the writer and it certainly did meet our appreciation and we are very glad indeed to have the privilege to live and work among this people; and as I am the pastor of the Hiwassee Charge, I am glad to say that our people certainly care for our pastor.

Respectfully,
T. L. NOBLE.

Mr. Paul J. Ranson, of the department of rehabilitation of the State Department of Education, is in Murphy in the interest of his work.

CLAY CO. BOARD EDUCATION TAKES STEP FORWARD

Superintendent Bell's Report for Consoli- dating Schools Adopted

Hayesville, May 18.—The Clay County Board of Education, in a special meeting here last Monday, adopted the "County Unit Plan" of administering the schools of the county. The plan, as presented by Superintendent of Schools Allen J. Bell, was adopted by the Board without a dissenting vote. In brief, the plan proposes to discontinue some of the smaller schools and create central schools in each of the townships, and where necessary, put trucks and wagons in operation to haul the children to and from school. Under this plan of organization, the number of schools in the county will be reduced from 14 to 9.

The plan as adopted follows:

Hayesville Township.
Central school to be maintained at Hayesville, Curtis. Lower Tusquitee, and that part of Pisgah district now in the Hayesville township, to be consolidated with Hayesville just as soon as the condition of the roads will admit transportation facilities.

Brasstown Township.
Ogden and Brasstown districts to be consolidated immediately, Pine-log and that part of Pisgah district in Brasstown township to be included when the people of these districts are willing to come in by paying the local tax.

Sweetwater Township.
The two districts, Sweetwater and Fires Creek, to remain as they are at present.

Tusquitee Township.
The two districts, Upper Tusquitee and Chigger Hill, to remain as they are at present.

Shooting Creek Township.
This township has already been consolidated.

Hiwassee Township.
Already consolidated with the central school at Elf.

A great deal of argument, both pro and con, has been advanced on the movement of school consolidation. For the benefit of those who are interested in the subject, the advantages and disadvantages of the plan are presented:

Intelligent consolidation of small, weak and ineffective school districts means a material increase in the enrollment and attendance of the children of school age. The gain in attendance in the higher grades is usually very great. Older students are brought into the school, because of the provision of high school advantages.

Consolidation eliminates tardiness and reduces absences to a minimum.

By furnishing adequate transportation the pupils arrive dry and warm each day; colds and other troubles due to exposure are reduced.

The pupils are under the protection of a responsible person to and from the school, and quarreling, smoking, profanity, and vulgarity are prevented.

Better grading and classification of pupils is possible. Intellectual rivalry is developed because of the higher classes stimulating the desired enthusiasm.

Instead of trying to teach six or seven grades each teacher has only two or three grades; consequently affording longer periods of instruction.

Because of the opportunity afforded, such subjects as drawing, music, manual training, domestic science, and agriculture are taught.

Consolidated schools makes possible better buildings and sites; better equipment in heating, lighting, ventilation, and sanitary conveniences; and better teaching apparatus, books, maps, globes, charts, etc. All of this is made possible because of the concentration of wealth, and is often purchased at less per capita than the inferior equipment now costs in the scattered schools.

Longer terms of school are provided for, better teachers are secured and a higher class of instruction is afforded. Community in-

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MURPHY SCHOOL TO CLOSE NEXT TUESDAY EVENING

Campbell to Preach Ser- mon Sunday—King Will Make Literary Address

Commencement exercises of the Murphy Public Schools will begin Friday evening of this week and last through Tuesday evening, May 29th. There are four members in the graduating class who will receive diplomas following the literary address Tuesday evening. These are Mary Ella Clegg, Elizabeth Brittain, Irene Champion and Lucius Cope.

The exercises will be held in the school auditorium. "We expect the parents to attend all exercises and observe the work of the school," said Prof. Chas. F. Owen today. "In each room there will be an exhibition of the work of the grade. This will give the parents some idea of the work of the school and the progress their children are making," continued the Superintendent.

The complete program as announced today follows:

Friday evening, May 25th, a recital by the music department; Sunday May 27th, the commencement sermon by Rev. R. C. Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Canton, N. C.; Monday morning, recitation and declamation contest by the elementary department; Monday evening, debaters' contest between the High School literary societies; Tuesday morning, recitation and declamation contest by the High School department, awarding certificates to graduates of the elementary school and medals to the successful contestants, and reading the promotion list; and Tuesday evening, the graduating exercises by the Class of '23, and the literary address by Rev. W. P. King, editor of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, Gainesville, Ga.

BAPISTS TO START REVIVAL SERVICES THIRTIETH OF MAY

Stanberry To Do The Preaching—Was Formerly Railway Engineer

Announcement of the beginning of revival services at the Baptist Church on May 30th, was made a few days ago by the pastor and a committee of the congregation. They feel that they are very fortunate in obtaining Rev. J. H. Stanberry to do the preaching during these services. Mr. Stanberry is said to be a minister of unusual power and especially suited for evangelical work. He was until a short time ago an engineer on the Southern Railroad, but it is understood that he is devoting his entire time to the ministry. Mr. Stanberry preached in the Baptist Church here several months ago and made a strong impression on his hearers.

Services will open Wednesday night, May 30th, and continue for some days, perhaps two weeks.

Dr. Abernathy In Critical Condition

Dr. J. F. Abernathy is in a critical condition at his home on Tennessee Street as a result of an automobile accident last Thursday afternoon about four o'clock. Dr. Abernathy was sitting in front of the Murphy Hardware store when Will Taylor, of near Hayesville, drove up in front of the store, and started to stop his car and apparently stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake and the car plunged across the sidewalk, after having knocked down a post under the shed, and pinned Dr. Abernathy against the wall. The Doctor suffered intense pain from the beginning, his hips being dislocated and abdomen badly bruised, but up until Tuesday he seemed to be recovering rapidly. Complication have apparently set up as he does not seem to be doing so well now.

Road Meeting to Be Held June 2nd

A meeting of the citizens of Cherokee County will be held in the court house in Murphy on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of deciding whether or not it is desirable to have the State make the road from Murphy to the Tennessee line in preferential route and proceed at once with its construction. It is expected that Commissioner Stikeleather of the 9th North Carolina Road District will be present and it is understood that the State will be governed largely by what the people of the county say in this meeting. It is, therefore, highly important that the people from every section of the county be here on that date and express their views upon the question of whether or not it is desirable to have the State proceed with the construction of this Tennessee Connection.

FORMER CLAY COUNTY CITIZEN DIES IN ARIZONA

Remains Brought Here and Buried at Ogden on Wednesday After- noon

Mr. R. L. Johnston, a former citizen of this section, but for the past three years a resident of Arizona, passed to the great beyond Friday, May 25th, and his remains were laid to rest in the Ogden cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Johnston went west three years ago on account of his health and during that time has resided with his brother at Tucson. His remains were brought to Murphy Tuesday night and carried to Ogden, his former home-place, for burial. While Mr. Johnston has been in Arizona his family has lived at Young Harris, Ga., where three of the six children have already graduated from the North Georgia institution. Besides these children, Mr. Johnston is survived by his wife and three brothers, Hall, of Asheville; Zeb, of Calhoun, and Thomas, of Tucson. His only sister preceded him to the grave.

Mr. Johnston was about 52 years of age at the time of his death. He was a splendid citizen and well liked by all with whom he came in contact.

To Hold County Singing Convention

Marble, May 23.—Mr. E. L. Ballard, secretary of the Cherokee County Singing Convention, has announced that the convention will meet in its 26th annual session with the Marble Springs Baptist Church at Marble, N. C., on the 2nd Sunday in June (June 10th) at 9:30 o'clock a. m., fast time. All classes and singers of the county are requested to be present on that day with their new song books and boxes and baskets well filled with dinner. Classes and singers from adjoining counties are cordially invited to come and help make music.

To Organize Band.

Plans are now under way for the organization of the Murphy Band. All who can play an instrument should see Mr. J. W. Davidson at once so that the band can be organized and a leader procured. If we act quick a competent leader can be had.

There is no question but what we ought to have a band. Let everyone who is interested see Mr. Davidson at once. The quicker the better.

Card of Thanks.

A few evenings ago my heart was made to overflow with joy in behalf of myself and three little children for a present of ten dollars received from the brotherhood of the K. K. K. May they live forever.
MRS. MATTIE DATTON.

CITY COUNCIL HAS CALLED MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT

Woman's Club and the Chamber of Com- merce have Representa- tives Present

The Mayor and Town Council met Thursday night, May 17th, in special meeting to go over the affairs of the town and receive suggestions as to what work should be undertaken by the town during the coming year. The Woman's Club and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the County Commissioners and citizens of the town met with the council to advise with them.

County Agent H. H. Ellis was present to solicit the moral support of the council in connection with a county fair to be held at Murphy this fall. The women representatives from the Woman's Club were particularly interested in seeing the town kept clean and specially asked that the town continue the appropriation for the salary of the librarian. In executive session, following the women's request, it was voted to continue the appropriation to pay the librarian's salary for another year and the matter of choosing a librarian was left to the club women.

A claim of \$23.00 for work on the road to the cemetery was paid.

Motion was made and passed that the burial of negroes in the city cemetery be prohibited.

Mr. P. C. Hyatt was elected fire chief and Fred Johnson, assistant fire chief, and Mr. Hyatt authorized to pick his assistants.

An ordinance was passed requiring any person doing any building or repairing amounting to more than \$25.00 be required to first secure a permit from the city council, violations be fined in the sum of not exceeding \$1.00 and penalty of \$25.00 per day be assessed after the third day after violator is notified to secure permit or remove the building so started.

Special taxes were levied as of last year with the exception of the following: Tax on automobiles for hire, \$5.00; tax on express companies, \$20; sign boards \$100.

Julius McClure Buys Good Grade Cattle

Mr. Julius McClure, of near Murphy, has recently purchased 14 grade heifers from farmers in Clay County. These heifers are from one-half to seven-eighths full blooded shorthorn cattle. Last week Mr. McClure bought from County Agent Ellis one full blooded shorthorn bull and heifer, and plans to raise only high grade cattle. By breeding his grade heifers to the full blooded animals, Mr. McClure can soon build up his herd to almost the full blood.

He is to be congratulated on his decision to raise pureblooded stock as are also a number of other farmers who are purchasing pure bred bulls to head their herds. Mr. J. R. Mason, of Brasstown, who has been buying cattle and shipping them to Culpeper, Va., to be pastured, reports that four the car loads he has bought this year came from Clay County. The cattle gentry, Mr. Mason said, was of the scrub stock kind and not wanted by virtually to be found in Cherokee County people. This ought to be. Purebred cattle can be more easily kept than the scrub stock and will produce more as dairy animals and sell for considerably more for beef. Farmers, therefore, should see to it that purebred animals are put on their farms at the earliest possible date.

Decoration Day At Hangindog Church

Chairman H. L. Mulkey, of the committee on arrangements, has announced that the decoration exercises, which have been observed by the people of Hangindog church for many years past, will be held again this year on the thirtieth of May as usual. Dinner will be served on the ground. Visitors are invited to celebrate the day with them.