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## UNION MEETING CLOSED HERE ON SUNDAY NIGHT

Was Most Successful Ever Held Here—Three-fourths of the People Reached

With the pulling down of the tent Tuesday, the last outward sign of the big evangelistic meeting held here by Thurston B. Price disappeared, but planted deep in the hearts of the people were the seeds of a new community life and a different town. Considered from every point of view, the meeting was undoubtedly the most successful ever held here. There have been other successful revivals held here, but not on so large a scale as this one.

Fully three-fourths of the population of the town was reached during the three weeks stay of the Evangelist. The meeting got off to a poor start on the 15th of July because of the late arrival of the tent under which services were to be held and rain during the first three days and on the second and third Sundays of the meeting greatly hindered it. In spite of the handicaps, however, the crowd continued to grow until the last night.

Mr. Price had a message that all were interested in. He talked straight from the shoulder. He was outspoken in his denunciation of evil and of indifference. His message was presented in a logical and reasoning way and when he had finished there was little to be said. His appeal was direct and on the ground of reason and logic. The emotions were touched on as little as possible. His methods were different, but effective.

During the meeting there were converts and as a result some will be added to the churches in the near future. All church members were given a new enthusiasm for Christ and the Kingdom.

Mr. Price and his singer, Mr. Moorman, left here Monday for their homes. Mr. Price will attend some conferences at Lake Junaluska. He will open a meeting at Andrews on September 2nd.

## PM. R. F. CROOKS IS COMMENDED BY TREASURY DEPT.

Sale of Treasury Certificates Pass Fifty-Seven Thousand Mark; \$15,000 Was Quota

The name of Postmaster R. F. Crooks will appear on the "Honor Roll" of postmasters of the Fifth Federal Reserve District to be sent to Washington, D. C., as a mark of distinction and merit for excellency in sales of Treasury Savings Certificates during the present year.

The quota of \$15,000, assigned the Murphy, N. C., office for twelve months, was reached and passed by this post office before July 1st, thus assuring a place of distinction among similar class offices of this state and district.

This postoffice reported sales of these savings certificates to the amount of \$57,475.00 for the first half of the calendar year. (When it is recalled that the limit of purchase for any one person during a single calendar year is \$5,000, the record made by the postmaster and his associates is highly commendable.)

Commenting on the attainment of this postoffice, the postmaster said: "Only co-operation with the program of the government savings system, which has for its purpose the encouragement of thrift and the protection of the individual of limited means, has been successful. The movement is not at all an effort to compete with banks and other legitimate financial institutions, but to encourage savings on the part of a large number of people who are not protected from unemployment schemes by offering a government security, in convenient denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$1,000, which guarantees safety of investment and a good rate of interest on the subject to market fluctuations. It is readily convertible into cash at values increasing with the fact that the new securities have important advantages over the old ones."

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## TO SUSPEND ALL BUSINESS IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT

County to Hold Meeting in Court House—Mayor Issues Proclamation

In compliance with the request of the new President, Calvin H. Coolidge, and Governor Cameron Morrison, and out of respect for the Nation's dead chief, all business in the county is expected to be suspended from 1 to 2 o'clock, so that the people may come together and acknowledge their submission to the will of God and pay their homage and love to the late Warren G. Harding, who will be laid to rest in the family burying ground of the Hardings in Marion, Ohio, Friday afternoon. Mayor W. M. Fain has issued a proclamation calling on all business houses in Murphy to close from one to two o'clock Friday afternoon and a committee of fifty from the various townships of the county has been appointed to draft resolutions to present to the meeting in the court house. The meeting of the people from all over the county will be held in the court room as court will be adjourned for the afternoon. It is expected that hundreds of people from every township will be present to pay their respect to the dead president. Women and children are especially urged to come. Besides the adoption of suitable resolutions, there will be a few short talks extolling the virtues of the President and deploring his untimely end. The committee from the various townships is as follows:

Murphy Township, E. B. Norvell, W. M. Axley, D. Witherspoon, W. M. Bryant, J. D. Mallonee, A. B. Dickey, J. H. McGill, Rev. Gay Bryant, F. O. Christopher, Ralph Moody, N. A. Dockery, E. E. Davis, and W. P. Odom; Valleytown Township: D. H. Tillitt, C. H. Jarritt, Percy B. Ferree, N. W. Abernathy, D. S. Russell, T. J. Bristol, J. M. Kilpatrick, and J. F. Palmer; Nolita Township: John Shields, U. S. Nichols, O. C. Anderson, Arthur Evans, and Thomas Evans; Hothouse Township: Alfred Rice, A. L. Tippet, T. T. Johnson, W. L. Garren, J. M. Moore and J. R. Hyatt; Beaverdam Township: U. S. G. Phillips, G. W. Hall, G. J. Crow, W. L. McNabb, Elbert Bates, J. W. Shackelford, B. B. Morrow, and J. U. Brown; Shoal Creek Township: R. L. Keenum, E. A. Anderson, W. F. Hill, W. L. McNabb, Tom Elrod, Julius Reed, Lon Raper, H. A. Crisp, A. M. Simonds.

## SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE THIS WEEK

The regular August term of the superior court opened Monday morning with Judge T. D. Bryson presiding. This is a two weeks term of court, the criminal cases coming up for trial this week and the civil cases next week. Thus far several cases for violating the prohibition laws have come up, one for larceny and late Wednesday afternoon the Judge finished his charge to the jury in the case of Patton Taylor, charged with the killing of Wes McDonald about four years ago.

The court expects to adjourn Thursday and through Friday in respect to President Harding.

## George Townson Gets Arm Broken

Wednesday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, Mr. George Townson, had the misfortune to get his arm broken when the steering wheel on the truck he was driving, came off and the truck turned off the road. Mr. Townson had been to town to get a load of ice and was returning when the accident occurred. The bone in the left elbow was broken. It is not thought that Mr. Townson was injured otherwise.

It is most attractive to many people. While our post office has already sold its quota for the year, I believe we should not be disappointed if we should not be able to sell more.

## A Nation Mourns Its Chief



## Proclamation By The Mayor

GOD in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from this earth Warren Gamaliel Harding, president of these United States of America, in whose passing this Nation has lost its first citizen and guiding hand and the people a wise and universally loved leader, who has ever had their interests at heart; and the world has had taken from it a citizen and public official whose private life has been just, honorable and upright and whose footsteps have been in the path of the Savior from whom his spirit has taken its flight.

Since in times of great public calamity and distress like the present it is fitting that the people should be drawn closer together and display a more brotherly spirit toward one another and assume a more humble attitude toward God and give public expression to His past goodness to us and invoke His continual blessings. Now, therefore, I, W. M. Fain, Mayor of the Town of Murphy, call upon and urgently request the people of Murphy to cease all labor and close all business houses for one hour between the hours of one and two o'clock Friday afternoon and come together in the county court house in Murphy and bow in submission to the will of Almighty God and to acknowledge His divine power, and to pay homage and love and respect to the memory of our late deceased and much beloved President.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Town of Murphy, this 7th day of August, 1923.

(Signed) W. M. FAIN, Mayor of the Town of Murphy.

## MURPHY PEOPLE ENJOY FULL DAY'S PROGRAM FRIDAY

Revival Services, Opening of Public Park and Orphans Concert Crowded into Day

Murphy's cup surely ran over last Friday. More was crowded into the twelve hours, of an uplifting and inspiring nature, than ever before in this little city's history in the same length of time. A fine spirit of co-operation prevails among the people and that spirit was shown that day. Two religious services of an especially uplifting nature, an official opening of a children's playground and park, and an enjoyable day by the children from the Odd Fellows Home makes a full program for any town, especially when three-fourths of its population participate. That is what happened here Friday and these programs touched in some way or other the lives of practically every person residing in and around Murphy.

Friday morning at 10 o'clock a special service for elderly people was held by Evangelist Thurston B. Price under the big tent on Main street. The first half of the tent was reserved for the elderly people.

## LAST SAD RITES BEING PAID TO NATION'S CHIEF

State Funeral Held Wednesday—Remains to Be Laid Away Friday in Marion

The saddest ceremony since 1901, when the nation and the world mourned the death of President McKinley, was held in Washington Wednesday for Warren G. Harding, late President of the United States who succumbed to an attack of bronchial pneumonia in the Palace Hotel, of San Francisco, Thursday evening, August 2, about 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Harding and party of state officials and friends had been on a 15,000 mile tour of the country and had completed the first lap of the journey through the West and Alaska and were going down the Pacific Coast, when the fatal attack compelled him to call off the remainder of the trip. For several days his condition was considered serious, but on the fifth day he was thought out of danger, when suddenly a stroke of apoplexy brought his earthly career to a close.

For five days the special train, bearing the body of the dead President, sped across the continent, reaching Washington Tuesday night. Escorted by a military guard, cabinet officers, supreme court justices, foreign diplomats, senators and representatives and others, the casket was borne to the White House where it remained until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, when it was borne to the rotunda of the Capitol, where funeral services, which were conducted by Dr. A. Freeman Anderson, pastor of the Cavalry Baptist Church, assisted by Dr. James Sherza Montgomery, chaplain of the House of Representatives, in the presence of 800 relatives and friends and high state officials. From 11 to 5 p. m. the body lay in State in the Capitol building while the crowd, estimated at from 200,000 to 500,000, filed by the casket and paid their last respects to the dead chief executive. Late Wednesday afternoon the funeral train started on its last sad journey to Marion, Ohio, where his fellow townsmen will receive their dead and pay their respects to his remains. Simple services, without pomp or splendor will be held over the body of the dead President Friday afternoon, after which it will be interred in the soil of his native State, in the Marion, Ohio Cemetery.

## Expect Vacancy In Marble Post Office

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Murphy on August 18, 1923, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Marble and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this post office was \$730 for the last fiscal year.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first birthday on the date of the examination. Women are declared to be at full age for all purposes at eighteen years, women eighteen years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted. Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the Marble post office.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements. Application blanks, Form 1753, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination, can be secured from the postmaster at Marble or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Application should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practical date.

## COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING FIRST OF WEEK

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session this week in the court house and transacted the regular routine business of the county, such as auditing claims. Some consideration was given to working out plans for the fall, which will begin in the fall.

## MORE DETAILED SURVEY OF RIVER IS BEING MADE

Stream Capable of Developing Half Million Horse Power—Will Publish Data

Engineers of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey arrived here today to make a more complete survey of the Hiwassee River and its tributaries in order to secure detailed information as to the storage possibilities of the river and work out a comprehensive plan for its development. A reconnaissance survey was made by the State Survey last year of all the streams in Cherokee and Clay Counties under the co-operative arrangement with the county officials.

"As the data then gathered was being compiled and studied," said Professor Thordike Saville, who heads the investigating party, "it became more and more apparent that the river could be developed as a unit." It was, therefore, decided to make a complete survey of the river from the Tennessee to the Georgia state lines.

Last year contour lines were run on either side of the river and across sections of well defined dam sites made, but from this data it has been found difficult to arrive at the storage capacity of basins along the river, with anything like accuracy on account of the irregularity of the topography. Therefore, additional contour lines will be run.

As soon as this field data is collected it will be compiled and a comprehensive report of the river published, which will present a comprehensive plan for the development of the river. It is estimated that that section of the river in Cherokee and Clay Counties is capable of developing a half million horsepower of electrical energy. It is, therefore, one of the largest undeveloped streams in the country and its development will make this one of the richest and most prosperous sections of the State.

## Little Graham County Child Is Drowned

Deputy Sheriff Will Ramsey has just brought word here of the drowning in the Tennessee River the latter part of the week of a little eight year old Millsaps girl, just inside the Graham County line. The little child was found floating down the river by Mr. Ramsey and his two boys, R. M. and Frank, while they were fishing, just over the line in Swain County.

A short time after the child was found, relatives came down the river looking for it. It was not learned how the child came to lose its life. It was found in less than an hour after the accident.

Mr. Ramsey and his two sons nearly all the week fishing in the Tennessee River near Fontana. They report catching over 200 pounds of fish.

## Preaching Sunday At Presbyterian Church

Rev. R. C. Wilson Jr., of McConnelsville, S. C., will arrive in Murphy Friday night, of this week and will preach at the Presbyterian Church on next Sabbath, August 12, at eleven o'clock, a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

All members of this church are strongly urged, and the general public are cordially invited, to attend these services. Mr. Wilson comes highly recommended as an able pulpiteer and a most agreeable speaker.

## Cherokee Company Widens Railroad

The Cherokee Company, which is preparing to operate the property formerly owned by the Boone Fork Manufacturing Company, completed this week the widening of the railroad from Murphy out to Davis store this week. It was a narrow gauge road. The road is being extended on into the mountains and it is expected that the first body of timber will be reached so that the mill can begin operations by early fall.