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## FOURTH NUMBER LYCEUM COURSE HERE ON 25TH

Zedeler Has Strong Organization—  
Will Probably Be Best of  
the Series

The fourth number of the Lyceum course will be given here on the 25th of January, according to announcement recently coming to the secretary of the local committee of guarantors from the Birmingham office of the Redpath Lyceum Bureau. Beyond a doubt this will be the best of the course of five numbers contracted for the winter season for the benefit of the music loving public of Murphy. The Zedeler Symphonie Quintet is the name of the organization that will put on this number. It is composed of talented artists, several of whom are recognized as masters in their fields by the best informed music critics. Mr. Zedeler, manager of the company, was for many years soloist with the Stockholm (Sweden) Symphony Orchestra, first violinist, was formerly concert master of the Chicago Civic Orchestra; Norbert Klein, violinist, is a graduate of the Ithaca College; Mrs. Myriam Hyland Zedeler, piano student of Walter Spry, possesses remarkable ability in ensemble work; and Helen Portune, organist, is also a dramatic soprano of recognized ability, according to advance reports about the organization.

This concert will be given in the School Auditorium. Three numbers have preceded it, one during each of the three months just preceding the Christmas holidays, and a last number will be given the latter part of February.

Holders of season tickets should make their reservations at J. W. Davidson's store and those desiring to purchase tickets at the same place and make reservations before the evening of the concert, in order to be assured of good seats. Undoubtedly a larger crowd will hear this number than any of the preceding ones.

## DAY OF PRAYER MURPHY BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 1924

Lunch will be served by the women of the church at noon and all members and friends are most cordially invited to spend the day at the church. The special object of the day of prayer is for a deepening of the spiritual life of the people and for the work of the church this year. T. L. SASSER, Pastor.

### GRAPE CREEK.

Mr. Tom McClure has moved into his new house at the Parker place. Mr. Olin Carroll and Virginia Graves were happily married Saturday at the home of Rev. L. A. Carroll.

Rev. L. A. Carroll preached an interesting sermon Sunday.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. Fred Gilbert.

### BILL BOOSTER SAYS

HERE GOES A GUN WITH  
FISH HOOKS IN HIS POCKET.  
HE'S GOT LOTS OF MONEY, BUT  
HE WOULDN'T GIVE A NICKEL  
TO KEEP HIS GRANDMOTHER  
OUT OF THE POORHOUSE!  
FOLKS RAISING MONEY FOR  
CHARITY PASS HIM BY! AND  
IF HE EVER NEEDS AN  
CHARITY, HE  
WILL BE  
OUT OF  
LUCK!



## ONE DEAD AND THREE INJURED IN SHOOTING AFFAIR

Walter Bryson Goes on War Path  
Following Disturbance Over  
Punishing Child

One man is dead, another in the hospital with a foot amputated and two women incapacitated as a result of a shooting following a disturbance in the extreme lower end of Cherokee County Saturday morning, according to reliable reports given out here early this week. Bud Bryson, aged 64, is the dead man, Farris Bryson, aged about 17 is in the hospital, and the wives of Bud and Walter Bryson are at their home near the Tennessee state line suffering from wounds. Walter Bryson, son-in-law of Bud Bryson, and a distant blood relative, is credited with the shooting, following a quarrel over the whipping of a child.

From best information obtainable it seems that Walter Bryson was whipping one of his small children and his father-in-law, Bud Bryson, remonstrated with him, whereupon words followed, which culminated in the shooting. Walter is said to have pointed the gun at Bud Bryson and Farris Bryson, 17 year old brother-in-law, interfered and received the load in his foot. At this point the elder Bryson is said to have started after a chair or perhaps his gun and Walter fired on him twice, one shot taking effect in the hand and the other in the abdomen. It is thought that the two women were accidentally shot. Walter is said to have thrown down the gun, following the shooting, and quietly walked away from the house and as yet he has not been apprehended.

The shooting occurred early Saturday morning, and the elder Bryson died about four-thirty Sunday morning from internal bleeding. Because of the distance and the condition of the roads, doctors did not reach the scene for hours after it happened. Farris Bryson was brought to the Murphy Hospital, where he had one foot amputated. The women folk, who were shot, are expected to recover. This tragic affair occurred in the old Bryson home four miles from the Unaka postoffice and a few miles from the Tennessee state line. The two families were living together. The dead man, Bud Bryson, was father of the household and Walter, who did the shooting, was a son-in-law who was living with him. It was the dying declaration of the dead man, according to reliable information, that no trouble other than that arising from the dispute over punishing the child, existed in the family.

The scene of this tragic affair is about twenty miles from here. It is not known just what efforts are being made to apprehend Walter Bryson, who did the shooting.

## Murphy School Honor Roll

First Grade: Ruth Akin, Wanda Bell Mathews, Ruby Mathews, Roberta Millsaps, Norma Lee Panther, Clara Nell Robinson, Claud Gilbert, Leslie Hampton, Sheridan James, Hayes Leatherwood, William Guley.  
First B Grade: John Bishop, Tom Posey, Grace Parker, J. N. Hill.  
Second Grade: Grace Barnett, Margie Campbell, Ora Carroll, Nettie Dickey, Ikey Graves, Hattie Bell Dodge, Fannie McJunkin, Mariah Swain, Louise Walker, Mary Witherpoon, Edwin Brown, Kermit Davenport, Jerry Davidson, Ernest Dockery, Bill Linthicum, Bobby Rector, Ralph Randall.  
Second Overflow: Grace Wells Bell, Nannie Gentry, Lois Sneed.  
Third Overflow: Linnie Hampton, Martha Voyles and Astor Tilson.  
Third Grade: Tommy Coppenger, Hadley Williamson, Cecil Marie Mattox, Marcella Hampton, James James Robinson, Hubert Lovingood, Edwin Spivia, Edwin Hensley.  
Fourth Grade: Annie Candler.  
Fifth Grade: Marshall Bell, Granville Ratcliffe, Lyle Martin, Poul Howell Leonard Hall, Evelyn Warren, Polly Davis, Mary Nell Williamson, Harryq Spord, Martha Moeser.  
High School, Ninth Grade: Leila Posey and Alline Richardson.

## FIRST WOMAN TO GET AMERICAN SAIL- ING MASTERS PAPERS



Mrs. Jennie E. Crocker, of Cliftondale, Mass., above, has just been granted American sailing master's papers. She is the first woman to be granted such papers either for sail or steam on any ocean. Captain Crocker, now in command of the four masted schooner "Ruth Martin," followed the sea for nineteen years, beginning with her honeymoon trip to East Africa with her husband, Captain Nelson A. Crocker, seen at the left of the picture.

## Program of Western N. Carolina Baptist Ministers Conference

To Be Held With the Sylvia Baptist Church Tuesday and Wednesday, January the 22nd and 23rd, 1924. General Subject—Our Organized Work.

TUESDAY.  
11 o'clock—Devotional Service—W. Ross Yokley.  
11:15—the local church in its relation to the organized work—Dr. H. T. Hunter, president Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School.  
12:15—Dinner at the church.  
1:30 p. m.—Devotional—Varnel Breedlove.  
1:45—Organization of new churches—K. D. Stukenbrok.  
2:30—The church and uniformity of fundamentals—A. J. Smith.  
3:15—Adjournment.  
7:30—Sermon—L. P. Smith, of Andrews.

WEDNESDAY  
10:00 a. m.—Devotional—Rev. Merriam Hooper.  
10:15—District Association—(A Program for Association—W. F. West.  
11:00—The Church, the District and the State Convention—R. C. Campbell.  
12:00—Dinner.  
1:30 p. m.—Devotional—R. L. Cook.  
1:45—Business Session.  
2:15—The Home Mission Board and the Mountain School Program—T. L. Sasser, Murphy.  
2:15—The Foreign Mission Board—John Hoglen.  
3:15—Baptist Democracy in Relation to Each and All of These—R. L. Randolph.  
7:30—Address—Dr. Charles E. Maddy.

## HONOR ROLL FOR SHOAL CREEK SCHOOL, DIST. No. 2

First Grade: Arvel and Notie Allen, Opal Mason and Richard McJunkin.  
Second Grade: Bertha McJunkin, Vold Mason, Dee Swanson, Aid Allen and Elsie Freeman.  
Third Grade: Morris Hamby, Delia Swanson and Henry Freeman.  
Fourth Grade: Emma Self, and Clifford Swanson.  
Fifth Grade: Tempa Jones and Ida Swanson.  
Sixth Grade: Hazel and Rex Allen and Birdie Stiles.  
Seventh Grade: Ralph Ledford and Lakes Quinn.  
Those winning prizes for good attendance were: Ralph Ledford, Henry Freeman, Berdie Stiles and Emma Self.  
WILBUR W. BARTON,  
MAUD BARTON,  
Teachers.

## CORN IS CHIEF CROP PRODUCED IN CHEROKEE

Hay Occupies Second Place and Rye Third in Point of Acres, Census Report Shows

According to the North Carolina crop census report just made public by the State Department of Agriculture, the largest individual crop in Cherokee County, from the standpoint of acres is corn. The total acreage devoted to this crop was 19,788; hay occupied second place, 5,783 acres being devoted to this crop, while rye came third in point of acreage, with 3,853 acres. This report was made up from information sent in by county listers, who reported on sixty per cent of all the farms in the county. In making up the totals, the Department of Agriculture assumed that production for the other forty per cent of the farms was in the same ratio as for the sixty per cent.

There was a total of 203,576 acres of farm land in the county, according to the census report. Of this, 21,676 acres were cultivated by the owners, 10,411 by tenants, 11,825 acres were lying idle, 9,587 to improved cleared pasture land and 122,176 acres to wooded farm land. There were reported 668 tenants in the county and a total of 320,029 acres were listed for taxation.

Other interesting farm data contained in the census report includes the following:

There were a total of 2,505 farm work animals in the county; 3,213 milk cows; 579 sows of breeding age, and 45,361 hens of laying age. A total of 1,126 tons of commercial fertilizer were used and 11,379 tons of farm manure were produced. Also, 71,307 fruit trees of bearing age were reported.

While this is a very good report for the county, yet a total of over one third the farm land is still lying idle, a condition which should not exist. With such a wide range of possibility of crops open to the farmers the county agent in co-operation with the farmers, should be able to correct this situation.

## Wofford-Terrell Co. Have Good Year

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wofford-Terrell Company was held Monday night in the company's offices. It was found that the past year's business had been very satisfactory in every way and the stockholders were pleased with the prospects for the present year. All the officers were re-elected.

## REGULAR TERM SUPERIOR COURT TO CONVENE 21ST

Judge McLeroy Will Preside—Many Cases on Docket for this Term

The regular January term of the superior court will convene here on Monday, January 21st, for a two-weeks' term, with Judge P. A. McLeroy presiding. Both civil and criminal cases will be tried. The criminal docket consists largely of violations of the prohibition laws and other minor offenses. It is expected that this can be cleared up in three days. Quite a large number of civil cases and motions are docketed for the court, however, and it is not expected that the docket can be anything like cleared up, although Judge McLeroy has the reputation of handling cases with dispatch.

The following jury list has been drawn:

First Week: J. W. S. Davis, Lee Sneed, John Davis, A. H. Hatchett, T. D. Hendrix, N. C. Bellamy, J. S. Shields, T. H. Davis, T. D. Hickey, C. W. Logan, J. F. Garfield, Ed Walldrop, T. F. Self, Fred Martin, J. P. Calhoun, C. W. Shields, E. M. Clayton, A. W. Hall, Wymer Conley, Rollin Dockery, J. W. McMillan, J. E. Hall, H. N. Wells, L. M. Nicholson.

Second week: J. W. Ledford, J. R. Mason, Rollin Dockery, W. P. Brittain, W. P. Beal, R. L. Anderson, J. W. Axley, D. B. Bryson, J. E. Coleman, T. A. Lovingsood, John Picklesimer, R. H. Kephart, R. S. Porter, J. W. Davidson, Charlie Hunsucker, C. A. Hembree, Tom Errod and T. C. Carringer.

The complete docket of civil cases and motions follows:

Wednesday, January 23rd  
61 Anderson vs. Kilpatrick.  
64 Kilpatrick vs. Anderson.  
81 Parker vs. Turnbull.  
92 Walker vs. Walker (property).  
93 Ledford vs. L. & N. R. F.  
95 Fain vs. Betts.  
Thursday, January 24th  
103 McDonald vs. Farmer.  
114 Truett vs. Leach.  
115 Daniel vs. Savage.  
122 Davis vs. Meroney.  
124 Davis vs. Meroney.  
125 Davis vs. Meroney.  
126 Davis vs. Meroney.  
128 Killian vs. Mfg. Co.

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## Wife of the New British Ambassador to the United States



Above is pictured Lady Isabella Howard, whose husband, Sir Esme Howard, has been named the new British Ambassador to the U. S. Sir Esme was formerly stationed at Washington as Counselor of the British Embassy. Lady Isabella is in line of succession to the Italian honors and also to the Scotch peerages of her brother, the present Earl of Newburg.

## EFFORTS BEING MADE TO FORM POTATO ASS'N

Irish Potato Will Rival Tobacco As Cash Crop, Thinks County Agent

A movement was gotten under way here this week for stimulating the growing of Irish potatoes in this and adjoining counties by providing a means of profitably marketing the crop during the season when it will bring the best price. The movement is being backed and stimulated by County Agent H. H. Ellis, who is organizing a potato growers co-operative marketing association, through which association the crop will be marketed.

By working co-operatively the crop can be shipped in near lots to Southern cities during the earlier part of the season and therefore command the best price. Contracts are being circulated among the farmers and as soon as enough enter the association to guarantee a production of 750 bushels, the organization of the association will be completed.

It is the plan of the county agent to encourage the growth of potatoes in the hope that this can be made a cash crop in this section. At present corn and the small grains make up the principal crops and the price of these grains is usually low and the yield per acre is not so great. The production of potatoes as reported from some representative farmers over the county has served to stimulate interest in the making of the Irish potato a cash crop for Cherokee County. John Shields, Jr. of Culberson, this county, by carrying out a few simple instructions of the county agent, produced 180 bushels on an acre of ordinary land on his farm last season and it is thought the potatoes would grade up at least 150 bushels of quality product. The potatoes can be sold for more per bushel than the grains and the production per acre is so much greater that it is anticipated that the farmers will at once align themselves with the proposed association.

Two possible markets are assured for the potato crop. First, it is expected that the crop can be planted early and gotten on the market early in the summer before the Maine and other northern states crops are ready for market and at a time when there is a dearth of this crop on the city markets. This will mean that the best price can be commanded for strictly table use. A second possible market is to growers in other sections for seed purposes. District Agent Goodman, of the Western North Carolina, recently visited this section and it was his opinion that potatoes grown here would be more suitable for seed purposes in the South than the Maine grown stock and, when sold for seed, this crop should bring almost twice as much as for other purposes.

The county agent is not encouraging the farmers to make preparation for planting large crops. It is his opinion that most can be accomplished by having a few farmers in every section plant a few acres the first year until the success of the venture can be assured. It will be necessary for the product to be well graded and its quality established in the minds of consumers and the farmers learn how best to produce them before large plantings will be encouraged.

In outlining the proposed association the county agent gave the following reasons for the farmers here not generally getting large yields:

1. They do not use good enough seed stock and they put too few bushels to the acre. Oftimes the seed stock is infected, he explained.
2. They do not fertilize heavily enough.
3. The product is not properly graded and prepared for market.

### MR. WOODBURY BETTER

The many friends of Mr. W. H. Woodbury will be glad to learn that he is some better. He was taken to an Asheville hospital several weeks ago and his condition has been critical all along, but he is resting nicely but still very sick.