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LOCAL POST OFFICE OFFICIALS ARE COMMENDED

Murphy office Takes High Rank in
Sale of Treasury Savings
Certificates

Murphy led all second class post-offices in North Carolina in the sale of Treasury Savings Certificates during the year 1923, according to a statement just made public here by Postmaster A. B. Dickey, and only three offices of the first class exceeded the local office in this particular, continued the statement.

Murphy led the group of second class offices by a margin of twenty thousand dollars. The total sales for the local office was \$78,800.00 while that of its nearest competitor, Dunn, was \$58,525.00. Greensboro led the list of first class offices with a total sale of \$219,850.00; Wilmington came second with \$134,025 and New Bern third with sales amounting to \$79,595.00. These three offices of all the postoffices in the state alone exceeded the Murphy office, and one of these only by a slight margin.

During the year 1923, about 11,000,000 of these certificates were sold in the fifth federal reserve district, nearly a half million more than in 1922, according to Howard T. Cree, director of the Treasury Savings organization, in a statement to Postmaster Dickey.

West Virginia led all the states in the fifth federal reserve district with a grand total of \$3,092,600; North Carolina came second with a total of \$2,580,525; Virginia third with a total of \$1,606,625; South Carolina, the District of Columbia, and Maryland followed in order. Besides more than a million and a half of these securities were sold by the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond and nearly a half million by the Treasury Department direct.

Postmaster Dickey of the local office has been advised by the district director that his name has been placed on the honor roll sent to Washington as a mark of distinction and credit for the faithful and efficient work of the local office in the sale of these government securities. The local office far exceeded its quota.

MURPHY DEFEATS HAYESVILLE BASKETEERS

Last Friday afternoon the Murphy High school girls basketball team journeyed to Hayesville and met the Hayesville team on its own court and came out victorious, the score being 34 to 4.

Throughout the game there was a display of the best good will between the two teams and many were the comments on the spirit in which the losers accepted their defeat.

Mr. H. S. Bryson, of Murphy, refereed the first half of the game and Mrs. W. A. Anderson the last half.

Playing for Murphy were Misses Annie Sward, Bettie Kate McCombs, Carrie Brittain, Elizabeth Ford, and Elizabeth Hampton. The Hayesville lineup could not be secured. Misses Sward and McCombs played a brilliant game for the local team.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

THE FELLOW WHO KNOCKS
HIS HOME TOWN IS AS
BAD AS THE DOG BITING
THE HAND THAT FEEDS IT. FOR
THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO
DON'T LIKE IT HERE,
PERMIT ME TO CALL ATTENTION
TO THE FACT THAT
TRAINS LEAVE DAILY.



SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY MAY BE CONSOLIDATED

Survey of School Will be Made in
Spring With This End in
View

Preliminary steps were taken this week looking toward the consolidation of the schools in Cherokee County in to what is known as the county unit. This plan has been in the minds of county school officials for sometime but the roads and other physical barriers have prevented any decisive steps being taken in this direction. Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of the State Department of Education, has been in conference with county school officials getting a line on the local situation. The county schools are being located on a map, which Miss Kelly will carry back to Raleigh with her for study as to what plan of consolidation will be best. An actual survey of the schools of the county will be made as soon as spring opens up so that the remote parts of the county can be reached. At this time the schools will be visited and the number of pupils in each local district, and other contributing data will be collected for study before final decision as to the plan of consolidation will be made.

While here Miss Kelly also conferred with officials as to the advisability of holding a summer school here this summer as has been done for the past few years. No decision was reached at this conference. The question of where summer schools will be held will be settled at a conference of State school men in Raleigh next week, Miss Kelly advised.

The Egyptian Minister To the United States



Seifoullah Youary Pasha, the first Egyptian minister to the United States, who arrived here to assume his official duties at Washington.

E. C. MOORE COMPLETES WORK IN A HURRY

Enlargement Made Necessary by the
Growth of Business—Will Have
Paint Department

Workmen made quick work with construction of the second story of E. C. Moore's building and the eighteenth day after it was begun saw the completion of the job.

By the addition of the second story, Mr. Moore has over three thousand additional square feet of floor space, which will be immediately utilized. The lower portion will be used as a show room for new cars while the back part of the upper story will be used for repair purposes and the front part of the upper section will be used as a parts room and a paint shop. A stairway leads from the back of the jewelry shop to the supply room so as to make it convenient to the front, while a gangway leads into the upper portion from the back by way of which cars will be taken up for repairs. The fact that the growth of Mr. Moore's business has made this addition necessary speaks well for him and for the growth of the town.

THE LAST OF THE ILLFATED "DIXMUDE"



An artist's conception of how the French Dirigible, "Dixmude," came to grief while in flight. The Dirigible is thought to have been caught in a heavy storm and exploded in mid-air.

Fourth Number Lyceum Course Here On Friday

The fourth number of the Lyceum Course will be given in the school auditorium Friday night, January 25th, at 7:30 o'clock, according to announcement made by members of the local committee of guarantors.

This company is composed of five talented artists, headed by Nicolai Zedeler, famous classical musician and one time a member of the New York Symphony Orchestra. The other members of the company are equally well known.

It is generally predicted that this will be the best of the five numbers contracted for for the season. A good demand for seats is expected. Tickets are being offered at the J. W. Davidson Store, where reservations may also be made.

M. L. REED HERE ADVISING WITH TAX PAYERS

Will Return in February—Tax May
Be Paid at any Time Before
March 15th

State Income Tax Agent M. L. Reed, of Asheville, has been here this week advising with prospective tax payers with regard to income taxes for the year 1923. Mr. Reed's work has been merely of an advisory nature. He came here to help corporations and individuals to figure out their incomes for the past year, so they can make up their returns and pay their taxes for the previous year before the period of grace expires. The taxes may be paid at any time between January 1 and March 15 without any penalty, said Mr. Reed, but he is here this week helping with the matter, so there may not be any need for anyone delaying longer than the latter date for paying their taxes. Mr. Reed stated that he would make another trip here sometime in February for the same purpose.

When asked about collections in this district during the year 1922, Mr. Reed stated that he did not have any official figures but expressed himself as being well pleased with the collections and was hopeful that the collection for 1923 would exceed that for 1922. He has charge of eight counties, including Buncombe and seven west of Buncombe along the Murphy Branch of the Southern Railway.

TO LET GRADING CONTRACT ON THE ANDREWS ROAD

Construction of Structures Already
Begun—Grading and Drainage
Only to be Let

According to announcements coming from the State Highway Department in Raleigh, bids for the grading and drainage of the Murphy-Andrews road will be opened the latter part of this month at the office of the Commission. This link is a part of No. 10, which goes all the way across the State. The Murphy-Andrews section consists of 13.83 miles, known as projects 912-A and 912-B. This work was let tentatively by the commission on the 27th of November but finally all bids were rejected as they involved larger expenditures than were available for this county and as the county did not have funds to supplement state funds. The contract for the structures stood, with the exception of the bridge over Valley River in Murphy which it is understood will remain as it is for the present. W. T. Moore Concrete Products Construction Company, of Andrews, has this contract and is already at work on some of the structures on the Andrews end of the road, it is reported.

COURT FINISHES CRIMINAL DOCKET ON WEDNESDAY

Two Draw Road Sentences—Long
List of Civil Cases to Be
Heard

The superior court completed the criminal docket Wednesday and entered upon the trial of civil cases late in the afternoon, the criminal docket being one of the lightest tried in the last few years.

George Picklesimer drew four months at the hands of the presiding Judge McElroy for selling whiskey and Cleve Johnson was given four months for assault with a deadly weapon. Everett Clarke, a news agent of the Union News Company on the Murphy Branch of the Southern was fined ten dollars and the cost for his part in a disturbance with a negro at Andrews on Christmas day and the negro was fined \$25 and the cost. Several minor cases could not be tried because of the illness of the solicitor and because a local attorney, J. D. Mallonee, who represented several principals, was appointed to act on behalf of the State instead of solicitor Grover C. Davis.

The civil docket is a long one and will hardly be finished during the remainder of this and next week.

Notice

There will be a church conference in the Methodist Church Sunday June 27th, at 2:30 p. m. All the members and friends are urged and expected to be present.

WORK TO BEGIN ON POWER PLANT OF ANDREWS

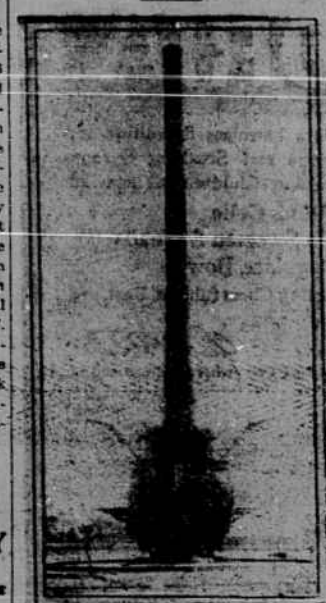
Tucker & Laxton Officials Will Stay
in Murphy—Pleased With
Accommodations Here

T. J. Grissom, of Florence, Ala., and one of the construction officials of Tucker & Laxton, of Charlotte, arrived in Murphy the first of the week to begin his duties in connection with the construction of the hydro-electric power plant on Hiwassee River a few miles above Murphy for the Town of Andrews.

For the present Mr. Grissom announced he would make his headquarters in Murphy as he found it convenient to his work and the accommodations here were highly satisfactory. The camps are now being built for the housing of the construction gangs on this job and it is the present plan to begin construction of the coffer dam early next week. General Superintendent Scruggs arrived here Wednesday. He will be in full charge of the construction work, it is understood.

According to Mr. Grissom, this is a fourteen months job and will involve the expenditure of over three hundred thousand dollars, including the transmission line and the electrical equipment. Separate contracts have been let for the construction of the lines and the dam, and for supplying the water wheels and electrical generators. Tucker & Laxton, of Charlotte, have the contract for the construction of the dam and power house. It is expected that fifteen hundred horsepower will be developed at the plant and will be transmitted to Andrews for municipal purposes.

The New Monster Gun Of the U. S. Army



The new monster gun, developed by the Ordnance Department of the U. S. Army, is said to be one of the most powerful of its type in the world. The new weapon is of the 14 inch 50 calibre type and is capable of hurling a missile, 1560 lbs in weight, a distance of 23 miles. It can be mounted on railway carriages for transportation by rail. It is pictured here at an elevation of 50 degrees.

Mrs. E. S. Miller gave a surprise birthday party to her son, Harry, last aSturday evening on the occasion of his nineteenth birthday. Harry was taken completely by surprise, his first knowledge of the party being the arrival of the guests, which included the senior class of the Murphy High School and his teachers. A number of the guests were dressed as children and many children's games were enjoyed, after which a delicious salad course and cake and coffee were served. Mrs. J. H. McCall assisting the hostess. Just after the serving of the refreshments, the lights in the spacious sitting room were snapped off while the birthday cake with its nineteen lighted candles was brought in. Mr. Miller was the recipient of many useful gifts and expression of congratulations and wishes for many happy returns of his birthday anniversary.

NEW YORK GETS DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Republicans Will Hold Theirs In
Cleveland on June 10th

The two major political parties of the country have determined upon the presidential nominating cities cities for the coming presidential nominees. The Republicans have chosen Cleveland, Ohio, and have set June 10th as the date for the convention.

The Democrats have selected New York City and fixed the beginning date on June 24.

MARBLE CO. SOON TO OPEN NEW QUARRY

Will Quarry White Marble Near
Coalville—Big Demand for
Product

According to announcement recently made by Manager Raymond Harris, of the Regal Blue Marble Company, the company will soon open up a second quarry about fourteen miles from Murphy near the flag stop of Coalville, on the Southern Railway lines. The overburden on a space of about forty feet square has been removed and actual work of opening the quarry will be begun sometime early in February, according to Mr. Harris. A half mile of switch track will have to be laid, sheds constructed and machinery placed before the operation can be begun. It has been decided to install steam for motive power, says the announcement.

The marble at Coalville junction was tested about thirty-five years ago by former owners of the Regal Blue Marble Company. It is a fine textured white marble of high quality and is expected to take its place on the market along with the famous Regal Blue now being quarried by the company at its plant at Regal, about two miles from here.

CHEROKEE MOTOR COMPANY UNDER NEW MANAGERS

Several Thousand Dollars Involved
in Transaction—Heaton Will
Manage Business

A business transaction involving several thousand dollars was recently consummated here when Messrs. L. L. Heaton and W. E. Studstill acquired the Cherokee Motor Company from J. W. McMillan. The new owners have assumed charge of the property, Mr. Heaton being the active manager. This is one of the most up-to-date automobile and general repair shops in the town and has a commanding position near the L. & N. station on the Asheville-Murphy-Atlanta highway. The company does general automobile and machine repairing, sells oil and gas, automobile accessories, and has the agency for the Durant and Star automobiles. It is the plan of the new management to operate the business as it has been in the past. A constant effort will be made to improve the service, say the new owners. Mr. McMillan has not yet made plans for the future.

Hasty to Construct Garage

It also became known the other day that a new garage and repair shop is to be erected in the city as soon as possible. Mr. Gordon Hasty an expert mechanic, who recently gave up his connection with the Cherokee Motor Company, has announced his intention of constructing a garage on the opposite side of the Hiwassee River near the storage tanks of the Gulf Refining Company. Work on the building is expected within the next few days and if favorable weather continues, Mr. Hasty plans to have it finished in thirty days. The building will be approximately 50x100 feet.

Messrs. D. G. & R. V. Wilson and D. C. Green of the Wilson Construction Company of Rutherfordton, and other contractors have been here this week inspecting the road between Murphy and Andrews, presumably with a view to placing a bid on the grading which is scheduled for letting on the 26th of this month.