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COLONIAL TOUCH GIVEN RECITAL ON FRIDAY NIGHT

A colonial reception and music recital under the personal direction of Miss Ida M. Johnson at the school auditorium Friday evening, February 22, in memory of George Washington's birthday anniversary elicited widespread comment by those enjoying the occasion. Besides the music class, a number of the high school pupils took part in the program. Washington's picture was placed at the back of the stage, around which was arranged a drapery of red, white and blue. A number of small American flags, and paper hutchets made an appropriate decorated stage setting.

General George Washington, in the person of Mark West, and Martha Washington, in the person of Miss Kathryn Thompson, as host and hostess, were assisted by Miss Emogene Axley, in the role of Nellie Custis. Attending the reception were Herbert McCall as Uncle Sam, Katharine Miller as Miss Columbia; Harry Miller as Thomas Jefferson; Maurine Fain as Dolly Madison; Gayland Rogers as John Paul Jones, Hugh Brittain as President Coolidge, Lucile Hill as Mrs. Coolidge; Corbett Allen as General Pershing; Evelyn Hill as Dorothy Manners; Mary Bell as Virginia Carver; Neil Campbell as Betsy Ross; Elizabeth Ford as Molly Pitcher; Eugenia Holcombe and Enise Fain as Prudence and Patience Lavenport.

Following the reception of the guests, the following musical program was delightfully and ably rendered.

- Auld lang syne—class.
- Lullaby Overture—Keler-Bela, Evelyn Hill, Lucile Hill.
- A Boy of long age—Schneider, little girls.
- Wait at Twilight—Lack, Eloise Hill.
- Sotree de Vienne—Schubert-Liszt, Elizabeth Ford.
- Eben and Rachel—Gooch, Jerry Davidson, Nettie Houston Dickey, Herlequinade—Byne, Eugenia Holcombe.
- The Last Hope Gottschalk, Mary Hill.
- The Foolish Little Maiden—Troyer, Mary Weaver.
- Minuet—Paderewski, Maurine Fain, Elizabeth Ford.
- Old French Dance—Roubier, Kathryn Miller.
- The Song of the Hatchet—Kooqle, little girls.
- Maude Fantastique—Friml, Lucile Hill.
- Old Fashioned Garden—Porter, Emogene Axley.
- The Masked Ball—Sartorio, Eloise Hill and Eugenia Holcombe.
- Stephanie—Czibulka, Emogene Axley.
- Joyful Peasant—Schuman-Hartl, Maurine Fain.
- Grand March de Concert—Wollenhaupt, Evelyn Hill.
- Carry Me Back to Old Virginia—Land, Emogene Axley and chorus.
- Invasion to the Dance—Weber, Kathryn Thompson and Mary Bell.
- There are Many Flags in Many Lands—Class.

MURPHY'S OLDEST CITIZEN PASSES TO GREAT BEYOND

James D. Abbott was leading Merchant and Postmaster—Interred in Methodist Cemetery

Murphy people paid their last sad rites to her oldest and one of her most respected citizens Saturday afternoon in simple and beautiful services in the Presbyterian church. James David Abbott, who died Friday morning February 22, about 3:15 o'clock, was ninety-one years seven months and twenty-five days old. Mr. Abbott had been in feeble health for several months and the last few weeks preceding his death, his passing had been almost daily expected.

Mr. Abbott was born in Marcelus, N. Y., June 27th, 1832. He came South from Syracuse, N. Y., before the Civil War on account of his health and engaged in farming and the mercantile business at Tellico Plains, Tenn. He was also postmaster at that place during the war. His home was used by General W. T. Sherman as headquarters for some time during the campaign of this general in East Tennessee.

In 1867 Mr. Abbott moved his family to Murphy, N. C., and engaged in the mercantile business, his store being on the site now occupied by W. B. Dickey & Sons. He was also postmaster of the Murphy office for more than 21 years, during the administrations of Presidents Grant, Hayes and Garfield.

Mr. Abbott married Miss Marie E. Hilton, of Baldwinville, N. Y., on the 16th day of April, 1856. It is recalled that Mrs. Abbott's father was one of the first steamboat captains on the stamboat line between Albany and New York City. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Abbott were nine children, three of whom died in infancy. Those living to maturity were Mrs. E. A. Davidson, Mrs. R. H. Hyatt, Mrs. R. C. Herbert, Mrs. J. M. Vaughn, Mrs. G. W. Candler, and Mr. George E. Abbott. All the family survive except his wife and Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Herbert, who who died several years ago.

It will be of interest to Masons of this section to know that Mr. Abbott's father was one of the three men who were arrested and imprisoned in connection with the death and disappearance of Morgan, the man who was accused of exposing the secrets of Masonry. Morgan was taken out of a stage coach in New York State by three masked men, and to this day no one knows what became of him.

Mr. Abbott was a cousin to Lyman Abbott, the great preacher. He lived during the life of every president except four. He was also one of the founders of the local Presbyterian church.

Mr. Abbott was one of the oldest citizens of this section and had the love and respect of everyone. Until his health failed him, he was one of Murphy's staunchest citizens, both in a civic and religious way. He had been a member of the Presbyterian branch of faith for about eighty years, and always took an active part in the affairs of his church. His remains were laid to rest by the side of his wife, in the Methodist cemetery, his pastor, Rev. E. G. Clary, assisted by Rev. Rhinehart, having charge of the funeral and interment. The pall bearers were his grandsons, Frank Herbert, Paul, Henry, and Edward Hyatt, Lee Penland and Jerry Davidson.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful, a large selection being sent by out of town friends.

Holder Brothers Get Heating Contract

Holder Brothers, heating and plumbing contractors, have been awarded the contract to heat and plumb the new Methodist church. It is understood that their bid was \$4,650.

Work on this structure is rapidly being pushed. The building has been closed in and the work of wiring and lathing is going forward rapidly. It is expected that plastering will be begun the latter part of this week or early next week.

Merchants To Close At 6:30, Except Saturdays

We the undersigned merchants and business men agree to close our places of business at 6:30 P. M. beginning March 1st, 1924, except on Saturdays. Same to remain in effect until further agreement.

(Signed):
Murphy Hardware Company,
J. M. Stover,
J. W. Davidson,
Brittain & Mayfield,
Johnson & Dickey,
Davidson & Carringer,
B. B. Cornwell,
Townson & Anderson, by W. D. Townson,
J. M. Elkins,
E. L. Townson,
A. J. Burns,
L. W. Brittain,
W. Christopher,
J. M. Vaughn,
Griffiths, Inc.,
J. C. Slocumb,
Lovingood Bros., by Noah Lovingood.

W. B. Dickey & Sons,
Candler Department Store, By G. W. Candler, (up to June 1, 1924)
C. B. Hill,
J. G. Greene,
Wm. P. Payne,
Henry Dockery & Son,
Florence Coppenger.

R. E. THOMPSON GOES TO REWARD

On Monday February 18th, the death angel visited the home of our dear beloved Uncle Robert E. Thompson and called him to that celestial city where suffering is known no more. Uncle Bob had been sick several months and his death was not unexpected but with grief stricken hearts we bid him farewell for a short time for we know that before long God shall call us to the great unknown. Uncle Bob was loved by all who knew him and his friends were many. He was 73 years old and he had lived in Union County, Ga., the greater part of his life. He was a devoted husband, loving father and a good citizen.

He leaves a wife and one son, Lon Thompson, of Chattanooga; three daughters, Mrs. W. L. Webster and Mrs. W. L. Cearley of Culberson Rr. 1; Mrs. John Cathey, of Seetgum, Ga.; one brother, J. C. Thompson, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. He was laid to rest in the Bethany cemetery, the Rev. Riddle conducting the funeral services.

WEHUTTY.

This place is considerably picking up. Our training school at Fairview No. 3-A is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Lella Simpson of Knoxville, Tenn. She has a enrollment of 41 students. We had a good attendance in our Sunday school regardless of the bad weather. The Rev. J. Wolf, of Tellico Plains, Tenn., preached an interesting sermon after Sunday school, his text being "Be of Good and able preacher. Courage." He is a deep thinker. We are glad to state that Mrs. W. M. White is slowly improving. Mr. Harry Hedden has a severe attack of pneumonia.

Clyde Hill spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Isabella. We hear a great deal of good road talk in our community. Everybody seems to be in favor of good roads. Miss Pauline Berrong has returned home after spending two months at Englewood, Tenn.

Owl Creek

Our school closed last Friday after having a six months schedule. The teacher, Miss McHan, returned to her home at Peachtree last Saturday.

Mary Jones, Delthia Kephart were visitors at O'Billig Springs last Sunday. Richard Hass was a pleasant visitor at J. H. Jones last Friday night. Ira Jones has returned to Owl Creek after being gone a long time. W. A. Hass is on the sick list at present.

C. J. Marcus is still operating his saw mill. C. J. Marcus and family were visitors last Sunday of Mr. Andy Kephart.

LYCEUM CLOSSES SUCCESSFUL SEASON HERE

Fifth Number of Course Proves Novel and Entertaining

Monday night, February 25th, with the appearance of the Barnaby Entertainers, the lyceum course for the year 1923-1924 came to a successful conclusion. Mr. and Mrs. Barnaby were the only two members of the company but the variety of their numbers was such as is usually presented by a much larger company. Original one act plays, written by the Barnabys, songologs, readings, and rapid chalk sketches made a program of variety that proved novel and unique in many respects.

Though the weather was unfavorable on several nights on which numbers of the Lyceum Course appeared, yet the patronage of the community was gratifying throughout. And it was only through the co-operation of the community that the success of the course was made possible. The committee of guarantors feel that their faith in the desire of the community for the better sort of entertainment has been amply justified. The Redpaty Company has been contracted with for another series of courses for the coming season. In many ways the numbers selected for next year will surpass those of the present season, according to all indications.

W. R. Niswonger, Horticultural Specialist

Hayesville, Feb. 22.—Mr. H. R. Niswonger was in the county from Tuesday until Friday noon, assisting with the horticultural program put on by the county agent. It was the consensus of opinion of all those that worked with us that he gave us the best information that has ever been brought to the county on orchard work. He took up the four cardinal principles of orchard management and gave full instructions for carrying them out, explaining the reasons for their use. He gave by demonstration how to train and care for trees, also lectured on how the fruit grower could co-operate with nature to get a strong substantial tree. Next to reclaiming young trees was the reclaiming the tops and centers of our older trees which had been lopped out by a bad system of pruning.

This orchard specialist tells us that pruning has been over-stressed and the system we have been using all wrong. We that have worked with him believe him. He says consistent and modern pruning methods should be used.

Soil fertility is made his major. He explains low yields, cull fruit, small growth, and the two year bearing tree mostly through low soil. Of course, he puts soil cultivation and soil fertility together, intermixing with each other.

He says, as all other sane men that know anything about fruit growing, that you must spray if you are going to have anything but cull fruit. There must be one winter spray and enough summer sprays to protect your fruit from insects and pests.

The county agent, assisted by the specialist, is working with two orchards in each township. If you want assistance with your orchards and willing to carry out the best orchard practice, find out where these orchards are and notify the agent of your decision. He, in turn, will notify you when working in that orchard. You can learn there by actual demonstration what the best practices are, and carry them on in your orchards, thereby becoming a co-operator.

The agent cannot possibly put more time on that project. A system of running from one orchard to another, pruning a tree here and a tree there, talking a word to this man and a word to that man won't get any results. If you want county agent work to do you any service then let us co-operate together.
WILLARD R. ANDERSON,
County Agent.

Cherokee County Short History Of

(The following short sketch of the history of Cherokee County was sent by a friend to Mr. A. L. Martin and contains some interesting data, of which we print for the benefit of our subscribers.—Ed.)

Under the title of "An Act to erect that territory of this State, lately acquired by treaty from the Cherokee Indians into a separate and distinct county by the name of Cherokee," the General Assembly January 4th, 1839, ratified an act to erect a portion of Macon County into one named for a notable tribe which now has 2,566 members in this State, though few now reside within the limits of Cherokee County.

The act ordered that "the first county court of Cherokee shall be held in one of the houses of Fort Butler, and until a court house and jail are built any of the buildings put up by the United States Army at Fort Butler, on the 400 acres of land on which the town of Murphy is situated shall be for the use of the courts of Cherokee." It was further enacted that "any person removing or in any way damaging the buildings at the Fort, or cutting any timber on any part of the 400 acres of land set apart for the future disposition of the legislature shall be liable to indictment."

The county seat was named Murphy in honor of Archibald de Bow Murphy, of Hillsboro, who was "the father of public school" in North Carolina and who is buried in the old churchyard there.

The first county court was held March 19, 1839, and it elected the following officers: John W. Grady clerk, Jason L. Hyatt register of deeds, Francis McGee sheriff, Thomas C. Tatham Jr. Surveyor, P. A. Summey standard-keeper, Abraham Collett ranger.

The County in 1841 bought Fort Butler and its lands, and that year built the first court house, of brick, having for two years occupied as a court house one of the fort buildings. The first court house was burned in April, 1865, (a few days after the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox, Virginia) by a party of Federal raiders, but the walls stood and the building was rebuilt that year. In December, 1892, it was replaced by the third court house. This was burned in December, 1895, but the walls were again utilized in 1896 in constructing the present court house, largely of local marble; a beautiful structure. The fire of 1865 destroyed the records of the clerk. Until 1865 the wills were for some years recorded in a book in the register of deeds office. The first will book begins August 5, 1869; the first deed book, April 6, 1863, the earlier ones covering a part of Macon county.

The county's first state senator was William H. Thomas; representative, George W. Hays (1842). It has had the following members of state constitutional conventions: Allen T. Davidson, James H. Bryson (1861); George W. Dickey (1865 and 1868); J. W. Cooper (1875). It has furnished a U. S. Congressman James M. Moody.

This is the most westerly of the 100 counties and the point in it "furthest west" is Appalachia, on the crest of the Smoky Mountains on the Tennessee border; the most easterly place being Rodanthe in Dare County. The old Indian form of spelling Cherokee was "Tsalaqih" meaning "They of the Caves," that is "The Cave People," because of the large number of caves in that area. A small part of 66,000 acres of land owned by the "Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation" is in Cherokee County, the other parts being in Swain, Jackson and Graham Counties; by far the greater part in Swain, 48,000 acres, Jackson containing 12,000.

A Correction.

Last week in the notice of the meeting of the Junior Missionary Society of the Methodist church, which met at the Regal Hotel Friday February 15th, the word "twenty" was inadvertently omitted, leaving the notice to read "five" instead of "twenty-five present." The Scout is glad to make this correction and thus give encouragement to the young people's organization. May it continue to grow and prosper.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN ASKS AID OF LOCAL PEOPLE

W. H. Hughes Has Had Only Two Fires In His District During The Season

Forest Fire warden W. H. Hughes of this county has recently announced two forest fire in his district and is appealing to the people to aid him in his work by being careful with fire in and about the woods.

Mr. Hughes is warden in the district lying west of Hiawassee River and south of the L. & N. Railroad. The two fire were small and were soon extinguished, although one did considerable damage. The first burned over about 25 acres of land, destroying about \$1,250 worth of timber, the other burned over an acre, destroying about \$25 worth of timber.

The warden made it clear that he could not alone prevent or control fire in his district.

"In order for my work to be successful," he said, "I must have the co-operation of the people, and the more support I get the more effective will my work be."

When questioned as to how the people could help him, Mr. Hughes stated that first and foremost they could help by keeping fire out of the woods.

"Most of the fires are started by carelessness of smokers, or campers, according to statistics available," he said. "If those who pass through the woods for any reasons would always think before throwing down matches, cigarette butts, etc., many of the fires would never start."

A second way in which the public could help, according to Mr. Hughes, is by reporting all fires promptly and coming to the aid of the warden in extinguishing them.

Mr. Hughes has made a fine record in the fire prevention work and his appeal for co-operation will doubtless be heeded by many. He is working under a joint arrangement between the State and the county.

COMMITTEE HAS PLANS READY FOR RAISING FUNDS

The Methodist Church Building Fund Committee have completed their plans for the drive Saturday to raise money to complete the new Methodist Church. So far as is known every merchant, business professional and salaried man have pledged themselves to give one-half of their gross earnings on Saturday to this cause. The windows of the business houses of the entire town have been placarded with posters, reading "We give one-half gross earnings on March 1st to Church Building Fund Committee." The salaried and professional men and women have signed a pledge to give one-half their earnings on this day for the same cause. Many letters have been sent out urging the people to buy on Saturday and a few interested people outside of Murphy have been written for donations to the cause. It is expected that a large sum will be raised in this way. The entire community is behind the project.

UPPER PEACHTREE.

Our farmers are beginning to prepare for the next crop. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Thomason and R. F. Moore visited the home of Mr. Marion Lemons, who is very sick, Sunday afternoon.

Fulton, Cora and Ora Thomason of Andrews visited home folks here the past week-end.

Rolin Dockery and Nathan Tetherow, of Murphy, with a crew of men are working at the Andrews transmission line through this section.

R. M. Moore of this place closed out his school at Slow Creek with a nice entertainment Friday night.

G. F. Hendrix of Central Peachtree was very busy here the past week taking the right-of-way for the Andrews Power Company.

Rev. Tate Justice, a street preacher, held several services here the past week. M. B. Lunsford is still hauling acid wood.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

BREATHES THERE A MAN, WITH A SOUL SO DEAD, WHO NEVER TO HIMSELF HASSARD, THIS IS MY OWN, MY OWN HOME TOWN!" (EXTRACT FROM THAT SAD TALE, "THE MAN WITHOUT A HOME TOWN.")

