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## TO GIVE READING AT SCHOOL HOUSE MONDAY EVENING

Edward A. Thompson Will Give Varied Program of Classics and Humorous Selections

Murphy and the section surrounding will be treated to an unusual reading program Monday evening, March 31st, when Edward A. Thompson, renowned platform reader of Boston, appears in the school auditorium to give a varied program of classical, lyrical and humorous selections. Mr. Thompson is recognized as "one of the most artistic and powerful readers on the American platform today," and it is only through a fortunate circumstance that he will be brought to Murphy. He is passing through this section on his annual reading tour and happens to be stopping over in Murphy on his way to points in North Carolina. Through the efforts of Mrs. E. G. White, of Blue Ridge, Ga., and Mrs. L. P. Kinsey, of Murphy, he has been induced to give a program for the benefit of the Murphy section while passing through.

Many people here will remember Mr. Thompson's appearance here, about a year ago and will be glad of the opportunity that his second appearance will afford.

Mr. Thompson is a very unusual reader. The fact that he lost his eyesight has seemed to sharpen his sense of understanding and interpretation, which makes his readings all the more powerful.

It is expected that Mr. Thompson will occupy the Chapel hour at the school Monday morning of next week. He will arrive here from Blue Ridge, Ga., on Sunday afternoon.

The admission charge has been fixed at 25c and 50c so that all who care to may have the privilege of hearing him.

## DEMOCRATS TO HOLD COUNTY CONVENTION

Precinct Meetings On April 5th—Will Elect Delegates to State Convention

The County Democratic Convention has been called to meet in the court house on April 12th at 12 o'clock, according to announcements recently sent out by Chairman of the Executive Committee C. B. Hill, and Secretary A. L. Martin. The precinct conventions have been called for the first Saturday in April, which will be April 5th, for the purpose of naming delegates to the county convention.

"The County Convention will name delegates to the State Convention and transact any other business that may properly come before the body," said Chairman Hill a few days ago. Nominees for the various county offices will be named at this convention.

## BILL BOOSTER SAYS

WHEN I TAKE A STROLL AROUND THIS PLEASANT TOWN, I'M REMINDED ANEW THAT IT'S A GRAND PLACE TO LIVE AND I WANT TO DWELL HERE AMONG MY FRIENDS FOREVER! THIS IS HEAVEN ENOUGH FOR ME!



## Visiting Nurses Carry On Intensive Health Campaigns To Save Coming Generation



EFFORTS to reduce the excessive death rate from maternal mortality in the United States will continue during the coming year, according to a report read by Haley Fiske, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at the annual convention. During 1923, 100,000 maternity cases among Metropolitan policy holders received the care of public health nurses, either working directly for the company or under arrangement with local health associations.

The report revealed the fact that an average of 2,900 mothers die each year from causes incidental to childbirth. In order to reduce this rate, the company is carrying on an intensive prenatal service. Visiting nurses see the expectant mother once a month from the time a case is reported until confinement. Following the birth of a child, both mother and baby are cared for daily for eight days. If complications develop, the nurse is privileged to make closer observations of the case.

An important feature of the work is the education given mothers regarding their own health and the health of infants. They are instructed to keep in close touch with a physician during pregnancy and to make ample provision for good obstetrical service at confinement.

New York City leads the country in low mortality due to child bearing. The average in that city is five deaths for each thousand births, while the general rate is eight for each thousand.

Nursing associations and other agencies throughout the country are co-operating with the company in its campaign.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

Items of Interest as Recorded in The Cherokee Scout of a Quarter of a Century Past

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The county has suffered heavily in the last few years by loss of bridges from high waters. At least four bridges have got to be rebuilt at once. This is a necessary burden on the tax payer.

John H. Stephenson and wife, of Nolita, dropped in to see us one day last week. They were recently married, and giving the wife up the intelligent comparison made up says John H. Stephenson.

Rev. B. G. Ketrion and Miss Mary Alexander, of Hayesville, were married last Thursday at the Alexander Hotel. Rev. J. T. Stover officiating. The bride is 61 years of age and is the third wife of rev. Mr. Ketrion who we learn is 86 years old. Many all the days that are spared to them be of unalloyed happiness.

The protracted meeting is still in progress at the Methodist church. Rev. S. C. Lee, the evangelist, has done some able preaching for the past two weeks, and we regret that he leaves today. However, the pastor will continue the service just as long as any interest is shown. Presiding Elder Campbell conducted the services Sunday night and yesterday. We feel that much and lasting good has been accomplished.

### A SAD SPECTACLE

A woman by the name of Mrs. Holloway and two little children were here on Thursday afternoon on her way to Blairsville with the corps of her husband, who died Wednesday at Andrews. The woman and children were shivering with cold March day. Some good men at Andrews sent her team this far, and but for the usual liberality of some of our citizens she and her children would have fared badly.

However, as soon as the sad facts were learned, Mr. J. H. Woods made up a purse and some provisions for the destitute widow and orphans. Mr. T. D. Devence sent his team with them to Blairsville where they have relatives.

While the pocketbooks of the haritably inclined in Murphy have not been severely taxed lately, yet

the calls have been frequent enough to demonstrate that the greatest of the graces—charity—is a predominant characteristic of our citizens. All praise and honor to these good people and may the Lord abundantly bless them!

R. L. Cooper went to Bryson City yesterday.

J. L. Smathers has had his residence repaired.

We regret to learn that Roscoe W. King is quite sick.

The first train on the Southern in five days reached here Friday night.

Neal Davidson visited his father's family at Tomota several days last week.

John Meroney, Jr., has moved his family to the "Sour John" farm near Hayesville.

Lawson Davidson was here Saturday shaking hands with his many

## MODERN FAIRY GOLD IS FOUND BY THOSE TAUGHT HOW TO LOOK

The Manufacturer's Record recently published what was in its results a modern fairy story concerning the discovery of great mineral wealth in Florida sands near the point where Ponce de Leon landed centuries ago in his search for the fabled Fountain of Youth. Following a slight clue with the persistence of born prospectors, Henry H. Buckman and George A. Pritchard found on a neglected bench deposits of a marvelous variety of rich earth metals, most important being zircon and titanium. Incidentally, it appears that this mine of unsuspected richness resulted from the disintegration and wearing down in past ages of a great mountain ridge that once existed in our own Piedmont. Which leads the Manufacturer's Record to declare that it "pays to be observing, to scrutinize every clay-bed, every gravel-pit, every sand-pit, and every rock outcrop in one's vicinity. It is well to be curious enough to examine all these things, or to have samples of them examined by one who knows."

Buckman and Pritchard happened to be men who knew. One was an expert graduate of Harvard who had specialized in chemistry and engineering. The other was an engineer who had roamed widely gathering experience in this and other countries. Seeking a refractory mineral

Ex-Sheriff Davidson sent off his State tax last week, amounting to \$3,989.22.

Mr. W. A. Bryson and Miss Hattie Porter, of Andrews, visited relatives in Franklin last week.

Town Marshal Watson was fixing the approaches to the lower valley river bridge Friday and Saturday.

C. B. Hill went down to Blue Ridge Thursday to be assigned to an agent's place on the A. K. & N.

R. H. Hyatt left Thursday for Atlanta on business and pleasure. He was accompanied by Master Don Towns.

Mrs. Robt. Hickey left Saturday for Sweetwater, Tenn., where her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Jordan, is dangerously sick.

R. J. Truett and Miss Julia Whitaker were married at the bride's home on Peachtree, March 16th, by Rev. N. H. Barker.

A party of Northern gentlemen arrived here Friday night for the purpose of looking out a location for a tannery. More next week.

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## W. B. Johnson Loses House In Flames

Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock flames completely destroyed the house and furnishings of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, about two miles up the Hiwassee River from Murphy. When the family was awakened by the crackling of the flames, the house was completely enveloped with the blaze and it was with difficulty that the whole family escaped without injury. No furniture and only a few pieces of clothing were saved.

It is not known just how the blaze started. It is said that there was a chicken brooder in the house and it is probable that the blaze was started from the oil lamp in this brooder. Another theory advanced is that rats ignited matches. The property was a total loss as it was uninsured.

## REPUBLICANS TO HOLD CONVENTION ON APRIL 2ND

Will Elect Delegates To Congressional Convention Meeting in Bryson City

The Cherokee County Republican Convention has been called to meet in Murphy on Wednesday the second day of April, according to a call recently issued by acting Chairman W. M. Axley.

The convention will meet for the purpose of naming delegates to the Congressional Convention, which meets in Bryson City on Saturday, April 12th.

The convention will also transact other pertinent business coming before it.

## MRS. DOLPH CARRINGER VISITING ON PEACHTREE

Mrs. Dolph Carringer and little daughter, Anna Ruth, of Knoxville, arrived Wednesday to spend several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Elliott, of Peachtree, and other relatives in the county. Mr. Carringer holds a responsible position with the City National Bank of Knoxville. He is a native of Cherokee County. His many friends here will be glad to learn of his recent success. In a contest between twenty-seven of the employees of the bank to see which one could secure the greatest number of new depositors during a period of sixty days Mr. Carringer secured more depositors than all the other contestants combined, thereby receiving the first prize, which was a goodly sum of money. Mr. Carringer stands high in the esteem of the bank officials and further success is ahead of him. His friends will follow his career with interest.

## Revival Meeting At Young Harris

A revival meeting is now in progress at Young Harris College, the meeting having begun Sunday, March 23rd. It is being attended with considerable success, according to advices reaching here.

Mrs. A. H. Brown returned Monday from Copperhill, Tenn., where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Long of Ranger, announce the marriage of their daughter, Caroline Ruth, to Mr. John Leatherwood on March 23, 1923, at Blue Ridge, Ga.

Dr. Wells is adding much to the appearance of his home on the corner of Tennessee and Hiwassee streets by the application of a coat of paint.

Farmers of Alexander County ordered 500 pounds of clover seed and 650 pounds of a permanent pasture mixture seed in a cooperative purchase made during February.

Twelve hats were made by the club girls during a recent all-day sewing meeting in Edgecombe County. One hat was made from a skirt 11 years old with the only cost being 50 cents for flowers.

Banks of Nash County will pay the expenses of a club girl from each of the fifteen townships to the short course for club girls.

## TRIANGULAR DEBATES TO BE FRIDAY NIGHT

Murphy and Andrews will Debate In Murphy, Murphy and Almond at Almond, and Almond and Andrews at Andrews

Murphy, Andrews and Almond high schools have been grouped together for the regular triangular debates conducted every spring under the auspices of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies and the extension department of the University of North Carolina. More than 250 schools have entered the debate this year and the first elimination contests will be held Friday night all over the State.

The question for discussion this year is "Resolved, that the Inter-Alled War Debt Should be Cancelled." Murphy's affirmative team is represented by Floyd Carringer and Garland Rogers, and the negative by Lucius Witherspoon and Harvey Alin. The affirmative team will debate Andrews' negative team in the school auditorium here Friday night of this week; Murphy's negative team will meet Almond's affirmative team at Almond; and Almond's negative team will meet Andrews' affirmative team at Andrews on the same night. The school that wins both sides in this triangle, just as in the many other triangles that have been arranged over the State for this same evening, will have the right to go to Chapel Hill and compete for the Aycock Memorial Cup. At Chapel Hill two elimination contests are held and then the winners of the affirmative and negative side of the question compete in the finals for the mastery in the debate.

These debates were inaugurated in 1913 and have been conducted annually ever since that time. Each year the name of the school and the individual winners are engraved on the cup. If any school wins the cup two years in succession it becomes the property of that school. During the eleven years that these debates have been conducted only one school has won the cup twice in succession. Another cup has been provided. It is expected that a large crowd of local citizens will gather at the school auditorium Friday evening at 7:30 to hear the local team defend the affirmative of this question.

## HAYESVILLE TO HAVE STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL

An Additional Special School Tax Is Voted—New Building Now Completed

At an election held last week at the court house in Hayesville, the voters of Hayesville Township voted a special school tax that a standard high school might be established at that place. At present a special tax of twenty cents on the \$100 valuation is being levied and collected. An additional tax of not exceeding ten cents was voted, which, including the present twenty cents levy, will make a special school tax of not exceeding thirty cents on ten hundred dollars valuation to supplement the regular county and state funds to be turned over to the township for schools.

Hayesville already has a good school, but it was found that the present tax rate did not produce sufficient revenue to make the school a full standard high school. A handsome new school building has just been completed, and with the special tax levy, an accredited school can be conducted at this point.

## Dr. Meroney Planning To Open Drug Store

Dr. B. E. Meroney is adding to his stock of drugs and installing new fixtures, preparatory to opening his drug store on Tennessee Street. A soda fountain is being installed. Dr. Meroney announced that he would be ready to open to the public the latter part of this week or early next week. For the present prescriptions will not be compounded, though it was stated that this may be done later.

Rev. A. R. Beal, of Taylorsville, arrived Wednesday night to visit relatives and friends here and to look after some repairs on his house.