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PROGRAM FOR S. S. CONVENTION IS COMPLETED

Will Be Held in Andrews Baptist Church, Beginning at 8 P. M. Thursday Night

Programs are out and plans are being rapidly completed for holding the Cherokee County Sunday School Convention on Thursday and Friday, July 17 and 18. The convention will be held with the Andrews Baptist Church, Andrews, N. C., the opening session being held at 8 o'clock Thursday night. It is expected that there will be a good attendance from various parts of the county at the first sitting. Other sessions will be held Friday morning, Friday afternoon, and Friday night, July 18, the convention closing Friday night.

Officers in charge of plans and program for the convention have announced that the program has been prepared with the idea of having "a convention for the discussion of practical problems." The plan is to make possible for workers from all departments of the Sunday School to receive practical suggestions concerning their specific work. During the convention there will be question and discussion periods and those present will be given an opportunity to present their Sunday School problems for discussion, and any questions on Sunday School work.

The convention is inter-denominational and workers from all Sunday schools of all evangelical denominations are invited to participate in the work. The Cherokee County Sunday School Association, under the direction of the convention is being held in one of the seventy-six county Sunday school associations organized in the state in connection with the work of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

COLORED PEOPLE HAVE BIG FOURTH CELEBRATION

Raising Funds to Build School House—Prominent Murphy Citizens Encourage Efforts

The colored people fittingly celebrated the Fourth of July by seeking ways of making surer their intellectual independence, when, with the aid of prominent whites, they set a record on foot for raising funds to erect for their race an up-to-date school house. A dinner was served at the Texana school house, where the meeting was held.

M. Wiley and H. H. Hooper are the presiding officers. A choir of Hayseville rendered many appropriate songs.

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After more than 100 ballots had been cast, the Democrats in national convention in New York city late Wednesday named John W. Davis, of West Virginia, as their candidate for President, and Charles W. Bryan, Governor of Nebraska, as their candidate for Vice-President. The convention was in a deadlock over Smith and McAdoo, and it was not until these two leading candidates had withdrawn that a nomination was finally effected, after the convention had been in session longer and had cast nearly twice as many ballots as any national convention for the nomination of party nominees.

54-Inch Rattler Killed Near Brasstown

A fiftyfour inch rattler was killed in the Brasstown section a few days ago by J. B. Staabridge, according to word brought to Murphy the first of the week by Rev. Gay Bryant. The poisonous reptile was discovered by the children of Mr. N. B. Haynes, who reported it to Mr. Staabridge. The latter killed the snake with a stack pole that was nearby. Mrs. Gay Bryant measured the snake and found it to be fiftyfour inches long, and three and a half inches in diameter. It had thirteen rattlers and a button, and is one of the largest killed in this section in some time, so far as is known.

Have Picnic At Shoal Creek

There will be a Masonic and Sunday School picnic at Shoal Creek, on Monday, July 19th, according to word given out by Mesdames M. Young, J. H. Suit, and R. Leeman, the committee on arrangements. There will be free dining, good speaking, and good singing. The body is cordially invited to attend and a pleasant day is assured.

Baseball Team Wins Over Strong Ducktown Outfit

The local club triumphed over the strong Ducktown aggregation in Cherokee Park last Saturday afternoon by a score of nine to six, after a long and hard fought game. It looked bad for the local boys in the first inning as the visiting team slipped in two runs, mostly as a result of costly errors, and last half of the inning Murphy went out in one, two, three order. However, when the team got warmed up they played a good brand of baseball, outclassing their opponents in many departments of the game, especially at the bat.

Friday, July 4th, the local team took two games from the Andrews club on the latter's diamond. In the morning the score was eight to three and in the afternoon seventeen to two. While the game in the forenoon was somewhat slow and listless, it developed considerable interest; but the afternoon game was a one-sided affair. The attendance was fairly good.

OVER 150 LIVES TAKEN BLERRATIC WEATHER

American Red Cross to the Rescue With Nearly One Hundred Fifty Thousand

Atlanta, July 7.—One hundred and fifty dead, 1,200 injured, 5,280 people homeless, and property damage of over \$20,000,000 in the South is the toll taken by three tornadoes and a cloud burst in two months, according to a statement issued today by the American Red Cross.

This constitutes one of the most destructive series of storms the South has experienced in many years, Red Cross officials declare.

A relief fund of approximately \$138,275.00 is now being administered for the sufferers in over eighteen Southern communities by Red Cross workers. Homes are being rebuilt, crops replanted, and pictures of ruins and desolation transformed again into scenes of normal life and prosperity.

To local relief efforts the Red Cross contributed funds and trained workers, giving communities the benefit of its experience in over 400 other disasters.

"All that relief can do is at most little," said Joseph Logan, Southern Red Cross Manager. "Following the disasters the Red Cross tries to help these people to help themselves, and the courageous spirit in which they have turned to the task of rebuilding their homes and replanting their ruined crops is a credit to the South."

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FATHER OF MRS. T. L. SASSER DIES IN MISS. HOME

Had Been in Feeble Health For Some Time—Was Seventy-Four Years of Age

Telegraphic communications received Wednesday morning announced the death, at his home in Brookhaven, Miss., of Mr. S. P. Oliver, father of Mrs. T. L. Sasser, who was called to his bedside Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Sasser left here Monday morning and arrived in Brookhaven about noon Tuesday. Mr. Oliver died Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Oliver was 74 years old at the time of his death and had been in feeble health for some time. For the past few weeks he has been gradually losing ground against the inroads of heart disease. Several weeks ago Mrs. Sasser was called to Mississippi on account of the serious illness of her father, but his condition improved and she returned to Murphy. Complications set up a few days ago which tended to aggravate the heart trouble, and Mr. Oliver sank fast, the end coming quietly Tuesday evening. The funeral was held Thursday morning from the First Baptist Church in Brookhaven.

Mr. Oliver was one of the best known and most prominent citizens of his town and section and his death has cast a cloud of sadness over the entire community. Besides a host of friends, he is survived by four daughters and one son, as follows: Mesdames Palmer Drury, Harvey Clark, Jesse Wales, and T. L. Sasser, Charles Oliver.

Mr. Sasser expects to return Saturday of this week and hold the regular services at the Baptist Church Sunday.

TRAGEDY STALKS IN WHITE HOUSE 3RD TIME IN YEAR

Sixteen Year Old Son of President and Mrs. Coolidge Succumbs to Attack of Blood Poisoning

Sixteen year old Calvin Coolidge Jr., son of President and Mrs. Coolidge, succumbed to an attack of blood poisoning Monday night at 10:30 o'clock at Walter Reed Hospital, where the youth has been under the care of White House and other physicians since Saturday, when he submitted to an operation in an effort to check the spread of septic poison, which resulted from a bursted blister, made while he and his brother, John, were engaged in a tennis match on the White House grounds Monday, June 30th. At first no attention was paid to the blister, but by Wednesday the son of the President was suffering severe pain and running a high temperature. White House physicians were summoned and the condition of the youth was seen as serious. Other specialists were called in. As the condition of the boy grew worse from day to day, Saturday he was removed to Walter Reed, a government hospital in Washington, where an operation was performed.

Sunday night the condition of the boy was recognized as very critical and word was given out that he could be no worse. Monday the transfusion of blood, and the use of oxygen were resorted to to help the slight body of the young man to throw off the attacks of the septic poison. Several times the boy rallied and seemed to be better, but he relapsed again Monday night early and at 10:30 o'clock the end came.

President and Mrs. Coolidge were at the bedside when the end came, but John, the brother of the deceased was not. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge returned to the White House about 11 o'clock together with his personal and private secretaries and other White House attaches who were at the hospital. The body was removed to White House, after it had been prepared for burial, and the body was carried to Northampton, Mass., Thursday where funeral services were held in the Edwards Congregational Church, of which young Calvin was a member. The funeral party proceeded from the Northampton church to Plymouth, Vermont, where interment was made in the family plot.

One of the finest pieces of sleuth work coming to light recently in this section was consummated Monday when Officer J. D. Smith, of Mt. Holly, recaptured an automobile after having trailed the thief half way across the state. The car was captured near Aquone, where the driver deserted it when the officer got hot on his trail. The car was stolen from Mt. Holly vicinity on Tuesday night, July 1st, and immediately upon discovery the next morning Officer Smith started in pursuit, stopping in various towns, at country stores and similar places making inquiries, and otherwise picking up whatever information he could that would aid him in following the thief. He was able to gather meagre information here and there that enabled him to follow the car for more than 250 miles, until he finally recovered it, where it had been deserted near Aquone.

Mr. Smith spent several hours in Murphy Tuesday morning and expressed himself as being highly gratified at his success in recovering the stolen property. He stated that his success was largely due to the fine co-operation shown by county and city officers all along the line, and expressed himself as being very much pleased with the efficient assistance rendered by local officers.

Rural Letter Carriers Hold Convention In Greensboro

The Rural Letter Carriers Association of North Carolina held its annual convention in Greensboro on July 4th and 5th, with all the officers of the association and a large number of delegates from all parts of the state present, according to a report brought back by Mr. John C. Odell, who was a delegate from the Clay-Cherokee Association. An entertaining and helpful program was rendered.

The State rural letter carriers association was organized in 1903, just twenty one years ago, at Greensboro, according to Mr. Odell, and only one man was at the convention this year that helped to organize the Association. This man was Mr. Carl P. Howard of St. Paul, N. C., who has been president of the Association for nine years.

There are now 1450 rural letter carriers in North Carolina and 846 are members of the Association, according to the Secretary's report to the convention.

Mr. W. D. Brown of Washington, D. C., the Association's attorney, made a strong address to the Association in which he advised the delegates to inform the carriers throughout the State that if they hope to gain the \$300 a year increase in salary they are now seeking, they must become organized and work for a common cause. Mr. Odell is urging all the carriers in this part of the state, who are not now members to affiliate with the association. His slogan seems to be "1446 members in North Carolina before December 1st—100 per cent organization in North Carolina."

Mr. Odell was informed at the convention that this was the first time in the history of the association that the western district has ever had a delegate at a state convention.

Mr. Odell is planning to have a meeting of all the carriers in Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Macon Counties a little later and has expressed the hope that every one would attend so that he can make a full report of the Greensboro meeting and of the activities and aims of the state association. Due notice will be given later, said Mr. Odell.

Stolen Automobile Recovered Monday

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MELON CUTTING ON JULY 25TH

Riverside Park and play ground will be officially opened Friday afternoon, July 25th at 3:30 o'clock by a watermelon cutting. The W. M. Fain Grocery Company has agreed to donate the melons for the occasion, in order to encourage the use of the park, especially by the children. The public is cordially invited.

PLANS GOING FORWARD FOR TRUETT MEETING

Building Committee Appointed To Make Housing Facilities Available

Definite announcement is given out by officials of the Baptist church that Dr. George W. Truett, world famous preacher, has accepted an invitation to hold a series of services here, beginning August 12th. Unusual interest attaches to this announcement as Dr. Truett is one of the ablest preachers of the world, and also from the fact that he is a native of this section, having been born and spent his early boyhood in the Hayseville-Hiawasee section, and generally credited with the founding of the Hiawasee College.

The problem confronting the local church is providing a building that will seat the vast crowds that are expected to visit Murphy to this noted preacher. At a meeting of the church last Sunday a building committee, with full powers to act, consisting of Messrs. G. H. Cope, C. M. Wofford and A. E. Dickey, was appointed. It had previously been decided to construct an addition to the present church building, capable of seating approximately 1500 people. It is expected that this structure will be gotten under way in the near future.

Commissioners Met First Of The Week

The County Commissioners met the first two days and a half of this week transacting the regular routine business of the county. Of interest to the general public is the election which was called for Shoal Creek Township on August 15th to vote on the issuance of fifty thousand dollars worth of road bonds.

The following levy on property for the various county purposes was made:

For the county as a whole a school tax of sixty cents; fifteen cents for bridges; fifteen cents for general county purposes; five cents for maintenance of prisoners; and five cents for jurors; and \$1.50 on the poll.

Murphy township for the maintenance and interest on bonded road debt, \$1.00 on the \$100 valuation of property. Valleytown Township road tax 30 cents on property and 90c on the poll.

Marble road district, road tax of 40 cents on property and \$1.20 on the poll.

Notia road district, 60c on property, and \$1.80 on the poll.

Shoal Creek Township for roads, \$1.00 on property and \$3.00 on the poll.

Beaverdam Township for roads, 80c on property and \$2.40 on the poll.

The rate for Hothouse Township was not definitely figured out.

Valleytownship, for railway bonds 15c on property and \$45c on the poll.

Murphy district No. 1, school tax, 75c on property and \$2.25 on the poll.

Peachtree school district, for schools, 15c on property and 45c on the poll.

Tomotta school district, for schools, 20c on property and 60c on the poll.

Maltby school district, for schools, 20c on property and 60c on the poll.

Kinsy school district, for schools, 25c on property and 75c on the poll.

Andrews school district, for schools, 70c on property and \$2.10 on the poll.

Marble school district, for schools, 20c on property and 60c on the poll.

Rhodo school district, for schools, 29c on property and 60c on the poll.

Topton school district, for schools, 25c on property and 75c on the poll.

Culberson school district, for schools, 25c on property and 75c on the poll.

Unaka school district, for schools, 25c on property and 75c on the poll.

Johnson & Dickey Dissolve Partnership

Virgil Johnson bought the interest of S. W. Dickey in the Johnson & Dickey Market the first of the week and is now operating the business under the firm name of Johnson's Market. Mr. Dickey will devote his time to his father's business.

Former Resident Of This Section Dies In Georgia

Mrs. A. F. Barton died at her home in Mineral Bluff, Ga., Monday, June 30th, after a lingering illness of some eight or ten weeks. Mrs. Barton was the daughter of Mr. Taylor Green, a former resident of the Peachtree section and who now lives near Morganton, Ga. She was buried Tuesday. She was a sister-in-law of Mr. H. A. Barton of this place, who attended the funeral. She was approximately forty years old and is well remembered in Cherokee County.

She is survived by her father and three brothers and three sisters as follows: Will Green, of Gastonia; Jesse, of Ellijay; and Arnold, of Morganton; and Mrs. Avery Warren, of Marble; Mrs. Sarah Kincaid, of near Morganton; and Bessie, the younger sister, whose husband's name could not be learned.

STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE TO THE CROPS

Heavy Down Pour Experienced In Various Sections of Western North Carolina

The storm that visited this section Sunday a week ago caused considerable damage in the lower parts of the county, according to reports being brought to Murphy this week. The severe wind that accompanied the down pour of rain blew down shocks of wheat, growing corn, and much hillside and valley land was furrowed with the young rilllets that rushed down the mountain sides following what some have described as a cloud burst.

While this storm visited practically all of Southwestern North Carolina it was at its worst only in isolated sections here and there. While the rain fall was unusually heavy it is probable that it was not severe enough to be termed as a cloud burst, a phenomena that is rare indeed. A true cloud burst is officially reported to have occurred on June 10th on Scott's Creek in Jackson County, submerging the town of Willetts under two feet of water and doing considerable damage. The area affected was about ten square miles.

"The true cloud burst," says a government report, "occurs with startling suddenness in small drainage areas and frequently of high destructiveness. It happens almost invariably in mountainous regions on very hot days, when large quantities of warm air are drawn up a mountain valley and, when they rise, are suddenly condensed in almost an instant into water. The resulting downpour is not to be described as rain. It is a veritable deluge. Pouring into a small channel, it gathers irresistible momentum, and anything in the way, as a dam, goes by the board."

The past Sunday afternoon a similar downpour is reported to have occurred in the vicinity of Canton, N. C., causing the streams to rise out of their banks and flow along as great rivers. It is said that railway officials became alarmed lest the great trestle near Canton be washed away and ordered a heavy freight train out on the trestle to weight it down. No serious damage is reported.

Word comes from Chapel Hill that the geological survey is taking steps to measure the high water marks attained during the Willetts cloudburst so as to compute the cross section of the streams and the run off. Such data is of value affecting the design of bridges to withstand the floods and as suggesting the improvement of stream channels to lessen their destructiveness.

Bellevue Merchant Plans To Open Store Here Soon

It was announced this week that Mr. Bob King, of Bellevue, will open a store here in the near future. He will occupy the building of the northeast side of the mill building recently vacated by the Cherokee Roller Mills. This building is being remodeled by its owner, Mr. C. M. Wofford, and attractively fitted out with shelving and counters. Mr. King will continue his business at Bellevue, it is understood.