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STATE WILL SURFACE ROAD IN EARLY SPRING

Commissioner Page and Engineer Walker Have Placed Road On Preference List

Encouraging news was received this week from the State Highway Commission when a letter came bearing assurances that the road from Murphy to Andrews would be let to contract for surfacing early in the spring. The grading on this road has been under way for the past six months and the contractors expect to complete it shortly. The subgrade should be settled by the time spring weather opens up at which time the commission expects to let the road.

This road is well nigh impassable now, but as District Engineer Walker points out in his letter, "it is impossible to grade a road and use it satisfactorily at the same time." The public should take this into account and be as patient as possible with the commission, for when the surface is once put on, the road will be usable all the year round. It will be independent of weather conditions.

Following is a copy of Mr. Walker's letter to Mr. F. L. Brownell, resident engineer of the commission:

Asheville, Jan. 15, 1925.

Mr. F. L. Brownell,
Resident Engineer,
Murphy, N. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Sipe relative to the condition of the road between Murphy and East Murphy, will state that I have taken this matter up with Mr. Page, relative to additional funds to be used in placing this road in temporary shape. Mr. Page advises that, at present, we have no funds available of a sufficient amount, to place this section of the road in good condition. He also states that it is impossible to grade a road and use it satisfactorily at the same time, and that we will merely have to put up with the best conditions that we can secure with our present maintenance, during the winter months.

As you no doubt know we expect to let this work for a surfacing in the early spring and therefore any large amount of money spent on this road would be entirely thrown away, when the surfacing is put on. This is just one of the conditions where you can not build a road and have it at the same time; however, we will endeavor to do the best we can to maintain this road with our present forces, but we cannot place gravel surfacing over the entire length between Murphy and East Murphy, and I would thank you to advise Mr. Sipe accordingly. I am also sending him a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,
J. C. WALKER,
District Engineer.

Macadamizing Road In Factory Section

Work was begun Tuesday of this week in putting rock on the road leading from the lower Valley River bridge to the Southern Railway crossing in front of the furniture factory. The work of grading the road has just been completed. The contractor, G. F. Williamson, is dressing up the far end of the fill. The road is being macadamized by the town in order to put it in usable shape. This street has been practically impassable during the winter months for years. It has been too low and too narrow, making it impossible to drain it. Now with the street widened and the grade elevated and a good surface on it, it will become a first class street.

This is one of the most used streets in Murphy. Practically all the wagon traffic from the lower end of the county uses the road. Wood, lumber, yes and other forest products are brought daily.

The latest Broadway song hit is entitled "Everyone Has Someone, But I Have Only You." The young woman whom it is dedicated ought to feel flattered.

A Fifth Avenue book shop recently advertised: "Dickens Works All This Week For \$9." Which led a stranger to observe that wages must be awfully low in New York.

Presbyterian Men Enjoyed Dinner Monday Evening

The men's organization of the Presbyterian Church enjoyed a delightful meeting around the dinner table at the Regal Hotel Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Eighteen of the men were present. A bountiful table was set. Following the dinner a number of helpful talks were made and a delightful hour of fellowship together was had.

The toastmaster, Mr. John H. Dilard, having been kept away on account of illness, Mr. B. W. Sipe was appointed by the committee in charge to serve in his stead. After a few introductory remarks by the toastmaster, Messrs. M. W. Bell, E. G. Clary, H. Engleman, C. W. Savage and Henry Hyatt, of the local church made short talks. Mr. J. B. Gray, of the Hayesville Church, spoke of the cordial relations between the Murphy and Hayesville Presbyterian Church. The principal address was by Mr. Fritz Rauschenberg, who is assisting Dr. R. P. Smith with the home missions work in Asheville Presbyterian. Mr. Rauschenberg made a stimulating address, pointing out some of the many opportunities in this section for home mission work.

The evening was an enjoyable one and those present pledged themselves that it should not be the last of its kind to be held. While this meeting included only the men of the Presbyterian Church, who are organized under the name of "The Men of The Church," there was a suggestion that perhaps a civic club for the welfare of the town would evolve from this meeting. There are many possibilities in such an organization of men and the idea is worthy of consideration.

Furniture Factory Again Running

The plant of the Valley River Furniture company started again this week after standing idle for several weeks during the holiday season. Mr. W. H. Woodbury is spending some time in Florida but his secretary, Mr. Lakes Martin, and Superintendent Linthicum, are in charge. They anticipate a good year for the business.

Lee County Woman Makes Money With Poultry

Sanford—A report made by Mrs. R. L. Lambeth, of Lee County, to Miss Gertrude V. Little, home demonstration agent, shows that Mrs. Lambeth made a net profit of \$660.25 on her poultry flock during the nine months from February first to November 1st, of last year. Mrs. Lambeth has a fine flock of Barred Rock poultry from which she has sold dressed hens, eggs and breeding birds. She has won several prizes at the Lee County fair and the Sandhill fair.

During the nine months of last year, she sold 297.5 pounds of dressed poultry for \$165. Fryers sold netted her \$135; breeding birds, \$34.46; poultry used at home, \$50; 69 dozen eggs used at home \$31.05; eggs sold, \$46.80; eggs for hatching \$17.50; stock on hand, valued at \$318; brooder house, \$47.01; brooder, \$18.60; and pullets and cockerels sold \$16. This makes a total credit on the venture of \$879.84.

Mrs. Lambeth lists as her debts, oil for brooders, \$6.98; cost of brooder, \$18.60; building brooder house, \$47.01; feed used, \$107.40, and baby chicks, \$39.50, making a total cost of \$219.59.

Her profit on the work, therefore, would amount to \$660.25, in addition to the cash prizes received at fairs. Mrs. Lambeth states that her stock on hand on November first was eleven hens, one male bird, 17 capons, eight cockerels and 63 pullets.

According to Miss Little, this successful poultry grower has worked with the home agent and with the poultry extension specialist, A. G. Glover, for about five years. This was her first attempt in using the brooder but she had great success with it this year. Miss Little states that Mrs. Lambeth is rapidly becoming one of the well known poultry producers of North Carolina.

Opera Music Made Available To Radio Audiences Through Star Broadcasting Experiment



America's most famous opera and concert stars have been placed at the disposal of the radio public through the efforts of E. R. Johnson, president and founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company, in co-operation with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. This departure from what Herbert Hoover recently termed "an endless diet of jazz" in radio programs is the outgrowth of a movement on the part of both companies to improve the standards of radio music, and, it is believed, will have far-reaching consequences. In Mr. Johnson's opinion that the influence of good music in the home is as important to the growing child as the influence of happy environment and home life. Under tentative arrangements between the two companies the Victor artists will appear at regular intervals during the present year, giving radio recitals and concerts.

Among the stars from whom selections will be made are many whose names are household words in American homes. They are Frances Alda; Harold Bauer; Lucrezia Bori; Emilio de Gogorza; Giuseppe de Luca; Miguel Fleta; Jean Gordon; Maria Jeritza; Giovanni Martinelli; Marnette Matheson; John McCormack; Rosa Ponselle; Ernestine Schumann-Hornig; Antonio Scotti and the Plozeny Quartet.

VETERANS ON OPPOSING SIDES OF CIVIL WAR JOIN HANDS IN TRIBUTE TO LEADER OF SOUTH

House Sees Extraordinary Sight As Stedman of North Carolina Makes Speech

By H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Observer

Washington, Jan. 19.—The time clasp was bridged in the house of representatives today, when the only surviving veterans of the Civil War serving in the house united in paying tribute to the memory of Robert E. Lee.

One represented the South and the other the North.

The tribute paid to Lee by Representative Charles Manly Stedman, of North Carolina, was spoken.

The tribute paid to the memory of the southern military leader by General Isaac Sherwood, of Ohio, was in the silent form of a handshake.

At the conclusion of the speech by Representative Stedman, on the occasion of the anniversary of the birth of General Lee, General Sherwood walked over to the man of the south, shook his hands, placed his arm about the shoulders of the Confederate veteran, while the house applauded the tableau.

The two house members are the survivors of a long list of men who have served in the house who fought against each other during the internecine struggle. They are the last leaves upon the tree, both bending beneath the ravages of time, both acknowledging that lasting peace has come out of the struggle in which they contended.

Representative Stedman, who is the only survivor of the war-time south in the house, is 84 years of age, his beard and hair had turned white and in person resembles the commander-in-chief to whom he paid a tribute.

General Sherwood, last representative of the house of the victorious legions that tramped down Pennsylvania avenue in triumph at the close of the war, is in his ninetieth year. Both are determined that their final surrender will be the unconditional one and their yielding will be to time only.

Representative Stedman, who delivered the tribute to Lee, served all through the war as a boy, was wounded three times and surrendered at Appomattox when Lee gave up the fight.

"My estimate of General Lee,"

Representative Stedman said, "Both as to his moral attributes and military ability, was formed in my early days, more than a half a century ago, and has never been changed. I regarded him then as one of the greatest commanders who lived not only in the era which witnessed his great achievements, but as at any time and in any land, and such is my opinion today.

"The day may come when the memory of the fields of Gettysburg and Chancellorsville, of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Courthouse shall be dimmed by the obscurity of revolving years, and recollected only as a shadow of an ancient day, but even then the enduring fortitude, patriotic self abnegation and unrivaled military genius of General Robert E. Lee will stand forth in undecaying luster, amid the wreck of ages, and survive unshaken above the floods of time."

Knitting Mill Is Flooded With Orders

The Oak Lane Knitting Mills management was optimistic this week. Orders are pouring in faster than they can be filled. The year holds out bright prospects for this plant. Goods are being shipped daily to the farthest corners of the United States and some orders have gone to foreign countries.

A recent inventory check of the business during the past year showed up better for the management than was anticipated. The mill only operated for a portion of the year. Considerable time was lost in getting the machinery and equipment lined up and the help trained and getting the goods on the market. However, a good force has been secured and goods are being produced at a rapid rate now.

President Richmond is well pleased with his selection of Murphy for the location of his plant and expects this year to be a very successful one. The payroll that he is making here weekly is being felt by the merchants of the community.

Here's something for the ladies: Advance information indicates that brown, in various shades, will be the proper dress color for early spring.

Bank Of Murphy Stockholders Met On January 15th

The stockholders of the Bank of Murphy met in the director's room at the bank Thursday, January 15th, and heard the report of officers on the operations during the past year. This institution enjoyed a very successful year during 1924. The usual ten per cent dividend was declared and all the old officers were re-elected as follows:

A. B. Dickey, president; John A. Corn and A. H. Brown, vice-presidents; L. E. Bayless, cashier; W. W. Hyde, assistant cashier. Directors: Porter Cain, W. W. Hyde, W. M. Axley, J. E. Coburn, A. B. Dickey, M. W. Bell, L. E. Bayless, J. M. Vaughn, A. J. Martin, John A. Corn, A. H. Brown.

Murphy Shuttle Blocks Go To Manchester, Eng

Murphy is getting on the world map. This week the Hawkins Brothers Shuttle Block Mill shipped a car of blocks to Manchester, England. Recently they shipped a consignment of blocks to Italy. Since the opening of this plant in Murphy eight car loads of blocks have gone to European manufacturers. Many others have gone to various parts of this country. Dogwood timber is being bought at a good price. This, together with the payrolls of this company, has been of much benefit to the business interests of Murphy.

The products of this factory and of the Oak Lane Mills are carrying labels marked with a Murphy label to many parts of the world.

Sell Corn As Pork, Urges W. W. Shay

Raleigh.—Now is the time to conserve rather than sacrifice brood sows, in North Carolina. Men who are feeding corn at its present high price are entitled to know why the specialists of the State College of Agriculture believe this to be true.

"On assumption that, as usual, following the short crop and high price of corn, the planting of that grain will be heavy next spring, we may confidently expect a heavy crop next fall, if the season is favorable," says W. W. Shay, swain extension specialist.

"If that occurs, and the law of supply and demand continues to function, as we are justified in believing it will, a year from now the price of corn in North Carolina may be as low as 75c per bushel—I use that figure for convenience in illustrating the point. It may be changed to \$1 per bushel.

"Hogs, properly fed, selling at the farm for \$9.00 per 100 pounds will return \$1.30 per bushel for the corn they eat in making gains from the weight of thirty-five pounds to the desirable weight of 200 pounds.

"If, charging \$5.00 per day for man and team, and other expenses at cost, a farmer can produce a bushel of corn at a cost of seventy cents, and he sells it for \$1.00 his profit is thirty cents per bushel—if he sells it to his hogs for \$1.30 his profit is doubled.

"If the market price is 75 cents and he sells it as corn his profit is five cents per bushel.

"If the price of hogs holds and he sells it as pork his profit is sixty cents per bushel—or twelve times as much as through selling it as corn. The fertilizer value of fifteen cents per bushel pays well for the labor of feeding the corn. Therefore do not sacrifice the brood sows but keep them to produce pigs this season."

A Correction

In the Items appearing in last week's Scout from Suit, there appeared an item to the effect that a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holbrook on January 3rd. This item is absolutely false, and the correspondent who wrote it had no grounds whatever for reporting it. We are innocent in the matter, and are sorry that one of this paper's correspondents would seek to joke a newly married couple thusly through the paper, at the expense of this paper's good standing in the community. We gladly make this correction so that the public may know that it is false and ungrounded, and hereby cancel the items of this correspondent in the future.

CRIMINAL CASES ALL COMPLETED THURSDAY NOON

Solicitor Secures Big Percentage Of Convictions—Civil Docket Now Being Tried

The criminal cases on the docket of the superior court were completed by noon Thursday and Solicitor Groves to C. Davis left his home. Judge Finley is presiding. The court will continue on into next week, probably the entire time being taken up by the trial of civil cases. The court was well attended the first of this week.

The grand jury has been at work all this week. W. Christopher is foreman of the grand jury.

Those convicted on the criminal docket at this term were: U. S. Nichols, for drunkenness and carrying concealed weapon; Emmett Wright, violating prohibition law; Robert Bowman, prostitution and assignment; Cover Warren, assault; Griffith Mull, carrying concealed weapon; Thomas Moody, disturbing a picnic; Jonah Tetuskey, carrying concealed weapon; Bill May, violating prohibition law; F. L. Davis, trespass; Tom McCombs, assault on officer; Iram Davis, violating prohibition law; Burt Smith and Callie Green, fornication and adultery; Roscoe Woody, carrying concealed weapon; John Nogle, violating prohibition law; Elmer Taylor, violating prohibition law; Tally Trull, carrying concealed weapon and resisting an officer; Willie John D. Lovingood, bigamy; John Henry Young, attempted assault; Joe Hedder, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon.

Rabid Canine Goes Through Ogreeta Section

County Board of Health advising that all dogs be confined to protect children and cattle

Results of state laboratory of hygiene tests of a dog's head received a few days ago indicated rabies, according to announcements made the middle of the week by the County Physician. This dog was killed in the Ogreeta section of the county and its head sent to Raleigh for examination. The action of the dog led those who saw it to believe that it had the rabies or hydrophobia, a dread germ disease often referred to as "madness." The dog is reported to have bitten a number of other dogs and several heads of cattle in the Ogreeta section before it was killed. The beast is said to have come from up the river as thought it came from Murphy. No one knows where the dog came from. The County Board of Health suggests that the dog may have travelled many miles and bitten many animals before it was finally killed.

"The lives of children and cattle are too valuable to take any chances on their being given hydrophobia by a diseased dog," said the County Physician the middle of the week. In a statement given out, it was advised that all dogs in the county be confined in order not to run any such risk.

School Boys, With Black Faces, Rival Court

Some of the school boys of the local high school are planning to set up a court of their own. It will be open to the public at the school auditorium next Tuesday night. About a dozen of the boys will black their faces and stage a court scene as they conceive a court would be conducted by darkies. It is a negro mock court, in other words, and they are asking the people of Murphy and attendants upon the superior court now in session to come over to the school house Tuesday night January 27th, and witness their court. The accused in the case is to be tried for letting his desire for the flesh of fowls lead him astray. The court will be replete with humor. Preceding the regular court scene will be an interesting black face cross fire.

The school boys promise an evening of laughter and assure the public that they will not regret it if they will attend their court. There will be a small admission charge for the benefit of the school activities.