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TO RESUME ROAD WORK SOON

M. C. B. MINSTREL PROVES HUGE SUCCESS

To Be Shown Friday Night At Hayesville Under Auspices Of The Boy Scouts

The minstrel show given last Thursday night by the Murphy Concert band was a big success, and many varied the comments of praise on the performance by those who were privileged to witness the galaxy of fun-making black faces.

The minstrel was given before a capacity house and the continuous laughter and applause assured the success of the performance from every point of view.

The program was divided into three parts, the first consisting of a concert by the new members of the band who had only been practicing about six weeks, many of whom had not known anything whatever about music before. Several select pieces of band music were rendered as though the players had been veteran musicians.

The second part consisted of a vocal solo, "For He Loved Her," sung very sweetly by Miss Pauline Martin. A one-act comedy depicting "A Pair of Lunatics," was given by Miss Martha Candler and Mrs. E. C. Mellonee, in which two perfectly sane persons attended a party at the home for the feeble minded, and later when they met each other the other was an escaped inmate of the asylum, and the complicated situations that arose were unique and interesting. The act was exceedingly difficult to portray, but Miss Candler and Mrs. Mellonee were masters of the situation and the famous Sarah Bernhardt could not have portrayed "A Pair of Lunatics" better. This one-act comedy was coached and directed by Mrs. E. G. White.

The piano rendition of "Kitten on the Keys," by Mr. Lakes Martin, and the playing of Miss Pauline Ketchel, pianist, of Andrews, were exceptionally good features of the program. Then followed a short and inspiring address by Col. Don Witherspoon, which he pled for the support of the band and enumerated the possibilities of a good band to any town community.

Part three consisted of the minstrel proper, which was opened with appropriate air. Mr. W. E. Studwas interlocutor, and played the part as though he had just returned from a tour of the country with A. Fields, Owl McIver and Lige McIver, were premier end men and the audience in a continuous roar.

Young, lean, lanky McIver, the dedicated veteran of darktown, related his numerous domestic troubles and said that the only way of getting out of paying alimony was to stay single, stay married, or go to jail. Owl was one of the star performers, and the audience got side-splitting laughs out of his witty explosions.

George Sneed, the darktown man of the hour, brought forth an uproar from the audience when he defined "immortal." He also kept the audience in an uproar with his continuous "too" slogan and antics. He also broke up the show when the interlocutor refused to let him sing. Some said he outdid his part to the extent that he was "wuss" than a ferret.

Snake Ellis, the greatest dog raiser in all darktown, recited his pitiful tale of raising his dog from a pup, only to see him commit suicide, in such pathetic tones that the whole audience was forced to cry from laughing until it ached. L. A. made quite a hit when he sang "A Mule until Dies," but claims to know when a mule is sausage, and that you can't beat a man at his own game. Steve Grice, the master choir leader of the darktown All-Saints church, a feature of the program, and his bass voice caught low "C" in a graceful manner which has al-

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A. L. MARTIN CHAIRMAN NEAR EAST RELIEF

Appointment of County Committee announced—Cherokee's Quota is \$450.00

Mr. A. L. Martin has accepted the appointment of county Chairman of the Near East Relief for Cherokee county, and Mrs. L. P. Kinsey, of Murphy; Mrs. G. B. Walker, of Andrews; Mrs. W. C. Mason, of Culbertson; and Mrs. B. B. Palmer, of Marble, have been appointed sub-chairmen of the county organization, according to information just received from State Chairman J. B. Ivey, of the North Carolina Division of the Near East Relief, with headquarters at Charlotte.

In a letter to Mr. Martin of recent date, Mr. Ivey said: "I am sure you understand that our fiscal year began July 1st, 1924, and will end June 30th of this year; that you have four months in which to put over your campaign; that you have about eight children allotted to your county; that it costs \$60.00 a year to keep each child; which makes in round dollars and cents a quota of \$450.00."

Mr. Martin stated the other day that he felt sure this amount could be easily raised and that the county was being organized for this purpose. The ministers of the county, the Sunday school superintendents and Sunday schools, lawyers and business men, men's and women's clubs and civic organizations, are being asked to co-operate with him in raising Cherokee's quota and putting the county over the top. The names of the givers and the amount given will be published in the Scout from time to time, and those who are interested in having a part in the sacrifice for the motherless and helpless children of the near East entrusted to the care of the county and requested to send their gifts to Mr. Martin or any of the Sub-chairmen named above, at an early date.

"For six years we have battled with this cause in the state," said Mr. Martin the other day. "With the same answer at the end of the fiscal year. The state's quota has always been raised, but some of the counties have failed to raise their quota, and I and the county committee would like to see Cherokee county go over the top this year, and

Sipe and Niswonger Speak At Gathering Of Clay Farmers

HAYESVILLE, March 18. — A most enjoyable and profitable meeting of the business and professional men of Hayesville and surrounding territory was held at the McClure House Tuesday night around the dinner table, following assumption of four course dinner. County Agent W. R. Anderson of Clay County was the primer mover behind the meeting and acted as toast master. There were about twenty five present.

Messrs. S. R. Niswonger, district horticulturist of Western North Carolina for the Department of Agriculture, and B. W. Sipe, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Murphy, were the out of town guests. Mr. Sipe was interested in the proposition of a canning factory for this section. In a short talk following the banquet he pointed out the need for a market at home for the trucking crops and showed that the cannery offered such a market for tomatoes. With the coming of acannery to this section, it was explained that tomatoes could be made a cash crop that would bring in the farmer from three to four times as much as he now secures for the grain produced on an acre of land. Quick action in interesting the farmers to sign contracts to produce the tomatoes for the cannery was urged as it is now nearly time for the hot beds to be prepared and the seed sown. Considerable interest was shown in the matter and it is anticipated that the acreage will shortly be secured.

Mr. Niswonger was interested in the production of fruits. In his talk he stressed the importance of organization of the farmers in order to market their products. He pointed out that individuals could not produce enough of any one fruit or other crop to command attention in the market, but the farmers would have to organize if they got the best prices for their products.

Attorney J. B. Gray and several others entered into the discussions that followed. Following the meeting, County Agent Anderson expressed the belief that much good came from the meeting.

Many compliments were paid the McClure House, and especially Mrs. Pass and Miss Vail for the splendid dinner served.

MRS. C. L. STIEDLEY HOLDING SERVICES A. M. E. CHURCH

Much Interest Being Manifested In Meetings and Attendance Growing Daily

A series of evangelistic services were begun in the Methodist Church Tuesday evening, with Mrs. C. L. Stiedley in charge. Services are being held in the morning at 10 o'clock and in the evening at 7. A fifteen minutes prayer service precedes the evening service.

Mrs. Stiedley is an attractive and convincing speaker. She has a free flow of words and speaks in a natural tone of voice, which may be heard distinctly all over the church. She is a Bible student of unusual attainment and keeps close to the scriptures in her messages. Mrs. Stiedley is a trained choir leader, and while she does not have charge of the choir, a feature of the services is her solos following the services; also, her leading of the congregation in old familiar hymns at the conclusion of the evening services.

The attendance upon the services is increasing daily as the word goes out of the fine services being held. It is expected that the house will be filled to overflowing before the week is over. The public and the entire community is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear the Word from this strong propounder of the Gospel.

C. F. Stonecipher Opening Up Store

Mr. C. F. Stonecipher has rented the stand between J. M. Vaughn's and the city Cafe, where the old Samuel Ake shoe shop was formerly located, and is this week renovating the inside and preparing to open up a store. New shelves are being constructed and the inside and outside will be painted and put in good condition. He will carry a line of staple and fancy groceries, fruits, vegetables, soft drinks, ice cream and candy cigars and tobacco. He expects to have everything in readiness and open for business sometime next week.

Mr. Stonecipher came here about two years ago from Boyer, W. Va., and was connected with the Cherokee Company, until sometime ago when that company went into the

Meeting Of Far-Reaching Importance Held Monday

SCENIC HIGHWAY TO PASS THROUGH THIS SECTION

T. V. Orr Here Last Week In Interest of Organizing Route From Quebec to New Orleans

The Appalachian Scenic Highway, stretching all the way across the United States from Quebec, Canada, to New Orleans, will pass through Murphy, according to a statement made by V. T. Orr, organizer of the route, at a meeting of some of the interested citizens of Murphy in the dining room of the Regal Hotel last Friday night.

Mr. Orr came here Friday from Bryson City where he conferred with officials of the Chamber of Commerce of that city. The secretary and several interested citizens accompanied him here.

Late in the afternoon Mr. Orr's presence here was made known and a group of interested citizens gathered at the hotel at seven o'clock to hear of Mr. Orr's plans for the highway and to offer their encouragement to his efforts.

The highway association is not a road building organization. Practically all the route over which the proposed scenic highway will traverse is already surfaced. The remaining sections will probably be surfaced by autumn. Certainly the entire length of the road will be in good condition for travel in ordinary weather by the time the association can be organized.

Mr. Orr's visit was only preliminary. He has selected a tentative route and is going over it in a casual way to see the actual conditions of the roads thus far chosen. In several weeks he plans to go over the entire route and organize interested citizens in all the towns traversed by the road and by late summer or early fall he hopes to have the project sufficiently in hand to call a national meeting and organize a national association, to be known as the Appalachian Scenic Highway Association. The association will advertise this route to north and south tourists will begin going over this many tourists through this way as possible. Mr. Orr believes that within a year or two at most hundreds and thousands of north and south tourists will be going over this projected highway. He has had a long experience in promotional work of this character, particularly in the field of advertising, and believes that this will become the best known highway in America in a few years, if he can get the backing of the people along the road. While here Mr. Orr spoke very highly of the splendid cooperation he is receiving all along the line, mentioning Asheville particularly. He was very fluent in his praise of Mr. Roscoe A. Marvel of Kenilworth Inn, Asheville, and the fine work he has done in connection with the routing of tourist travel over particularly highways in and out of Asheville.

While there was insufficient time to get together a large number for the meeting here, the gathering here unanimously endorsed the idea of the highway and by raising vote extended their cooperation and moral support to Mr. Orr and his project. In a few weeks it is expected that a local committee will be formed here to further the project in this section.

hands of the receiver. He is well-known throughout this section and has many friends in this vicinity who bespeak for him success in his new business.

TENNESSEANS HERE IN INTEREST OF CONNECTIONS

Choosing Of Route To Connect With Tennessee Delegated to State Highway Commission

At one of the largest and most harmonious road meetings ever held in this county, and the allocation of a quarter of a million dollars of road money for the county was approved Monday and State Highway Commissioner Stikeleather and Engineer Walker of the 9th District assumed the test of selecting a route to the Tennessee State line, which, when built, will be added to the State Highway System. Besides the State officials, the County Commissioners, the Cherokee County Road Commission, and delegates from Monroe and Polk Counties, Tennessee a large number of interested citizens of the county were present.

The Tennesseans were interested in having the route selected go to the State line at their respective county lines. The matter of which route shall be selected, Commissioner Stikeleather stated, will be determined after the three proposed routes are gone over and after the State Highway Commission of Tennessee determines where it will join the North Carolina road by a state highway.

Commissioner Stikeleather made it plain that the selection of the route to connect with Tennessee would be largely determined as to the point at which Tennessee would form a junction at the line of the two states with a branch of the state highway system of Tennessee, and the largest number of people that the road would serve would also be taken into consideration. He also said that a number of other North Carolina counties were making bids for the junction with Tennessee, but the one in Cherokee seemed to be the most meritorious.

The County Road Commission stated that all of the roads now under construction would be completed, and the one selected by the state Highway Commission as part of the State system, would be graded and constructed in accordance with plans and specifications and turned over to the State for maintenance.

This route, if chosen, will be selected at the meeting of the Commission early in April, state officials assured the meeting, but stated that it would be impracticable to put any one of the three routes on the map unless Tennessee met it as part of a state system also. The meeting went on record as leaving the selection of the route to be chosen entirely up to the State Highway Commission.

The meeting came as a sequel to the long drawn out battle between the various factions in the County over the road building program. The fight was first waged in the courts and then carried to the legislature where amicable settlement was reached last week. Monday's meeting was described by many as a "love feast." Others said it was the biggest day the people of Cherokee County had ever had. It will be remembered as a red letter day in the history of the county, as it marks the beginning of a real county system of highways.

A quarter of a million of dollars is available for the program. Four roads are to be built. Three of these have already been surveyed and partially graded. Work on these, which has been in abeyance

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