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E. NELSON, PIONEER CITIZEN, DIED SUDDENLY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Mayor of Murphy Several Times and Well Known throughout This Section

A wave of sadness swept over Murphy Wednesday afternoon when news spread that P. J. Edon, died suddenly of heart failure, just a few minutes before three o'clock in his office in the Fain building on Valley River Avenue. Mr. Nelson had just instructed Collett whom he had employed to do some clerical work, to get the papers for Mr. E. B. Norvell, had just left the office, and was from his chair to show her they were. He began sinking to the floor and struggling for breath, and Mrs. Collett, realizing something was the matter, ran to him and shook him, but he did not answer her. Thinking that fresh air would help, she opened the door and called for assistance, whereupon several persons on the street in front of the building and Dr. J. N. Hill rushed in just as he was drawing his last breath. He never spoke again after being from his seat.

Mr. Nelson was 76 years old, and a pioneer citizen of this section. He was born at Postell, near here, and had spent practically his entire life in Murphy and Cherokee County. He was prominent in both the social and political life of the town and county.

At the time of his death he was a Justice of the Peace in his office he held consecutively for more than thirty-six years. Several times he served as Mayor of Murphy, and his long record as a public servant bespeaks the high esteem of the people he loved and among whom he worked.

He was also land agent for the Cherokee River Power Company in his office he had held for many years. Mr. Nelson was a prominent Methodist, having served in a number of capacities, and was a Past Master at the time of his death. He was a charter member of Shoals Lodge at Suit, and served for several years as the first Master of that lodge. Later he affiliated with Cherokee Lodge No. 146 at Murfreesboro and has served it in the capacity of both junior and Senior Warden. He was one of the oldest members of the local lodge.

Mr. Nelson was a member of the First Church for more than fifty years, having professed faith in his youth. He was greatly interested in the religious and civic progress of the town and section, and heartily supported any movement looking to the betterment of the town.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with full music honors, and interment was in the Baptist church yard. The surviving members of the local Masonic lodge acted as pallbearers: J. Davidson, J. H. Hall, H. D. Smith, W. Axley, James Capps, and J. Vaughn. C. B. Hill, local funeral director, was in charge.

He is survived by his wife and five children: Four daughters, Mrs. J. W. Turtletown, Tenn.; Mrs. H. Hensley, Mrs. E. O. Christensen, and Miss Ora Lee Nelson, of Murphy; and one son, Butler Nelson, of Marion, N. C., 13 grand children and three great grandchildren, besides a host of relatives and friends.

Laura Forbes to Appear Monday Night in Lyceum Feature

Laura Forbes, entertainer extraordinary, will appear at the school auditorium Monday evening, Dec. 7. According to announcement made this week by members of the Lyceum committee. This will be the second appearance of the 1925-1926 Lyceum season. Miss Forbes is said to be one of the most unique characters on the Lyceum stage. She is not a reader, an actor, a mimic. She is described as a simple, natural, and natural in all that she does. She has her audiences laugh and cry and they lose themselves in the people portrayed.

The people of Murphy and this section are promised an unusual

Back on the Job



COMMODITY PRICES ON ORANGES IN RELATION TO TRANSPORTATION COSTS

Price fluctuations growing out of the marketing of oranges are due principally to economic factors and not to freight rates, according to a study completed by the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public recently as to the effect of freight rates on prices paid for oranges both to the grower, the wholesale dealer and the consumer.

The study covers the period from July, 1924, to April, 1925, or practically the entire 1924-1925 season and is based upon detailed reports obtained from both growers and buyers of oranges.

The study shows that: 1. Freight rates, since they were stationary during the period studied, were not responsible for the fluctuations in prices received by the grower, nor for the price fluctuations in the wholesale and retail markets.

2. Marked fluctuations occurred not only twenty different kinds and grades, but also upon the same reported grades on the same date in the same market.

3. Marked fluctuations occurred on identical kinds and grades disposed of by the same grower during the different seasons of the year.

4. Florida shippers market less of their product in some of the large consuming eastern markets than do California shippers, although the length of haul is considerably less.

5. The fluctuations in prices, whether at the grower, in the wholesale market or retail trade, varied widely, and the spread between the highest and lowest prices recorded during the period studied in many cases greatly exceeded the freight rate to market.

6. A comparison of the trend of prices paid the grower with the trend of prices in the retail trade shows a very wide spread, which in most cases is several times the freight rate.

The study further shows that orange shipments from California since 1918 have increased 177 per cent and from Florida 158 per cent.

FOURTH MONTH HONOR ROLL OF THE CULBERSON SCHOOL

Second Grade: Thurman Cearley, Jetter Cearley.
Fourth Grade: Clarence Collins, Ray Hyatt, Maggie Bell Kisselburg.
Fifth Grade: Earnest Collins.
Seventh Grade: Irene Kisselburg, Glen Ellis.
Eighth Grade: Pauline Kisselburg.

The following is a list of pupils who received honors for being neither absent nor tardy during the first half school term of four months: Howard Bailey, Bessie Mason, Clarence Collins, Pat Cearley, Edgar Bailey, and Glen Ellis. In looking over the records I find that most every pupil who has been

DILLARD URGES YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO GET AN EDUCATION

Mr. Editor:

Please allow one who knows and loves the people of our mountains, enough of your valuable space, to call the attention of our young people to what he conceives to be a wonderful opportunity of which they seem to be either ignorant altogether, or else entirely unappreciative. This fact is all the harder to understand, in view of the fine mentality which our young people possess, as well as the many other admirable qualities of head and heart. That they do possess this wonderful mentality is proved beyond all question by the fact that no one of them who in time past, has had the ambition to succeed, and the will to do, has failed to make good. I need not mention the many really great men and women, who have gone out from our mountains, and who tower above their fellows, even as the loftiest pines of their native hills tower above the forests of the plain. Permit me to say in the outset, that I have no selfish interest whatever to serve, but only desire to do what I can to contribute to the material, and the moral or spiritual uplift of the people of my county, and that these lines are written in the hope that they may be read by some of our many young people and may inspire them with the ambition to take advantage of, what I believe to be, a splendid opportunity.

Far too many of our young people appear to be satisfied with too little education. A short while ago, a fine, upstanding young man, who lives and teaches a school not far from Murphy, called to consult the writer about some little trouble in his school and the writer was at once attracted to him by his personality, intelligence and apparently fine character. This young man, I believe, had gone through high school and adopted teaching as a profession. The writer knows another, fully the equal of the former, in every respect, who after only one year in college, seems to have taken up teaching as his life's work, and there are doubtless many more young men and women engaged in teaching, who appear to be satisfied with the education they have been able to obtain in our public schools. The writer cannot but believe that most of these are making a grave mistake, and that if they could only realize how sadly handicapped they will be by the lack of more education, they would move heaven and earth, if possible, to get it.

Should these young people desire to continue to teach, they cannot hope to command the better salaries that attach to the higher grade certificates, and we know that standards and salaries are advancing all the time, unless they shall qualify themselves, by their learning, to obtain these higher grade certificates. Although this materialistic argument in favor of more knowledge, is perhaps the weakest that may be put forward. Knowledge is, in itself, power, and an intelligent citizenship makes a state truly great.

RICE TAKES OVER SHIELD'S GARAGE

Mr. L. M. Shields announced this week that Mr. M. H. Johnson had given up his lease on his garage at the Beal Branch and junction of the Blue Ridge and Bellevue roads. Mr. I. S. Rice, of Culberson, will have charge of the garage now which enjoys a good repair trade. They specialize on vulcanizing and do general repair work.

It is understood that Mr. Johnson will go to Andrews.

Mr. Evan Lloyd has returned from Union and Spartanburg, S. C. where he executed a number of contracts.

Miss Hattie Axley spent several days in Hayesville this week.

Regular in attendance shows marked improvements in his grade during the four months school term. While on the other hand those who have been irregular have made little or no progress, therefore, I want to urge the parents to keep their children in school everyday possible during the next four months, in order that they might have equal chance to compete with their class mates. Parents who have children between the ages of seven and fourteen are especially requested to see that these children are in school every day unless for sickness in the family or similar reasons of which they are excused. If these children are kept out without lawful cause, then you shouldn't be surprised to see the welfare officer.

Yours for Co-operation,
FULTON THOMASSON, (Principal)

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MRS. FAIN HELD LAST SUNDAY NIGHT

Services Suspended at Other Churches—Many Tributes Paid Beloved Murphy Woman

The entire community paid beautiful tribute to the life and work of Mrs. Jno. E. Fain, recently deceased, at a memorial service at the Methodist Church Sunday evening. Services at the Presbyterian and Baptist churches were suspended so that the congregations of these two churches might pay their tributes by their presence at the services. The spacious new Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Fain was a devoted member, and in behalf of which she gave herself and her money so freely, was completely filled by her friends, who were eager to pay silent tribute by their presence. The service was held under the Auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Fain was President at the time of her death, and which position she had occupied almost continuously since its organization in 1898.

The large number who gathered for this service was indicative of the respect and esteem in which she was held by the town for the betterment of which she so freely gave of her time, energy and means. She numbered among her friends the entire community. Those who did not pay tribute in words paid it by their presence at the service.

Mrs. Fain's life, since her coming to Murphy many years ago as a bride to the time of her death a month ago, was reviewed by speaker after speaker as each one told of some fine trait of character, some noble deed, some splendid service for her church and its organizations, or for some worthy community enterprise or civic institution. Representatives of the Missionary Society and Sunday School of Mrs. Fain's own church and her pastor, together with representatives from each of the other two churches were given places on the program that they might voice some word of appreciation of her exemplary life of service for her community. Special music was rendered by the choir. The church was tastefully decorated with white carnations and potted plants.

The following program was carried out: Anthem—Cast Thy Bread upon the waters.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. D. H. Rhinehart.

Scripture Reading—From Proverbs 31.

Prayer and Tribute to Mrs. Fain—By her pastor.

Solo—By Mr. Boyce.

Tributes from fellow workers in the Society—Mrs. Kinsey, Miss Deal, Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Elkins, Mrs. A. M. Brittain, Mrs. Rhinehart, Mrs. W. M. Axley.

Mrs. Fain's Life Work in the Missionary Society—By Mrs. E. B. Norvell.

Anthem—Beyond Today The Choir.

Tributes—Mr. John H. Dillard—Mr. B. W. Sipe, Mrs. Nettie Dickey, Mrs. T. L. Sasser, Mr. Kelsey Weaver, Mr. M. W. Bell.

Some Sweet Day—Mrs. Hadley Dickey.

We Shall See The King Some Day The Choir.

OWL CREEK

Our Sunday School is still surviving through the winter months under the supervision of Mr. A. T. Kephart.

Mr. Charley Solesbee and family of Rhoda are visiting his brother, Mr. J. W. Solesbee, at this place this week.

Mr. Larkin Kephart has a position at Unaka.

Mr. Oliver Dockery and family visited relatives at this place last week.

Miss Delphia Kephart was the guest of Miss Mary Jones last Wednesday.

Mr. Henry Kephart and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kephart, Sunday.

FARM AGENT WORK TO BE DISCUSSED AT CITIZENS MEETING NEXT MONDAY

Those In Favor of Continuing or Discontinuing Work Expected to Gather From all Parts of County

REPORTS FROM SEVERAL SECTIONS GREATLY DIFFER

District Agent Goodman Expected To Be Here—Solicitor Christopher writes in Favor

At a public meeting of citizens of the county interested in continuing or discontinuing the county farm demonstration work in Cherokee County for another year will be held at the court house at one o'clock in the afternoon, next Monday, December 7th, at which time it is expected that some public expression will be made for the guidance of the county commissioners.

At the regular meeting of the commissioners on the first Monday in November, the commission voted to discontinue the county agent work. The reasons given were that a number of people had registered complaints about the conduct of the recent county fair and threatened to sue the county for money lost at gambling machines.

Following the action of the commission, friends of the work in the county asked the Scout to call a public meeting of those interested in continuing or discontinuing the work next year. The commissioners expressed themselves as having an open mind to the desires of the people, and the meeting was called.

The columns of the Scout were opened to a discussion of the matter, and reports coming in have been many and varied.

According to our Marble correspondent, the people of that section are not interested one way or the other, and some think that the county agent work is "a job at the expense of the taxpayers."

Our correspondent from upper Beaverdam says that most of the people of that section were in favor of continuing the work another year.

According to our Letitia correspondent, the farmers of that section are unanimously in favor of discontinuing the work, and stating that they "think if the money paid to this office was used in placing good farm papers in the hands of the farmers more good would be done than has been done by the agent."

Reports coming in from different sections are to the effect that many people are interested, although they vary considerably. However, most reports are practically as one with regard to the people coming to the meeting next Monday. It is expected that every section of the county will have a representative group present, to take part in the discussions.

It is understood also that District Agent J. W. Goodman, of Asheville, will be here to represent the interests of the State in the matter.

The Scout is in receipt of a letter this week from Solicitor Fred O. Christopher, in which he states the belief that the work of the county farm demonstration agent should be continued. His letter in full follows:

Editor Scout: The order of the Board of County Commissioners, made at the November meeting, to discontinue the farm demonstration work for this County, has set me to thinking—as no doubt it has a great many others—as to whether such step would be a wise one. After giving the matter as thoughtful consideration as my ability would allow, I have had no trouble in arriving at the conclusion that such a step would be unwise, and that the retention of the farm demonstration work would inure to the progress and the best interests of the County.

It is gratifying to note that the Commissioners have an open mind on the subject, and that they are disposed to reconsider their order to discontinue the work in question, as evidenced by a call to the citizens to meet in Murphy on December 7th, for a public discussion of the matter. Since I shall perhaps not have the opportunity to take part in this meeting, I am presenting my views of the matter through the columns of the Scout.

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