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E. P. HAWKINS RETURNS FROM STORM AREA

Tells Wierd Tale of Narrow Escape and Describes Horrors of Stricken Florida

E. P. Hawkins, local hardwood products manufacturer, who was in Miami, Fla., on business when the hurricane swept that city, returned to Murphy Thursday night, bringing the first eyewitness story to Murphy of the terrible disaster which wrought destruction to both life and property in lower Florida.

Mr. Hawkins said he reached Miami at 8:25 Friday evening and registered at the U. S. Hotel, in the center of Miami's business district. The storm started at 12 midnight, by a heavy blowing wind and rain, and the destruction and suffering wrought by the hurricane that followed brought all effort of description.

The hotel at which he was stopping was a steel and concrete structure, and apparently was as little damaged as any other building in Miami. However, the top of it was blown off except two rooms, one of which he occupied and one adjoining.

About 3 o'clock Saturday morning, the lights of the city went out, the poles and wires of the town being blown down, and the power house wrecked. When the collapse of the water and lighting facilities of the city occurred, Mr. Hawkins stated that he looked out of the window and the scene presented all over town was that of a great discharge of fireworks, the loaded wires flashing, cracking and popping with tremendous effect when they came together.

He dressed by a flash light which he carried and entered the lobby, where the people were in an uproar, some screaming hysterically, and others praying. A large raft of timbers was blown against the hotel on the side from the wind, and with Mr. Hawkins' suggestion, he, the proprietor and others took the timbers and braced the plate glass windows and doors of the hotel so that they withstand the terrific wind. They kept all doors and windows shut and this helped to save the guests and what remained of the hotel.

The storm continued and about 10 o'clock Saturday morning, Mr. Hawkins stated that the elements were so dark that in the hotel lobby one could not see to distinguish anything, and the roaring caused by the wind, sand, water and debris flying through the air made it necessary to yell right in a body's ear in order to be heard. For about twenty or thirty minutes it was as dark as midnight, he said.

After the storm subsided, which was nearly sun-down Saturday, the city was left a mass of ruins, with death and suffering on every hand, and the gruesomeness of it all added to materially by a shortage of food and water, light coming out and no lights and candles all blown away.

In Biscayne park, about 200 yards from the wharf where it was docked, was a large steamer where it had been picked up and placed by the storm. Mr. Hawkins said he stepped off 120 steps along the side of the vessel. A Government tug, about 200 feet long and sixty feet wide, loaded with stone blocks, was also picked up by the storm and carried 200 yards. It would require a large freight engine to even budge such a load on a main railroad, he stated.

In one instance, he stated, a three story concrete hotel remained intact, with the lower stories flooded. The upper story was dry and it was quickly transformed into a sort of an emergency hospital, and 27 injured placed therein. Later the building collapsed, killing all but four persons.

Local people suffered heavy property damage in the storm area, and it is reported that the family of Frank Coleman, formerly of this place, who lived in Lemon City, a suburb of Miami, were killed. However, this could not be verified by a representative of this paper, and neither did Mr. Hawkins know if they were. He said he was all over Lemon City, but he did not see or hear anything of the Colemans. The Colemans had just returned to Florida from Murphy about a week ago.

Mr. Hawkins stated that Luther Cooper's residence had suffered heavy damage, but withstood the storm (Continued on page 6)

CHEROKEE'S NEW QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR COURT HOUSE

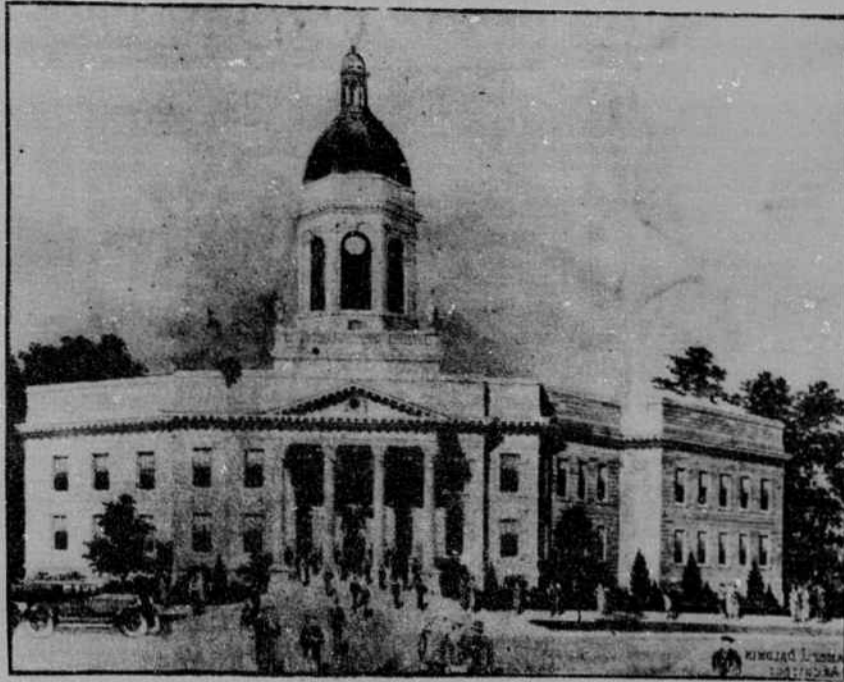


Photo shows architect's drawing of Cherokee County's new Marble veneer court house, which will cost \$229,000. Work has progressed to the extent that the concrete slabs for the second

floor are being poured this week. It is to be a fireproof building, of steel, concrete and brick construction on the interior, while the exterior will be of the beautiful blue marble quar-

ried by the Regal Blue Marble Company just outside of Murphy, and will compare favorably with the finest court house buildings in the South.

REVIVAL SERVICES GOING ON AT THE M. E. CHURCH

Revival services have been in progress at the Methodist Church for the past two weeks, Rev. D. H. Rhinehart, the pastor, doing the preaching. Much interest has been shown in the meeting and the pastor expressed himself as being agreeably surprised with the results being obtained.

A special effort is being put forth to reach the young people, and the pastor addressed the following letter to members of the church this week: Murphy, N. C. September 22, 1926

My dear Friend:— Just a few words concerning the training of children. Is there any reason why children should go to church? Yes, I believe every Mother and Father owe it to their children to take them to church regularly.

No character is complete without the virtue of reverence, and it is a trait which needs training nowadays. But this is not a reverential age, nor are we a reverent people. The best method of development that we have is in the church. The great Oliver Wendell Holmes, far from an Evangelical, but a man of keen insight into the human heart says, "I have in the corner of my heart a plant called reverence, which I find needs watering at least once a week." A little boy or girl goes to church with a child's receptivity. He knows it is God's house he knows there is talk about God and talk to God, and that the hymns all refer to God. He knows because it is God's house he must set aside for a time his own impulses and desires and must be quiet like other people around him, and some way there grows into his consciousness a sense of the reality of God that will never be unless taken to church while young to secure this result. If you wait till after your child is ten you have lost one of your finest opportunities for character building.

If you can teach your child to sit still and listen with eyes fixed on the preacher, the mind following sentence after sentence, you have secured more real mind training in half an hour than he will get in a months schooling. Not that he will have acquired more facts; he will not have increased his knowledge very much, but let him do this for one hundred and twenty minutes, Sunday after Sunday, and he will have gained the secret of concentration, strengthened his judgment, sharpened his perceptions, developed his reasoning powers and quickened his whole mind. It is not necessary that he should understand at first; the understanding will come very fast as soon as he learns really to listen.

Christain friends, let us gather them into the fold, children of all ages and let us use every means in our

Another Entrant For Atlanta Motorcade

H. R. McIntosh, of Hayesville, made known his desire to enter the motorcade from Murphy to Atlanta on October 18th, which travels over the Appalachian Scenic Highway from Asheville for the international convention, which brings the entrants up to 13. Those who will be urged to enter their cars, as Murphy wants not less than twenty-five when the motorcade leaves here.

The list of entrants to date follow: E. A. Davidson, president of the Cherokee Bank; C. W. Savage, co-proprietor of the Regal Hotel; E. C. Moore, local Dodge, Overland and Willys-Knight dealer; W. M. Fain, president W. M. Fain Wholesale Grocery Co.; J. B. Storey, cashier of the Cherokee Bank; Dr. Edw. E. Adams, practicing physician; A. B. Dickey, postmaster; G. H. Cope, lumberman; C. K. Hoover, manager Coca-Cola Bottling plant; Richard S. Parker, druggist; S. D. Akin, traveling salesman; H. B. Elliott, farmer; H. R. McIntosh, of Hayesville, grain merchant.

CHEROKEE FAIR WILL BE GOOD

Plans Being Mapped Out For Best Show In Years

The annual Cherokee County Fair will be held this year in Murphy on October 13 to 16 inclusive. The premium list and catalogues are about ready for distribution and the advertising is being put out. All counties adjoining Cherokee have been invited to make exhibits at the fair this year and compete with the farmers and artisans of Cherokee for the premiums which run into hundreds of dollars.

Farm and field crops, live stock, fruits and vegetables, the natural resources, pantry products and all kinds of handwork will be placed in competition at the fair. Liberal premiums are being offered in all departments.

Negotiations are under way for various amusements for the grounds during the four days of the fair. Besides the various rides, shows and

power to bring them to a knowledge of the truth and if we have the prayers and co-operation of God's people, let us be thankful. There's one thing certain, we shall have the blessing and appreciation of Him whom we serve.

Behold now is the time to come to church and bring the children.

Please remember a hearty handshake awaits you at church tonight. Yours in the Master's service, D. H. RHINEHART.

Republicans Name Candidates For County Offices

A. M. Simonds Named County Chairman, And W. P. Odom Named As Candidate For Representative

The Republicans of the county met at the Library assembly hall Saturday and named candidates for the various offices. Following are the minutes of the meeting, together with the resolutions passed:

According to announcement by Hon. F. O. Christopher, acting county chairman, the Republican County Convention met at Murphy, N. C., September 20, 1926, at 1 o'clock P. M. The house was called to order by Hon. D. Witherspoon. Rev. C. P. Martin invoked the blessing of the Deity. The Convention was addressed by Hon. D. Witherspoon, after which the following business was transacted:

A. M. Simonds elected County Chairman. The following township chairmen were elected: Hothouse, Harley Golden; Notla, Ross Ellis; Murphy, J. H. McClure; Shoal Creek, R. L. Keenum; Valleytown, Geo. Hobbittzell; Beaverdam, J. W. Shackleford. The following committee was appointed to draft resolutions: Geo. Hobbittzell, J. H. McClure, D. W. Swan, G. W. Candler, and D. Witherspoon.

The convention was addressed by Hon. Henry Robertson. The following resolutions were read and adopted:

The Republican Party of Cherokee County in convention duly assembled, endorses and reaffirms the policy of a protective tariff, and points with pride to the universal national prosperity under a Republican administration, and declares confidence in the present President of the United States and his faithful, honest and efficient guidance of our national policies.

We favor and endorse a uniform system of state taxation for the support and maintenance of our public schools, so enacted as to distribute the tax levied thereupon on a uniform basis in all the Counties of the State and thus enabling the State to perform the public duty of educating the children of the State upon an equal basis, and taxing the wealth of the State in favored sections to the end that poorer portions of the State may realize a just share of the public revenues for such purposes.

We favor an extension of the State Highway System so far as prospective revenues from license fees and gas taxes will justify and urge an early selection and construction of a State Highway leading to the State of Tennessee and pledge our united support of the public authorities whichever route is selected. We endorse and approve the action of our Board of County Commissioners in pledging Fifty Thousand Dollars in aid of this Highway, and we endorse any appropriate legislation that will carry such plans into effect. We approve further a sufficient expenditure of public funds to grade and construct the Highway leading into the Town of Murphy so as to eliminate the grades and curves on the Patterson Hill. Beyond these expenditures, we do not favor the creation of County indebtedness or issuance of further bonds for Highway purposes. We further favor the election of the members of the Cherokee County Road Commission by a vote of the people instead of by exercise of appointive power in whomsoever vested.

We endorse the efficient and economical administration of County affairs by our present Board of County Commissioners.

We pledge our candidates for public office to honesty, faithfulness, and sobriety, in public and private life.

We favor fair elections, which eliminate factional strife and bitterness.

D. WITHERSPOON,
G. B. HOBLITZELL,
D. W. SWANN,
J. H. McCALL.

After which the following candidates were nominated:

W. P. Odom, Representative; W. M. Axley, County Judge; F. O. Christopher, County Solicitor; E. E. Davis, Clerk Superior Court; B. B. Morrow, Sheriff; W. A. Boyd, Register of Deeds; W. A. Adams, Surveyor; Jud Dockery, Coroner; J. W. Martin, W. T. Holland, Tom Axley, County Commissioners.

STATE GEOLOGIST STUCKEY VISITS IN THIS SECTION

State Geologist Jasper L. Stuckey spent several days in this section the first part of this week making some preliminary examination of mineral deposits and other development of interest. While here the geologist examined minerals near Tomotia, out from Andrews and in Clay County. These were merely superficial examinations made in the field. It is the expectation of Dr. Stuckey to come back here in the spring and spend some time in the field as the ores and minerals in this section are quite valuable.

While in this vicinity the large power development in western Graham County was visited by the State Geologist. He was especially interested in the large tunnels that are being dug in connection with this development, on which about twelve million dollars will be spent and about fifty thousand horsepower of electrical energy developed.

INDIAN FAIR OCTOBER 5-8

The Cherokee Indian Fair will be held at Cherokee on October 5th to 8th inclusive. The tentative program includes:

First day: Final setting up of exhibits and an Indian Ball game in the morning; afternoon a ball game between Cherokee and some nearby team will be staged and other interesting features.

Second day: Morning ball game; afternoon a singing contest between six different choirs; an archery contest will also take place between the Indians and Whites.

On the third day a beauty contest between the Indian maidens on the reservation will be staged by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

The last day will feature two ball games, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. A baby show will also take place on this day, including the prettiest, fatest, and best dressed Indian babies between six months and three years old.

The Koch Amusement Company will furnish a midway and several good vaudeville acts, having also a merry go round, chair swing, etc. Sibbald Smith, advertising agent for the Fair who was here last week, stated that something of interest would be going on every minute of each day. They expect upwards of ten thousand people at the fair this year.

Industrial School For Colored To Be Opened Next Monday

The Christian Neighbor Business League Industrial School and Old Folks' Home for colored at Murphy, in Texana, will formally be opened Monday, September 27th, according to announcement made this week by Rev. S. H. Bram, promoter, in the form of circulars being distributed by the colored people of the section.

A great day is being planned for the occasion and it is expected that a number of prominent white people of the section will be on the program for speaking, as well as the outstanding leaders of the colored race in Western North Carolina.

A barbecue will be given by the school committee, composed of Georgia Harshaw, President; Maggie Fain, Vice-President; Hassie Simmons, Secretary; Zadie Alexander, Treasurer, and others.

The school will be in the form of an industrial training school and orphan and old folks home, which is being established for the benefit of the colored race in Western North Carolina, to the end that unfortunate youth may be trained in different crafts and thus become self sustaining when they go out into the world to earn a livelihood, and to provide a home for those who have become feeble from old age and are not able to provide for themselves.

The undertaking is a worthy one, and officers stated that a great encouragement for the success of the institution had been given by both white and colored of the section.

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

Smallest Church

The original "smallest church in the world" was that at St. Lawrence, Isle of Wight. It is 25 feet long, 11 feet wide, and about 8 feet high. It originally accommodated 12 people. Another small church in England is 30 feet long and 12 feet wide. It has 7 pews, 2 galleries, and accommodates 20 persons. (©, 1926, Western Newspaper Union.)