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AMRA GROTTO TO BE HERE OCT. 29

Friday, October 29th, will be a big day in Murphy. More than 150 members of Amra Grotto, No. 67, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, wearing the famous grotto smile, will arrive in Murphy about noon on a special train over the L. and N. railroad.

The delegation will be composed of the officers, past monarchs, band, patrol and other uniform bodies of the grotto. A parade will be staged during the afternoon and a band concert will be rendered. The band under



Monarch I. M. Deaver of the Amra Grotto.

the leadership of Dr. W. T. DeSautelle and Prof. Fred DeRoberts won first honors at the National Grotto Convention held in St. Louis last summer.

Spreading "brotherly love and good fellowship," the motto of Amra a big time is promised the Master Masons of Cherokee county and surrounding territory. A big class of candidates will be ushered across the roaring River Styx and be made full fledged prophets.

The class will be known as the Davidson-Stone class in honor of J. W. Davidson and Mr. Stone, well known Masons and men who Murphy and Cherokee county people know.

Amra Grotto has a membership of over 5,000 members and is the fourth largest grotto in the United States. The organization has a widow's and orphans fund and when a member dies a check for \$1,750 is paid to his widow or relatives.

HERSHEL COBB TY'S SON CLAIMS FRECKLES TITLE

Hershel Cobb, the ten year old son of the famous ace of the diamond, and who attended school at Murphy during the fall term last year, claims the freckles title of the country.

Hershel's picture appeared in the Rotogravure section of last Sunday's Journal, showing the lad's claim to the title with the following comment: "Ty Cobb's Son Claims Freckles Title. Hershel Cobb, age 10 years, doesn't intend to base his claim to fame on 'beauty' alone, however. He means to follow in his dad's footsteps on the diamond."

While attending school in Murphy, Hershel stayed with his aunt, Mrs. Nora Cobb White, of the Beilview section, who is a teacher in the Murphy high school. He was a good student and took an active part in all athletics.

130-MILE HURRICANE SMASHES OVER CUBA

Havana was struck by the West Indian hurricane early Thursday by an 130 mile an hour hurricane. The streets were flooded and littered with debris of all kinds. The storm left Cuba headed northeast towards Key West and the east coast of Florida.

Methuselah would be outclassed for age if we could adopt all of the rules for long life and have them all work.

Murphy Was Hostess At Luncheon Ash Notables

MORGENTHAU AND OCHS SPOKE TO OUR CITIZENS MONDAY

Murphy was hostess to some of the nation's notables on Monday at a luncheon served on the Cherokee Park, the Appalachian Scenic Highway motorcade being the event that brought the hundred or more cars and thrice as many people together at this point. The motorcade, which included people picked up all along the line from Toronto, and Quebec, Canada, arrived in Murphy just before one o'clock and stopped on the fair grounds. Chairman D. Witherpoon of the Lions Club Committee met the delegation at Andrews and piloted them to Murphy.

Rev. T. L. Sasser, pastor of the Baptist Church formally welcomed the visitors to Murphy in his usual genial way, to which welcome Adolph S. Ochs, owner and publisher of the New York Times, and Henry Morgenthau, former Ambassador to Turkey, responded. During the course of their remarks they praised the spirit that actuated Murphy in tendering the luncheon, lauded North Carolina and especially this western section to the skies for its progress and its promise. Mr. Ochs is himself a southerner and freely tendered space in his world famous paper. The New York Times, for the publication of doings of this southern country. A photographer accompanied the motorcade and secured a picture of the party while it stopped on Cherokee park, which picture, Mr. Ochs promised to carry in an early issue of this paper.

James G. Stikleather, district commissioner of the Ninth District for North Carolina, presided at the meeting in the grandstand of the fair building. Harlee Branch of the Atlanta Journal, long a friend of Murphy, in a short speech, never lost the opportunity to praise our little city. The speaking ceremonies were closed with the reading of an original story of his own, by Harry Stillwell Edwards of Macon and Atlanta. Before leaving the grandstand, however, president Roscoe Marvel of the ASH had the visitors stand and thus express their thanks for the luncheon served by the people of Murphy.

The luncheon was sponsored by a committee of the Lions Club, but this committee had the cooperation of a great many others, who made contributions and who gave their time and labor in preparing and serving the luncheon. The woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church had charge of the actual preparation of the luncheon. They were assisted by Miss Blanche Howard, teacher in the high school and one of her classes in Home Economics.

The motorcade left Murphy about two o'clock for Gainesville and Atlanta, accompanied by a number of local cars. On Tuesday and Wednesday the second Annual meeting of the Appalachian Scenic Highway Association was held for the purpose of electing officers and planning for a campaign of advertising for the ensuing year.

Germany joined the League of Nations in order to get the world-rights on the manufacture and sale of pretzels.

Forty-four hogs belonging to two farmers of Pasquotank County were vaccinated by the county agent in time to stop an outbreak of cholera. The hogs were valued at \$500.

Buffalo Paper Has Murphy Story

On October 10th the Buffalo Times carried the following article in its Sunday issue, together with an advertisement setting forth the possibilities of this section. In the rotogravure section of the same issue appeared a number of pictures taken along the Appalachian Scenic Highway. It is understood that B. W. Sipe is responsible for the advertisement and the article which was as follows:

"The tourist and the casual traveler alike are made to prick up their ears when they come into the little city of Murphy, N. C., which is situated on the Appalachian Scenic Highway in the southwestern part of the state. Its spacious square where the four principal streets meet; its whiteway system; and the many up-to-date places of business are so in contrast to those found in other towns of its size as to make them conspicuous.

"The business section, makes one believe he is in a town of seven or eight thousand people, when a matter of fact there are scarcely three thousand. When one engages a Chamber of Commerce or city official or business man in conversation he soon learns the reason for the building of such a remarkable town.

Murphy is in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains and near the southern entrance to the famous Nantahala Gorge. It is situated on the banks of the Hiwassee and Valley rivers and is rimmed by a chain of beautiful wooded mountains, out of which flow many clear water streams. It is a beautiful town, beautifully situated.

"The all-year climate is making it a mecca for people from the far South who want to escape the heat of the Gulf region. Many people are coming into this section to escape the extreme weather of the far North also.

"Murphy is served by good highways and two railroads. For this reason, it has become a wholesale distribution point for a large area around about it. Its large water powers and its excellent transportation facilities make it an ideal place for manufacturers as there is an abundance of intelligent labor throughout the section. Those who know the town, therefore, believe that it will become a large manufacturing center as well as a place of homes for those seeking its ideal climate.

"This season is the first that the Appalachian Scenic Highway, lying between Asheville and Atlanta, has been opened and the north and south tourist is just beginning to find out about the beautiful route. Since Murphy is the halfway point between Asheville and Atlanta many stop over there. For this reason its hotel facilities will have to be increased before another year. Murphy is a town it will pay to watch. It is destined for great growth."

World War Vets Sons Gets Free Schooling

Senator Wm. J. Harris, of Georgia, is anxious to secure the names and postoffice addresses of any Georgia boys whose fathers were killed or died of wounds or illness in connection with the World War as he introduced a bill which became a law at the last session providing for the education of eighty such boys by the United States Government at West Point Annapolis.

Only boys made orphan by the War are eligible, and under Senator Harris' bill these are presented an excellent opportunity to secure an education of an advanced order whereas otherwise some of them might be able to obtain only a very meagre one.

As this is a national law it also applies to boys of North Carolina.

It's too late for farmers to think of holding cotton after it has passed from their hands.

CHEROKEE COUNTY FAIR BIG SUCCESS

Large Crowds and Extensive Exhibits Well Displayed

Cherokee County concluded the most successful fair in its history Saturday night with the removal of the exhibits from the fair building and with the silencing of the merry-go-round organ and the dimming of the midway lights, which have shown on Cherokee Park for four days. Every one agrees that the Fair Association has lived up to its slogan "The Biggest Event of the year," and to its motto: "Something of educational value, interest or amusement for every person, every minute in the day" for this event has brought more people together than any other occasion during the last twelve months in Cherokee County and there has not been a dull moment for a visitor on any one of the four days during which the fair lasted. Even though the opening of the fair on Wednesday was greeted with a deluge of rain, which undoubtedly kept away many exhibits, still visitors expressed surprise at the quality and variety of products and resources the people of this section assembled for this annual event. In the whole, however, the weather man was good to the fair Association for the last three days of the fair have been ideal autumn days, days with a touch of chill in the mornings and evenings and warm sunshine during the day.

Throughout the four days good order has reigned on the grounds and in the town and not a single accident has been reported. Events have gone off as planned and practically everyone has gone away smiling. The midway has been clean and yet entertaining for the children; the exhibits have opened the eyes of many people and those who did not have exhibits here this year have resolved to begin immediately to plan for the fair next year. Representative citizens from all sections of the county have pledged their increased support and cooperation for the bigger and better fair next year. This truly has been the "Biggest event of the year" for the people of Cherokee and adjoining counties.

Each morning during the fair at about ten o'clock the Andrews Cavalry Company put on cavalry drills and maneuvers before the grandstand, which proved of a great deal of interest to visitors. At about one thirty daily the Murphy Fire Department gave exhibition demonstrations in throwing water with its new La France pumper, which picked up water from Valley River and threw it about a hundred feet into the air from two hose connections. About the middle of each afternoon the high school basketball teams of this and adjoining counties contested on the fair grounds. This was also an event to which many looked forward with considerable anticipation. On Wednesday afternoon the Murphy High quintet defeated the Robbinville boys team, following which the Robbinville girls defeated the Murphy girls. On Tuesday afternoon the boys team of the Hayesville High School defeated the Blairsville, Ga., High School team; while the Blairsville girls team defeated the Murphy girls' team. On Friday afternoon the Murphy boys team defeated the fast quintet from the Andrews High School by a margin of one point in an exciting game which remained in doubt until the last whistle blew. Again on Saturday afternoon the Murphy boys defeated the Andrews boys by two margin lead in a fast game, which, during the first half, looked to be Andrews' game.

Financially the fair has been a success. All premiums will be paid as soon as the records can be gone over and the winners determined. Saturday (Continued on page 3)



Chief Justice James E. Cassidy, of the Arma Grotto.

Murphy School Makes Good Record at Fair

The local school made a record at the recent fair of which it may well be proud. The school exhibit as a whole was very creditable and won many favorable comments from visitors. It was awarded first premium as the best school exhibit by the judges. Individual grades and children won premiums as follows: Best dress, Eloise Fain, first prize, Eugenia Holcomb, second prize. Best laundry bar, 2nd premium, Ellen May Ashe. Best post 1st premium, Fifth grade, second premium, fifth grade; Best Crayon work, first premium, Mattie Davis, third grade; second premium, Edith Frankum, third grade. Best map Cherokee County, first premium, James McCombs, 6th grade second premium, Lyle Martin, eighth grade; Best towel, first premium, Mildred Akin, seventh grade; Best center piece, Mildred Akin, seventh grade.

Also during the fair the boys high school basketball team won three basketball games. It won from Robbinville on Wednesday by a score of 23 to 12 and from Andrews on Friday and again on Saturday by margins of one and two points respectively. However, the girls team lost games to Robbinville and Blairsville by a very small margin. The Hayesville boys won from the Blairsville boys on Thursday afternoon.

L. & N. PURCHASES NEW EQUIPMENT

The L. & N. Railroad has just approved an appropriation for additional equipment, new rail for 1927, and other various improvements aggregating a total of \$8,164,573.

The largest part of the order authorizes the acquisition of the following equipment for 1927, at an estimated cost of about \$4,700,000: 18 Mikado J-4 freight locomotives, 10 Standard middle smoking room coaches, 6 Standard end smoking room coaches, 6 Straight coaches, 2 Combination passenger and baggage coaches, 2 Dining, 2 Standard postal cars, 1,000 Standard steel gondolas, 250 Steel underframe flat cars, 250 Automobile cars.

The total, \$8,164,573, plus the expenditures and authorizations heretofore made or outstanding during the current year, plus other authorities, makes a grand total of actual expenditures and outstanding authorities during the year 1926 amounting to \$38,860,226.

The schools of applied psychology are showing some results. For example, real estate always sells better and higher in lands where the salesman can tell the prospect that it may be fifty years before there's another hurricane, tornado or earthquake.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S MEET AT FRANKLIN

The annual meeting of the First District of Women's Federation Clubs of North Carolina was held in the Methodist Church of Franklin on September 30 with the 1925 McDowell Club and the Study Club as hostesses. There were one hundred and sixty-eight club members registered. The meeting opened by singing the Club Women's hymn and repeating the club collect in concert; the welcoming addresses were made by Mrs. Dick Hudson, president of the 1915 McDowell Club and Mrs. Neville Sloan, president of the Study Club. Mrs. Branson, president of the Women's Club of Canton, responded to these addresses.

Mrs. R. L. Allen, chairman of the Anti-narcotics committee, was not able to be present but sent her report which was read by the secretary.

The Chair appointed the following committees: Nominating committee, Mrs. A. S. Nichols, of Sylva; Mrs. C. H. McDowell of Waynesville; Mrs. H. A. Helder of Canton. Resolutions committee, Mrs. D. H. Brown, of Cullowee; Mrs. D. H. Tillet, of Andrews; Mrs. Fredrick Johnson, of Franklin. Courtesy committee, Mrs. S. W. Black of Bryson City; Mrs. J. R. Thomas, of Waynesville; Mrs. Ford King, of Sylva.

Greeting to Spring, an arrangement of the Blue Danube Waltz, was most artistically rendered by the double quartet of the 1915 McDowell Club. Mrs. E. L. McKee, state president of the federated Clubs of North Carolina was now introduced in a few well chosen words by the president, Mrs. Charles Quinlan. The First District is our state presidents own home district, and so we members of the First District feel that she belongs to us in a very special way. Mrs. McKee reviewed briefly the history of club work in our state, and paid a tribute to the women who were pioneers in club work when it took real courage to belong to a woman's club but who have made possible the splendid club work that is being done today. The state president showed how closely work of the home and the community, and how great a factor women's clubs have been in developing not only a local conscience but a state conscience. Mrs. McKee closed her remarks with seven suggestions to all club members but especially to club presidents: 1st. Vote yourself at the coming election and see that every woman in your community votes. 2nd. Work with might and main for the Legislative program; 3rd. Stand fearlessly behind the State Board of Public Charity and Welfare, 4th Use your influence to secure an eight months school for the state 5th Aid the new division of Law Observance to your program. 6th Interest yourself in Junior clubs, 7th Use freely the various departments and committees in our organization.

It was regretted by all that Mrs. E. H. Williamson, state chairman of District was not able to meet with us. Mrs. Rufus Siler, state corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Duke Hay, a former president of the First District, were both present and gave us a word of greeting.

The following clubs gave full and interesting reports of their activities during the past year. The Community Life Club of Cullowee, the Young Matrons' Club of Bryson City, the Fortnightly Club of Sylva, the Woman's Club of Andrews, Parent Teachers Association of Bryson City, the Woman's Club of Canton, the Civic League of Clyde, 1915 McDowell Club of Franklin, Woman's Club of Murphy, the 20th Century Club of Sylva, the Woman's Study Club of Sylva, the Study Club of Franklin, the Civic League of Waynesville, the Woman's Club of Waynesville, the Sulgrave Club of Waynesville, the Community Club of Waynesville.

A most bountiful and appetizing luncheon was served cafeteria style. The afternoon session was opened by singing America, followed by a delightful instrumental solo by Miss Marguerite Smathers of Asheville. Invitations were received from the following Clubs for the next district meeting; the Young Matrons Club of Bryson City; the Fortnightly Club of Bryson City; the Woman's Study Club, all of Sylva; the Community Life Club, of Cullowee; the Woman's Club, of Murphy. As the district meeting has never been held further west than Franklin, Mrs. McKee spoke favorably of accepting Murphy (Continued on page 4)