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MARBLE FOUND FOR BUILDING NEAR MURPHY

Will Get Stone For Big Structures From Own Quarries, Belief.

(Asheville Times.)
Murphy, N. C., Dec. 6.—Since the use of various kinds of stone has come into vogue in construction work, it has been the custom in this state to import a part of these materials of the quality and in sufficient quantity to meet virtually every demand. Large sums, running into the millions of dollars have been sent into this state for various stone products when this money might just as well have stayed within the borders of North Carolina; have saved the builders and have built up the industry.

This information is imparted in a statement issued yesterday by H. H. Phillips, director of the department of conservation and development following a report on deposit marble in western North Carolina in the vicinity of Murphy by H. J. Johnson of Asheville state geologist. His survey shows that marble exists in sufficient quantities in what is known as the "Marble Belt" to supply the needs of the entire state for an indefinite period and of such quality as to be suitable for most building purposes in which stone is used. Although the existence of marble has been known and it has been quarried intermittently most tombstone purposes, for years, the extent of the available material has not been fully realized until tests had been made.

Along Valley River
Along the basin of the Valley River about 3 1-2 miles east of Murphy, the marble strata is constantly located. This is tapped by the Southern Railway and the new Ashtonia Scenic Highway.

Quarries have been made in which it was found that there is almost a continuous mass of the material over a territory of ten miles in length. The marble was sunk in a strip of 300 feet wide and in some places to a depth of 200 feet. The belt of which this deposit is a part extends in a north-southwest direction almost to the Western end of North Carolina.

In quality, the investigation reveals that the marble is of the high-grade and one of the best building materials. Its color varies in shades from white to the south side of the deposit to deep gray-blue on the north side. The deep blue has been used several years for tombstones and some of it has been widely shipped.

Never Exploited
Preparations are being made to market the marble from this territory on the most extensive scale yet attempted. Other uses for which the marble will be sold are for road material and crushed stone for floor purposes.

From the office of the State Geologist a great deal of information is being sent to large companies which are desirous of developing marble on a large scale. One firm asked for 1000 horse-power supply of electricity the year round, which indicates a great development for that section of the state should it locate there.

CULBERSON

Last week a large number of patients and patrons enjoyed a very interesting Thanksgiving program rendered by the primary and grammar schools. The entertainment consisted of songs, dramatizations and favorite poems, all of which were appropriate for the Thanksgiving season.

Miss Mary Nichols, who is a teacher at Mineral Bluff, Ga., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nichols.

Mr. J. Hawkins, Culberson station agent, and Mrs. Hawkins spent Monday in Atlanta. Mr. Coleman of Tenn., came Sunday night to substitute for Mr. Hawkins. Claude Nichols, Guy Hyatt, and Grace Hyatt, students of Ep-

NEW OFFICERS ASSUMED DUTIES LAST MONDAY

Three Democrats and One Republican On List—Others Succeed Themselves

The recently elected county officers assumed their duties Monday morning, among them being three Democrats and one Republican who began their duties as new officers.

P. C. Hyatt, clerk of the court; W. Axley, chairman, W. T. Holland and W. J. Martin, commissioners, took the oath of office before J. H. McCall. W. A. Boyd, Register of Deeds, was sworn in by T. W. Axley, and D. M. Birchfield, sheriff, was sworn in by P. C. Hyatt. A number of deputy sheriffs were also sworn in, Hayes Leatherwood being sworn in as chief deputy.

George Crawford of Unaka is warden in charge of the jail, and moved his family in the warden's quarters Tuesday. Ex-sheriff Morrow, who will remain as tax collector to collect the 1926 taxes, moved his family into the Dickey residence at the corner of Depot and Tennessee streets.

Dr. J. H. Crawford is said to be the first Democratic coroner ever to be elected in the county.

Wins in Maine



Arthur L. Gould, 73 year old senator-elect in Maine, piled up a big majority over his Democratic rival in the recent election, despite the allegations that he, like Vare of Pennsylvania, and Smith of Illinois, were charged with illegal campaign expenditures.

Nation's Youngest?



Margaret Joyce of Alma, Neb., is the youngest school teacher in Nebraska to hold a state certificate. Only 15 years old, Miss Joyce is a graduate of high school and is now teaching in a rural school. If you know of a younger teacher this newspaper would like to receive name and age.

North Seminary, Ga., visited their parents during the past week-end.

Miss Aileen Sherrill, a teacher in the Culberson public school, spent the week-end in Knoxville, visiting a friend.

Singing is a popular recreation in this village. Within the last week two very enjoyable evenings were spent at the homes of Mr. John Loudermilk and Mr. Jo Forester, where a large number of villagers gathered to sing favorite hymns.

THE FAVORITE WINTER SPORT

By A. B. CHAPIN



THE GROWING DEMAND FOR HIGH CLASS DAIRY COWS

By V. W. Lewis, Senior Marketing Specialist, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Division of Markets.

Being by nature well watered and adapted to the growing of grass, it is necessary that Cherokee and adjoining counties remain interested in live stock.

With the advent of better roads and the advance in the price of labor and land it is necessary that these counties change their old system of marketing their crops, feeding hay and other feeds to milk cows.

The old system of grazing a few cattle, growing a little grain and hay is not furnishing the proper income for meeting the obligations of the farmers of this section. While the milking of cows is not entirely new, milking cows for a commercial purpose is somewhat new. The dairy cow is a machine for making greater use of the feed grown and the kind which the farmer is accustomed to growing.

While we find the cow wherever man is found in the highest state of civilization; in most sections of the country, we find the milking of cows in a commercial way, only when the inhabitants find that a greater income can be had by so doing, or are forced to do so.

There are many sections of the south that should be milking cows for the sale of milk and cream but there are other than feed crops grown and labor conditions are such that it is felt the handling of extra cows would not be profitable. The practice of milking cows even in those sections is proving profitable; however, the one crop system practiced has remained a barrier to the industry up until the present time. It seems to me that the territory including Cherokee and adjoining counties has a very bright future for the dairy industry.

If the farmers of this territory had been accustomed to the growing of cotton and tobacco, it no doubt would have been much harder to have built up the interest that is now found in the dairy industry in this section.

In going into this new industry, farmers may be asking themselves the question; what is going to happen when every farmer in the south begins milking cows? I have just related the fact that certain barriers have obstructed the growth of the dairy industry in a large portion of

William Beebe



When Jules Verne stretched his imagination and wrote 20 Leagues Under the Sea, people said unkind things about his sanity. Now Wm. Beebe, Director of Research in New York Zoological Society plans to dive down one mile in the Atlantic. He will use a cylinder 8 feet long, 3 feet in diameter that will withstand a pressure of 1 1/2 tons per square inch.

For Sale



Believing that she can attain the heights of stardom in movie world, but lacking financial backing, Charlene Meredith of Los Angeles has incorporated herself for \$50,000 and is selling stock. Dividends will depend upon her success.

ten pounds is farm butter, the other six pounds being imported from outside the State.

One of our problems in this State is to assist in converting a larger part of this farm butter into a standard product, even before we are able to produce an extra quantity to take care of that now imported. For this reason the creamery recently opened at Franklin, North Carolina, should be a great service to the farmers. It will afford a market for much of the butter fat that has been going into farm butter.

As for selling good surplus cows, there is no need to worry as to the market for them. Only this spring Eastern Tennessee shipped several cars of good milk cows to Wisconsin, a state that has been engaged in the dairy business for a number of years on a very large scale.

Since the average North Carolina cow produces annually less than 2800 pounds of milk, which would be regarded as unprofitable, one of the problems of the milk producers of this State, is to raise the standard of the average cow which will take considerable time. It takes several years to build up a good high producing herd.

In many sections of the State the farmers are not waiting to breed up their present native cattle but are disposing of them and buying better cows. This kind of procedure is making a market within our own State for large numbers of milk cows each year.

It is hoped that such rapid progress will be made in Cherokee and adjoining counties that it will be impossible to buy milk cows in that section within a few years.

Farmers of Cherokee and adjoining counties are to be congratulated on the fine start they have made in dairying. Properly handled milking cows on the farm should mean the following to the section:

1. More hours of profitable labor per day.
2. A greater income per farm.
3. More fertile farms.
4. Better homes.
5. A fuller developed life on the farm.

Darkness

(By Howard Hall.)

The night lies dark upon the land, And though our life is but a span, Yet through the darkness we must travel, If ever a mystery we should unravel. Life is not as sweet as a rose bed, At length, through the darkness we're led, And what is it as goodness seems to say In our hearts and lives each golden day And leads us on to the life of day?

22 MONTHS OLD HOG NETS HAYES 600 LBS. MEAT

Three Others Killed By Tomotla Farmer—600 Pounder Was Of Poland-China Stock

Mr. J. T. Hayes, of Tomotla, last week killed a hog which weighed 600 pounds, at nearly 22 months old. Three others were killed, which averaged 200 pounds each, being only about eight months old. They were of the Poland-China stock.

The meat of the 22 months old hog was as tender as those which were only eight months old, Mr. Hayes stated, and the finest meat he ever tasted. Mr. Hayes is having spare-ribs, etc., three times a day now and, says that he is being repaid for the several hundred miles he walked in feeding them, the pen being about 100 yard from the house.

The hogs were given no special ration, but were given all they could eat. "It certainly goes to show that good stock is best after all," said Mr. Hayes.

Mashburn Boy Died At Andrews

ANDREWS, Dec. 7.—Ned Mashburn, seven years old, son of J. A. Mashburn, died Monday morning just before day, after an illness of only a few days. He went to school Thursday, and took his bed on Friday. Complications setting up with pneumonia is said to have been the cause of his death.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. R. Church and W. H. Ford. Six boys of the Royal Ambassador Chapter, acted as pall bearers, as follows: Steve Adams, A. S. Chandler, Ernest Hyde, Mack Barker, Miles Henry Abernathy, and Albert Bellamy. Many beautiful flowers were sent by the school grades.

He is survived by his father, J. A. Mashburn, five brothers: David, Jess Jr., Milton, Ed. and Fred; two sisters: Mary Willie and Annie Laurie.

Andrews Church Adopts Unified Budget Plan

ANDREWS, Dec. 7.—In making plans for the coming year, the First Baptist Church has adopted the unified budget plan of finance, and an every-member canvass will be made soon, according to information given out by officials of the church here this week.

The church has made great strides of progress during the past few months under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. W. H. Ford, who has been here a little over eight months.

The church has received new members every Sunday for the past six weeks, 140 being received during this time. The Sunday school has grown from 200 to around 400, all past records being broken two Sundays ago with 511 present.

The First Baptist claims to have the biggest prayer meeting in the South, attendance having gone over the five hundred mark several times. The highest attendance record reached thus far has been 532.

The prospects for this church are bright for the coming year, officials stated.

SHOP EARLY AND BUY Christmas Seals

