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## THIEVES VISIT MURPHY FIRST OF THIS WEEK

About \$200 taken from Payne & Wofford's Safe—Also tried to Steal Car

Thieves visiting Murphy Monday night entered the store of Payne & Wofford near the lower Valley River bridge and got away with about two hundred dollars in money and other valuables. The building was entered through a window by prying up the window and breaking the lock. The money was taken from the safe, the thief or thieves succeeding in stumbling on or guessing the combination of the lock. This loss was not discovered until Tuesday morning when the store was opened. Officers have been unable to obtain any clue to the identity of the guilty party or parties.

Early in the night of Monday a thief was flushed from the E. C. Moore repair garage located on Peachtree Street. Shortly after ten o'clock an unusual noise aroused Attorney F. O. Christopher, who lived near by. He sent word to town and officers were soon at the building and stationed at all places at which the thief was thought likely to emerge from the building. However when the presence of the officers was discovered, the thief leaped through one of the high windows at the rear to the ravine about twenty feet below and slipped down toward the river across Patterson field. Officers followed up the trail but was unable to find the thief.

Upon examination of the interior of the building, it was found that the would-be-thief was trying to make away with the new Buick Sedan of Miss Lou Morgan of Canton, who had it stored for the night in the Moore garage. In trying to turn the car, it had been run into the wall or another car. It was thought that this was the noise that aroused Mr. Christopher. The car was only slightly damaged by this collision. Entrance to the sedan was made by forcing the lock on the door. The transmission had not been locked. Two acetylene torches and some tools were found piled up in the floor as though the thief intended taking them when he left with the car. The engine of the car was warm as though it had been allowed to warm up before the start so that there might not be any difficulty from poor ignition in making the get-away. The thief gained entrance to the building by forcing the lock on the door. It is reported that some small children saw him enter the building about eight thirty. About nine thirty a red light was seen burning in the back of the garage. Apparently, then, the thief was in no hurry to get away with the booty.

## MUSICAL COMEDY AT AUDITORIUM FRIDAY NIGHT

"Rosetime" To Be Presented By Local Talent—A Wayne P. Sewell Production

"Rosetime," a three act musical comedy, is to be presented July 29th, (Friday night) at the Murphy school auditorium. This comedy includes in its cast and chorus Murphy's most talented and attractive young people, and is being sponsored by the Epworth League.

"Rosetime" is being directed by Miss Dudley Kay Hackney of the Wayne P. Sewell Lyceum and Producing Company, of Atlanta. Miss Hackney was a student of Grace Jean Salle and has studied at Brenau College. She gives assurances that the chorus girls are the only needed ad-

## DATES OF FAIR ANNOUNCED BY ASSOCIATION

October 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Set as Dates—Catalogue To Be Printed Soon

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cherokee County Fair Association a few days ago the dates for the fair this fall were fixed, plans formulated for advertising and promoting the fair and for printing and distributing the catalogue. The dates set were October 12, 13, 14 and 15. This is just a day earlier than the fair began last year and as in the case last year, just follows the Cherokee Indian Fair at Yellow Hill. While some think these dates a little early, still the weather is too uncertain the latter part of September and to have it early in September, would be a little early for the farmers and probably too hot for everybody. Fine weather usually prevails during October in this section and it is thought that these dates will be ideal.

The premium list this year will include a number of items not in that of previous years. The total list will run around a thousand dollars. Not only residents of Cherokee, but also of all adjoining counties are entitled to exhibit at this fair and compete for the premiums on the same footing as people living in Cherokee. This is done not only because the Cherokee County Fair might be developed into a regional fair of proportions far beyond the usual county fair.

Quite a bit of interest has already been manifested in the fair for this fall, and officers expressed the belief that it would exceed any previous fair held in this section not only in attendance but in variety of exhibits.

dition to her beautiful costumes and good music.

The plot of the comedy is the story of a country girl, Rose Perkins, played by Juanita Evans, who leaves her sweetheart, Jerry Hunter, played by Morris Gentry, to join the movies in Hollywood.

After having become a successful star in a failing company, Rose becomes discontented—halfway wishes she could go back to the rose covered cottage where she had told Jerry goodbye three years before.

J. Dillingham Jones, the director of the film company, tells Rose that their company is on the rocks and asks her to marry him. Upon her refusal and statement that she will seek fame in another company, Jones reads her the contract signed so long before which bound her to him. Just as she realizes that she must give in to the now hateful Jones, Jerry himself walks in with open arms and what a Jerry. He has become a millionaire, yet he still loves Rose and wants to take her back with him. Rose still wants fame in the movies will she strive for that or go back with Jerry?

Friday night this plot will play itself to a happy finish at the school auditorium.

The chorus girls include Polly Davis, Martha Mayfield, Lois Howard, Frances Dickson, Kathleen Axley, Lois Hill, Blanche Logan, Hazel House, Bessie Hampton, Hazel Howard, and Dorothy Heighway.

The regular meeting night of the Joe Miller Elkins Post of the American Legion has been changed to Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock, at the library building. Officers urge all members to bear this in mind and be present at the meeting next Tuesday night for the purpose of formulating plans for the Labor Day celebration on the first Monday in September. Several new members are expected to join at the next meeting.

## STATE OKAYS NEW ROUTE TO TENNESSEE

Official Sanction and Notification Is Received From Chairman Of State Commission

Official approval was given the state adoption of the Hot House Route to Tennessee from Murphy the latter part of last week when a letter from Chairman Page of the State Highway Commission, along with a copy of the minutes of the recent meeting covering the resolution adopting the Hothouse Route was received by Attorney Don Witherspoon in response to a letter addressed to Mr. Page asking for this information.

At a recent meeting of the Murphy Lion's Club, Mr. Stikeleather, being present, stated that the minutes of the last meeting of the Highway Commission contained the resolution.

Considerable pressure has been brought to bear upon the County Commissioners since the announcement sometime ago in press dispatches that the road had been adopted, and they felt that some official notice should be given them before the money was turned over, and a great majority of the people of the county held the same opinion.

The letters exchanged between Mr. Witherspoon and Chairman Page, together with copy of the resolution, follow:

**Mr. Witherspoon's Letter**  
Murphy, N. C., July 12, 1927.  
Hon. Frank Page, Chairman  
State Highway Commission,  
Raleigh, N. C.  
Dear Mr. Page:

At the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, I was requested, as attorney for the Board, to inform you that the county is ready to turn over to the State Highway Commission the sum of fifty thousand dollars to aid in construction of a state highway from the town of Murphy to the Tennessee state line, whenever they receive notification from the State Highway Commission that the road has been adopted as a portion of the state highway system. My information is that this has been done, but the Board wishes a copy of the minutes of the Commission to this effect so that they may have a record of what has been done. The Board has on hand a sufficient amount of cash and bonds for which a sale is available to place this fund at the disposal of the Commission whenever they State Highway Commission so desire.

Very respectfully yours,  
D. WITHERSPOON.

**Mr. Page's Letter**  
Raleigh, N. C., July 18, 1927.  
Subject: Cherokee County Finance.  
Mr. D. Witherspoon, Attorney,  
Murphy, N. C.  
Dear Mr. Witherspoon:

I have your letter of July 12th. I am herewith sending you copy of resolution passed by the State Highway Commission in regard to taking over certain roads in Cherokee County. You will notice that this resolution is made conditional upon the County making available \$50,000.00 for expenditure on this project.

I will be glad to have notice of the deposit of this amount of money to the credit of the State Highway Commission so that we can make our plans toward taking over this road.

Yours very truly,  
FRANK PAGE, Chairman  
State Highway Commission.  
(Dictated but not read.)

Copy from Commission Meeting May 18th and 19th, 1927

**Cherokee County — Murphy to Tennessee State line near Ducktown.**  
"Commissioner Stikeleather moved that a road be added to the system, in Cherokee County, between Murphy and the Tennessee State line,

## NORVELL HAS BIG COLLECTION RELICS COINS

Murphy Lawyer Has Perfect Specimens of Indian Carvings—Has Spanish Coin Made in 1796

Mr. E. B. Norvell, prominent Murphy lawyer, has what is believed to be the largest and one of the most complete collections of Indian relics in this section, which has been collected over a period of thirty or more years. Among Mr. Norvell's collection will be found many perfect pieces of fine Indian carving, and he has a collection of ancient coins that are second to none in this section.

The collection contains about a thousand spears and arrow heads besides a number of hoes, battle axes, scalping knives, mortars and pestles, pipes of many kinds, mugs, bowls etc. He has parts of a stone pot bearing the totem mark showing that it belonged to a certain Indian chief. He also has a number of stones used by the Indians in playing various games, and some of the stones he doesn't know anything about.

He has an unusually fine collection of pipes, of various sizes and designs. Two or three peace pipes are perfect specimens. One has the heads of two cats engraved on the stem ends, another shows a man's head, and another has Indian faces engraved upon it in such a manner that each smoker sits facing a head, and each one is engraved in such minute detail and perfectness that they are distinguishable as different Indians and perhaps belonging to different tribes. The faces are all linked together with a chain. One pipe is in the form of a dove, and another has engraved on it the likeness of a young Indian brava slipping up behind a squaw, as though to frighten her. One of the chiefs' pipes has an alligator engraved on the stem, with a row of feathers on the end from the smoker.

Among Mr. Norvell's collection will also be found a number of breast plates used in ceremonial services, numerous beads of different sizes and stones, and a disc made of iron ore. He has a number of large mortars that require considerable strength to lift. The Indians used pestles to grind or pound corn etc. in these vessels, and judging from the appearance of the method it was slow and cumbersome work. A rare piece of the collection is a petrified rattle snake rattler containing thirteen rattles.

**Old Coins**  
Mr. Norvell's collection of rare old coins is interesting, among them being a Spanish silver dollar dated 1796; a United States of America penny, the size of a half dollar dated 1819; an English half penny dated 1815; a Cornish penny the size of a silver dollar, dated 1811; U. S. \$2.50 gold piece dated 1838; a ten cent piece dated 1803; and several American two and a half and three cent pieces. Mr. Norvell also has a medallion of William Pitt, the reverse side of which is an inscription giving his name, who he was and what he was. He has quite a collection, but only a few of the oldest are listed here.

Mr. Norvell's collection is quite valuable and complete. He has been gathering Indian relics and coins for over thirty years, and says that every once in awhile he manages to add something to it. He has had the spears and arrow heads mounted, and they present an attractive exhibit when displayed, as well as an interesting study in Indian history.

a distance of 22.05 miles, under Resolution No. 1, as follows:

"That, upon recommendation of the District Commissioner, a proposed road will be added to the state highway system, between given termini, by a vote of the majority of the Commissioners."

This resolution carried.

## LAST SERVICE HELD IN OLD BAPTIST CHURCH

Plans Completed for Entering New Building Sunday—Evening Service to Be Given Over to Special Musical Program

The mid-week prayer service Wednesday night was the last service to be held in the old Baptist church, as plans have been completed by the Baptists for entering the new building on next Sunday morning. Nothing unusual attended the service, and the crowd was the usual faithful few.

The furnishings, benches, etc., will be removed today. The teachers and officers of the Sunday School held an officers council in the new building Thursday night to complete a few minor details of the plans for entering.

The entrance to the new church building will be marked by an effort of the Sunday school to have four hundred present at 9:45 Sunday morning, and a special program for this service has been prepared. The pastor, Rev. T. L. Sasser will preach at the 11 o'clock hour, but no special sermon has been prepared, he stated. The evening service will be given over entirely to a special musical program which has been prepared, and since the church is to begin a series of evangelistic services lasting over a period of two or more weeks, as has been the custom for many years, the other churches of the town will join the Baptist at the evening services, Sunday night. A large number of people from the outlying sections are also expected to attend the services of the day.

## BAPTIST HISTORY

(Continued from last week)

The movement to erect the new building was begun by the Baptists in 1921 when Rev. W. N. Cook was pastor. The lot was bought for \$4,000.00 and Mr. Cook succeeded in raising a little over two thousand dollars, \$2300.00 to be exact. He then accepted a call to Gastonia, and the building project remained at a standstill for about a year.

Rev. T. L. Sasser, the present pastor, came to the church the latter part of April, 1923. The membership of the church at this time was only 162. The task of paying for a four thousand dollar lot and erecting a fifty thousand dollar building from a membership so small as this presented a tremendous task, but Mr. Sasser went about the thing in a business like way and his faith in the people and the task before him has certainly borne fruit manifold.

Shortly after assuming his pastoral duties, Mr. Sasser sponsored and directed a religious census of the town in co-operation with the other denominations. This census was taken one Sunday afternoon including the city limits of Murphy and outlying districts, in about three hours, and its results revealed that the Baptists and those of Baptist persuasion within the bounds of the church were nine hundred strong. This census and the potential field it revealed gave encouragement to the church as well as greater impetus to the new building movement.

Funds sufficient to pay off the indebtedness due on the lot were soon raised, and a building committee appointed. The committee secured plans and specifications of a number of church buildings, and it was found that the lot was rather small to accommodate a building of the type best suited to the needs of the denomination. As a consequence, twenty feet more frontage was purchased at a cost of two thousand dollars, making the lot cost a total of \$6,000.00.

Actual construction was begun on the church building in the summer of 1926, and the progress of the work in the face of seemingly unsurmountable obstacles, as some have expressed it, has been almost miraculous. To

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