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LETTER OF HISTORY PICTURE OF COURT HOUSE

Mr. Sipe Sends One at Request of
Fred A. Olds Collector For
Hall of History

Picture of Cherokee's new marble court house will be in the North Carolina Historical Commission's Hall of History, with pictures of the other and near famous court houses in North Carolina, according to a statement this week by Prof. B. Sipe, superintendent of the Murfreesboro Schools.

Mr. Sipe recently received a letter from Fred A. Olds, Collector for the Hall of History of the Commission, requesting a picture of the Cherokee temple of justice, which has already been secured and forwarded to Olds.

A letter to Mr. Sipe from Mr. Olds follows:

January 1, 1928.

Prof. Sipe:—
In the papers a picture of the new splendid court house and proud of it, and of your use of the marble. I have a collection of the hall of history of the houses in North Carolina, illustrated by photographs, unframed, and will be greatly pleased to have your courthouse, which is one of the finest of all of them.

My best wishes that 1928 will be a fine year for Murphy and for you, educationally and in all ways,
I am,

Your cordially,

FRED A. OLDS.

You ought to have a picture of the courthouse, for whom your name is happily named, in your house, or at least in your own or in your high school audi-

F. A. O.

K. KIRBY JUST RETURNED FROM STATE CAPITOL

O. K. Kirby has just returned from the State capitol, where he attended the funeral of his brother, who died with pneumonia. He was only a few days. He was taken ill of a sudden and was carried to the Rex Hospital and only lived a week. He was only 39 years of age and a World War veteran, and also served on the Mexican front.

His name was Clyde T. Kirby, who served in the 30th Division, F. 118 Infantry, seeing service overseas for eleven months. He was with the boys when the Hindenburg line was broke, and received a reputation for being a very brave soldier and always looking after his duty since being discharged. The Government had given him a position in dairy work and he served three years as police in the city of Raleigh, N. C.

At the time of his death he was employed as salesman for the Dodge Motor Co., of Raleigh. He had only been in Raleigh about six years and gained quite a number of friends there.

Those whom he left behind to mourn his death are: Mrs. T. B. Olds, of Cramerton, N. C., and O. K. Kirby, managing salesman for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., of Murphy, N. C., and their families.

At the bank at Salisbury in Rowan county in financing the purchase of a considerable sweet clover seed this year in an effort to help county farmers, W. G. Yeager promote the planting of this valuable legume.

The yolk of the egg will last in the stomach of the newly hatched chick for three days so that the young bird should receive his first feed on the fourth day.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET ON MARCH 31ST.

County Convention Called by Chairman to Meet in Court House at 10 O'clock in the Morning

The County Republican Convention is called to meet at the Court house on March 31st, at ten o'clock in the morning, according to an announcement made this week by A. M. Simonds, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee for Cherokee county.

The purpose of the convention is to elect delegates to the state convention and the tenth district congressional convention, and to transact such other business as may come before the body.

The committees of the precincts are requested to hold their conventions on Saturday, March 24th, select their delegates to the county convention at Murphy on March 31.

MURPHY WOMAN ENJOYING TRIP TO THE WEST

Letter From Mrs. W. H. Griffiths Will Be Read With Interest By Friends Here

A letter from Mrs. W. H. Griffiths, prominent and well-known Murphy woman who is visiting her brother, Mr. W. G. Dickey, at Riverside, Calif., to Mrs. Nettie Dickey, states that she is enjoying the trip. Mrs. Griffiths was only ten minutes late of the schedule time of the trip of some three thousand miles.

Her letter, which follows, will be read with interest by her many Murphy friends:

Wednesday Night.

My Dear Aunt Nettie:—
I was real glad to get your nice letter today. First line I have had since I got here, received Scout yesterday. Am glad all of you are O. K. We are all well except Margaret, she has developed cold last night and today. She is lying on the davenport reading, Mary writing her sister, Walter out taking his constitutional.

Surely this is a beautiful country, to me it is chilly, I keep cold most of the time, but flowers are blooming all around. As we go up town we pass the park and I surely wish you all could see the flowers blooming there, most gorgeous Pansies, Sticks, Verbenias, Geraniums, Sweet Pinks, Freesias and many kinds of shrubbery, most remarkable collection of cacties I have ever seen. The palms and the many different trees and shrubs are a wonder to me. Roses blooming freely, the ragged Robin Row is most plentiful. I pulled one bud of pink Madam Crochet as large as an egg Sunday. Sunday I had the pleasure of pulling my first oranges. Aren't they beautiful growing so abundantly as they do out here. The orange show in San Benidia was the biggest thing of its kind I ever expect to attend. Saw an exhibit or design with 1400 oranges, 7000 grape fruit and 2000 lemons. Think they must have had the grand-father and even the great grand-fathers there, for some of the fruit was immense. We thoroughly enjoyed it all.

Yesterday we went to the Mission Inn here, it is an old hotel, has 400 rooms, saw Tafts and Roosevelt's rooms.

I was not sure what country I was in, Spain, Egypt, China, Japan or any old country, never have I held such things, anything from idols down to the largest piano I ever saw. Everything that could be made out of wood, gold, brass or

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M'MILLAN GIVES OUT STATEMENT ON BOND ISSUE

Says He Favors Issue at Low Rate of Interest Secured and Time For Payment

Mr. J. W. McMillan, member of the town council who was out of town on a trip to Florida at the time the city council passed the ordinance issuing twenty-five thousand dollars in street, water and sewerage improvement bonds at a meeting several weeks ago, issued a statement this week after his return from Florida.

His statement follows:

Murphy, N. C.

March 14, 1928.

Editor,

Cherokee Scout.

Murphy, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:—

I shall appreciate it very much if you will allow me sufficient space in your newspaper to make a statement with respect to the twenty-five thousand dollar bond issue that is now pending.

It was suggested to the Mayor and Board that they borrow money to put in sewer lines and fire protection in the section around the Gulf Refining Company's property and in Bentown section. I was not favorable to this plan because I felt that if the town issued its notes in an amount sufficient to take care of these improvements, that the interest rate, usually around eight per cent, would be entirely too much and not a good investment or business proposition for the town. However, on investigation, we found that we could get out of a bond issue of \$25,000, the principal amount of the issue, or \$25,000 at an interest rate of 5 1-2 per cent, and a premium of something like \$250. Such an issue would be paid back over a period of 27 years; or in other words \$1,000 of the principal would become due in 1930 and \$1,000 each year thereafter until the full amount, with interest, were paid. Personally I felt that the improvements were needed, and that those desiring them were entitled to them; I also felt that an issue such as above referred to, with the low rate of interest, was as good as the town could expect to obtain. As a matter of fact it has been a number of years since the town sold any of its bonds at less than 6 per cent.

It was estimated that \$25,000 would pay for the water and sewerage improvements above referred to, and would afford those sections affected, adequate fire protection, and that a substantial sum would be left for street improvements, especially in the McCombs, McCall, Factory town and other sections of the town. We were not expecting to put down permanent paving, but we felt that we could get the people out of the mud in those sections most needing assistance.

If ten thousand dollars is paid out for material going into these improvements, that will leave fifteen thousand dollars to be expended for labor. We all know that a great number of our workers are idle; fifteen thousand, even ten thousand, dollars put into circulation in Murphy in the next six months would be felt by the merchants and the laboring people, and by the town at large. I expect nothing directly from this, but I feel that we will all derive benefits directly or indirectly. I believe the development of any one section of a community necessarily tends to develop the community as a whole.

I have favored this bond issue since I learned of the terms on which the money could be obtained, and I am confident every member of the Board feels as I do about the matter.

The present board has less than sixty days in office, and has no hope

AGENT ISSUES CALL TO CLUB WORK MEMBERS

Two Meetings To Be Held—One on March 20th and One on the 21st

I would like to meet every boy and girl between the ages of ten and eighteen that think they are interested in club work at the following places and times.

Old Martin Creek School House, Tuesday, March 20th, 3:00 p. m.

Culberson School House, Wednesday, March 21st, 3:00 p. m.

If you know what club work is I feel sure that you will come and if you do not know come any way and we will gladly explain to you what it means.

Trusting that I will be able to see you at the times and places.

K. W. GRAY,

County Agent.

WORK ON VENEER PLANT GETTING UNDER WAY

Machinery Placed on Ground and Foundations of Buildings Being Built This Week

Work on the Veneer plant, headed by Mr. Samuel E. Coffin, which is being erected at Murphy, got well under way this week.

Practically all the machinery has arrived, some of it placed on the ground, and foundations for the buildings are being laid. Plans call for the erection of three buildings, one to be two stories, 32x64 feet, one to be one story 24x64 feet, and the boiler house will be 16x32 feet. The buildings are so arranged that future extensions can be made if necessary.

The plant will be located in the Shield's field, in what is known as old Murphy, along side of the L. & N. Railroad tracks, and is expected to be ready for operation within the next sixty days, Mr. Coffin stated.

Just what the new business will be named, Mr. Coffin said he was undecided, but is considering calling it The Cherokee Crossbanding Company. The product manufactured will be known as cross banding veneer, which is used by furniture and piano manufacturers. It will be made in strips up to eight feet wide and one-twentieth of an inch in thickness.

The timber used in the manufacturing of crossbanding will be poplar blocks, 16 inches or more in diameter and three feet and over in lengths.

Mr. Coffin is well known here, having been connected with the locating and erecting of the furniture plant when it was brought to Murphy many years ago. He is here superintending the erection of the plant.

Mr. S. S. Brooks, Superintendent of the Asheville Division; Mr. J. F. Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent; W. V. Hayes, Inspector of Agencies; C. M. Cage, Insurance Inspector, and Mr. C. L. Harmon, Sanitary Inspector, of the Southern Railway System, were business visitors here this week.

of effecting any of these improvements within that short time; personally, I am glad that this is so because I have no desire whatever to serve further.

However, I leave with the feeling and satisfaction of knowing that I did the best I could.

Respectfully,

J. W. McMILLAN.

DICKEY GETS APPOINTMENT TO SECOND TERM

Attractively Engraved Certificate To Be Framed By Postmaster

Postmaster A. B. Dickey received a few days ago his certificate of appointment for Postmaster of Murphy for a second term. The certificate is signed by President Coolidge and Postmaster Harry S. New. It is very attractive and Mr. Dickey is going to have it framed and placed in the postoffice building.

The seal on the certificate is that of man riding a horse, depicting the famous "Pony Express."

The certificate reads as follows: CALVIN COOLIDGE, President of the United States of America, to all whom these presents shall come, greeting:

Know ye, That, reposing special trust and confidence in the intelligence, diligence and discretion of Arthur B. Dickey, I have nominated, and, by and with the consent of the Senate, do appoint him postmaster at Murphy, in the county of Cherokee, State of North Carolina, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to the laws of the United States and the regulations of the Postoffice Department, and to have and to hold the said office with all the rights and emoluments thereunto legally appertaining, for and during the term of four years from the second day of February, 1928, subject to the conditions prescribed by law.

In testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the Postoffice Department of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this eighth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-second.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

By the President:

HARRY S. NEW,

Postmaster General.

COUNTY BUSINESS

Being the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, Meeting March 5, 1928

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on the 5th day of March, 1928, it being the first Monday, with all members present, T. W. Axley, Chairman, W. J. Martin and W. T. Holland members, and the following business was transacted, to-wit:

Ordered by the Board that J. E. Oliver be notified to return at once and complete the job of painting the Court House, for which the County Commissioners are holding back the sum of \$400.00 as per agreement by and between the County Commissioners and the Bonding Company.

Ordered by the Board that a Donation of \$500.00 is being made by the said Board of County Commissioners for the promotion of a Fish hatchery to be erected at Andrews, N. C., to be paid out of the 1928 budget.

Ordered by the Board that the \$20,000.00 note payable at the American Exchange Irving and Trust Company of New York be renewed, owing to the fact that the 1927 taxes are being slowly collected.

Ordered by the Board that the proposition submitted by Rolin Dockery for the renting of all of the land Noland Wells had in grass on the County Home farm for farming purposes, be accepted.

Ordered by the Board that W. L.

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