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MOST IMPORTANT MARBLE BELT IN N. C. RUNS THROUGH CHEROKEE

Outcrops Near Hewitts and Extends On Into Georgia—Most Promising For Commercial Production Between Murphy and Andrews

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RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 17.—Most important marble area in North Carolina begins on Nantahala river just east of Hewitts and extends southwest down Valley river to Murphy and then along Nolli river to the Georgia line.

This marble belt, approximately 50 miles long, outcrops in the southwestern corner of Swain county, crosses Cherokee county and extends along the Georgia line, being almost continuous with the Georgia belt. It touches Macon county in this state.

From its eastern outcrop near Hewitts to Murphy the marble belt is paralleled by the Murphy branch of the Southern railway system. Between Murphy and the Georgia line, the Louisville and Nashville railroad follows closely along the marble outcrop. Throughout nearly the whole length of its outcrop, the railroad follows directly along the low ground caused by the presence of the marble. At no place is the railroad more than a few hundred feet from the outcrop. There is hardly a possible quarry site in the whole area as much as 2,000 feet from a railroad. This means that delivery of the quarried product to transportation lines is exceptionally easy.

Commercial Stone Plentiful
The portion of the marble belt most promising for the production of commercial stone, lies between Murphy and Andrews. In this area which is some 20 miles long, the outcrop varies from 1,000 feet to nearly a mile in width. The overburden, consisting of soil and stream wash, varies from 5 to 15 feet in thickness. In most cases, there is ample room to dispose of overburden and waste. Surface of the stone is only slightly above stream level so that drainage in most cases is a problem. The stone itself is generally free from excessive jointing and is of uniform grade.

A quarry has been operated successfully at Regal, just northeast of Murphy, for several years. Medium sized blocks of a general rectangular shape, sound and free from natural defects, have been quarried.

Near Coalville, about halfway between Marble Station and Andrews, prospecting has been done at two points in recent years. The best information available is from records of core drilling near Coalville by the Regal Blue Marble Company. Some 60 acres were tested by core drilling to a depth of 100 feet. Records of Colonel Joseph Hyde who evaluated this prospecting, show that a most promising site for a quarry. Important beds of blue and white marble were encountered in drilling. This marble is unusually free from joints and lines of weakness. Cores up to 40 feet long were taken from drill holes without defects. The colors and grain would make an attractive stone.

Suitable For Buildings
Quality of marble found between Murphy and Andrews appears to be satisfactory for building and monumental purposes. Two colors predominate—deep blue, at times more or less streaked with white, and almost pure white. Some portions of the white are more or less variegated in color and have been referred to as Confederate G. At Regal, the blue seems to predominate and is the only one quarried successfully. At Marble Station beds of both blue and white were encountered. Near Coalville both colors outcrop in a width of 100 feet or more, each separated by beds of streaked or variegated colored material.

The texture or grain of the marble

METHODIST PASTOR



Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Murphy, which was dedicated by Bishop Warren A. Candler Sunday. Mr. Powell has been with the Murphy church a little more than a year, during which time 61 new members have been added and the church both materially and spiritually strengthened otherwise.

Grading On Tenn. Link No. 28, Is Now Nearing Completion

Completion within the next day or two of the 20-mile stretch of grading between Murphy and Copperhill, on the Tennessee border, announced this week from Asheville by J. G. Stikeleather, district state highway commissioner, brings a step nearer realization the paving of the Cherokee trail, providing a paved, short route between Asheville and Chattanooga, through the heart of the Southern Appalachians' scenic beauty.

The Cherokee Trail project, linking Asheville and Chattanooga, the commissioner said that he understood the Tennessee Highway Commission was surfacing the road from Ducktown to the Carolina line. If the neighboring state decides to surface a short route from Chattanooga to the Carolina line, Mr. Stikeleather said that he would endeavor to have the remaining strip from the boundary to Murphy surfaced, thereby giving a permanent paving between the two cities.

At the present time the commissioner plans to improve the road from Murphy to the Tennessee line with the abundant slag to be found in the vicinity of Copperhill. A large part of this work should be completed some time during the latter part of the coming summer, he predicted.

varies from medium to fine. It can hardly be said which texture predominates.

Physical properties of the marble seem entire satisfactory. Preliminary tests by the engineering experiment station of North Carolina State College of agriculture and engineering disclosed an average crushing strength for both blue and white varieties of some 20,000 pounds per square inch. It is hoped in the near future to complete tests on the marble to determine its fitness for all uses.

Perhaps the best way to judge attractiveness of stone for building or monumental purposes is to see it in use. Cherokee county officials built their courthouse in Murphy of local marble, part from Regal and part from Coalville. This building is described as unusually attractive both with respect to stone used and the general outlines of the structure.

BOY SCOUTS WILL HAVE CHARGE OF PAPER NEXT WEEK

Next week will be Boy Scout Week in Murphy. The Scouts will have charge of The Scout. They will receive a percent of the advertising secured by them for the paper during that week. They are planning on publishing a paper that is worthwhile not only to them, but to the community as well, in which they will present some of the activities of the local Scout Troop, as well as other activities of a national scope.

This will be the first time The Scouts have attempted an undertaking of this kind in Murphy, and the success of their venture, whether great or small, will give them a confidence in themselves hitherto unrealized, and who knows but what some Horace Greely, Benjamin Franklin, or Henry Grady of the future lives right here in Murphy?

M. L. Wright, on the front cover of the North Carolina Teacher for January, pays a glowing tribute "To the American Boy," and it is carried here for the appropriate attention it calls to The Murphy Boy Scouts and "something big" they are attempting.

"I take off my hat to the American boy—dirty, filthy, grimy—of the earth, earthy. He is the composite of the wildcat and the dove, lion and the lamb. He is the autocrat at the breakfast table, the dinner table, and the supper table.

"He is a walking encyclopedia of family secrets, thumb-indexed and automatic. He relates without prejudice or personal bias. You can't stop him. He talks right on.

"He runs with the gang. He plays hooky to follow the parade. He is full of adventure. He is a hero worshiper. His interests center around things and men in action. He is the pride of his mother, the terror of his big sisters, and the hope of the future.

"He carries the destinies of the future up his sleeve and wears the purpose of the race on his countenance. He will build the future after his own ideals.

"You can't discourage him, for he has the courage of his convictions. You can't befuddle him, for he does his own thinking. You can't gainsay him, for he knows and knows that he knows. He carries the wealth of the Nation in his pocket.

"Go easy with him. Be patient. He is a man in the cocoon. He may be a plodder or a genius—one is as important as the other. He may be a pauper, a prince, or a president. I take off my hat to the American boy. Who knows but that destiny has picked him for a winner?"

Baby Of Tom Palmer Died On January 9th

Richard Palmer, the eight months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Palmer died Tuesday night, January 9, about 11 o'clock, after an illness of twelve days. Little Richard at first took the flu and developed pneumonia, which resulted in his death.

Funeral services were conducted from the house last Thursday by Rev. Howard P. Powell, and interment was in the old Methodist cemetery.

Little Richard was the only child and is survived by his father and mother, who have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in their sad bereavement.

Bishop Candler, of Atlanta, who came here to dedicate the Methodist church last Sunday, was entertained in the home of his cousin, Mr. Geo. W. Candler, while here.

BISHOP CANDLER TO HOLD CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS AT MURPHY

Dedicating New Methodist Church At Service Sunday Morning

Bishop Warren A. Candler, of Atlanta, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, delivered two fine sermons here Sunday, on the occasion of his visit to dedicate the new Methodist Church, large congregations hearing him in both instances.

At the morning service, the Bishop's text was Psalm 87:5, "And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her; and the highest himself shall establish her." His message was on the line that the glory of God is not in buildings or houses designated as churches, but rather in the people who were born spiritually at their altars.

Following the sermon, Messrs. R. H. Hyatt, J. D. Rector, R. M. Fain, S. D. Akin and J. H. Brendle, trustees, went forward and presented the church for dedication, Mr. Hyatt making the presentation with these words:

"We present to you this house, to be set apart from all unhallowed or common uses, for the worship of Almighty God."

And the Bishop pronounced the sentence of dedication, as follows:

"Forasmuch as God has put it into the hearts of his people to build this house for his worship, and has blessed them in their undertaking, we solemnly dedicate it to His service, for the reading and expounding of His holy word, the administration of His ordinances, and for all other acts of religious worship. That He may graciously accept this labor of our hands, let us devoutly pray." Prayer was led by the Bishop.

On the pulpit stand at the opening of the service, were seated: Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor; Rev. C. E. Steadman, retired minister, formerly in charge of the Murphy circuit; Rev. C. M. Pickens, Presiding Elder of the district; Bishop Warren A. Candler, of Atlanta; Dr. J. P. Anderson, pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian church; and Dr. J. A. Sharp, president of Young Harris College, one of the leading mountain schools of the denomination.

At the evening service, Bishop Candler used as his text Psalm 90:1: "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

Following is the program for the day's services, as carried in the church bulletin:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1929.
Morning Worship
Prelude—"Choral", Concone.
Voluntary—"Onward, Christian Soldiers," Jude.
Hymn No. 661—"Come, O Thou God of Grace."—Evans.
Apostle's Creed.
Prayer—Dr. J. A. Sharp.
Anthem—"Some Morning."—Forman.

First Lesson—Genesis 23:10-22—Dr. J. P. Anderson.
Gloria Patri.
Second Lesson—Hebrews 10:19-25—Standing.
Offertory Prayer.
Offertory—"Sabbath Morn"—Johnson.
Hymn No. 207—"The Church's One Foundation"—Samuel J. Stone.
Sermon and Dedication—Bishop Warren A. Candler, Atlanta, Ga.
Hymn No. 203—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"—Dwight.
Benediction.
Postlude—Rosseau.

We are happy and most fortunate to welcome Bishop W. A. Candler into our pulpit today. One of our former pastors, Dr. J. E. Abernathy, writes, "The visit of Bishop Candler will be a benediction to your church. He is one of the world's great preachers, a star of the first magni-

TO HOLD CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS AT MURPHY

Positions Of Postmaster At Hayesville and Rural Carrier At Blue Ridge Are Open

To fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster at Hayesville, the U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination to be held at Murphy soon.

The vacancy in the Postmastership of Hayesville becomes effective January 26, and the receipt of applicants will close on January 29th, that is to say all applications considered must be on file with the Commission at Washington prior to the hour of closing on that date. The salary carried by the position of postmaster at Hayesville is \$1,700.00 a year.

To be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the delivery of the post office for which the examination is held, must have so resided for at least two years next preceding the examination date, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. Both men and women are admitted.

Carrier At Blue Ridge

An examination will also be held at Murphy soon to fill the vacancy of rural carrier on one of the routes out of Blue Ridge, Ga. The salary of a rural carrier on a standard daily wagon route of 24 miles is \$1,800.00 per year, with an additional \$30.00 per mile per year for any in excess of 24 miles.

The examination for rural carriers is open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of the postoffice where the vacancy exists. Receipt of applications for this position will close on February 8th.

Applications for these positions may be secured from the postoffices where the vacancy exists or direct from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

ELLIOT TO OPEN PRESSING CLUB NEXT WEEK

Mr. W. P. Elliott, who has been operating a pressing club down by the Murphy Steam Laundry Building for the past year, will open for business in new quarters on Valley River Avenue sometime next week.

A new building has been erected for Mr. Elliott by W. M. Fain on his property at the rear of Stoner's grocery store, facing Valley River Avenue. The building was completed this week and the installation of machinery is now being made. Mr. Elliott does pressing, dry cleaning, repairing and dyeing, and has built up a splendid business since coming to Murphy.

HURT WHEN MULE FALLS ON HIM, ANDREWS MAN DIES

Suffering a broken spine when the mule he was riding fell, crushing him in the fall, Paul Meadows, 19 years old, of Andrews, died in the Mission hospital, at Asheville Sunday night at 10:25 o'clock. He was carried to the hospital Sunday afternoon, and no hope was held out by physicians for his recovery.

He was understood to have been riding the mule, when the animal fell, crushing its rider under it. Young Meadows had suffered other injuries besides the fractured spine, physicians said.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Wells, of Tomola, were the guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davidson on Valley River Avenue.