

LEGISLATORS FAVOR VISIT TO ASHEVILLE

Plan Recently Carried Out Successfully In Texas

RALEIGH, Jan. 23.—The 1929 General Assembly would be tickled pink to accept an invitation to visit "The Lank of the Sky" as guests the people of Asheville, representative members indicated tonight when asked how such an invitation would be received.

The movement to take the Legislature to Asheville, suggested by The Asheville Citizen and backed by John A. Goode, president of the Chamber of Commerce, would be in the opinion of many members give a large part of the law-making body its first glimpse of the mountain country of North Carolina.

By way of a survey, ten members of the Legislature picked at random from counties east of Raleigh, were asked for their reaction to such an invitation, should it be extended. All ten agreed that they would welcome such an opportunity to view one of the South's most famous resort cities and expressed pleasure that the idea had been suggested. Eight of the ten stated that they had never been to Western North Carolina. It was estimated that at least eighty per cent of the legislators from the Eastern part of the State have never been to Asheville or to Western North Carolina.

There would be some difficulty in arranging the work of the Legislature to permit such a trip, but belief was expressed that such matters could be handled, probably by designating a minority group to hold the Saturday session required by law, in order to permit the journey to the mountains as guests of the people of the City of Asheville.

8 MONTHS SCHOOL TERM IS SOUGHT

RALEIGH, Jan. 23.—The House legislative hopper was crammed to overflowing today with 28 new bills that included a measure sponsored by Representative McLean, Democrat, of Beaufort, to provide for an eight months school term for North Carolina.

The McLean bill provided for a 40-cent tax levy on the \$100 of property valuation in the counties, with the State bearing the cost of the schools where the levy would not produce sufficient revenue. No plan for financing the measure on the part of the State was set forth. Estimate of other members of the education committee of which Representative McLean is chairman, were, however, that it could be accomplished through an equalization fund of eight and one-half million dollars.

The House also had placed before it a bill to require candidates in the State primary to pledge support for all nominees of the party. It was introduced by Representative Ewing, Democrat, of Cumberland.

W. M. S. TO MEET ON TUESDAY P. M.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet in the ladies parlors of the church Tuesday afternoon, January 29, at 2:30.

Because of the prevailing illness, no meetings of the Society have been held during the month and at this time the program and business session will be combined.

An interesting program has been prepared by Mrs. R. C. Mattox, as leader, assisted by Miss Ada Harshaw and Mrs. J. H. Hampton and all ladies are urged to be present.

GRADING NO. 28 GIVES NEW ROUTE

Asheville, Tennessee Distance Reduced By Highway

The distance from Asheville to Chattanooga and other points in Tennessee has been materially reduced by the completion of grading work on the Murphy-Tennessee line section of State Highway No. 29, according to information compiled at the Asheville headquarters of the Appalachian Scenic highway, it was announced last night. The Asheville-Murphy route is preferable to the present Asheville-Hot Springs-Knoxville route in that the former highway is shorter and more direct, the president, Roscoe A. Marvel, stated yesterday. The route, which is a part of the Appalachian Scenic highway connects with the new portion of No. 28 at Murphy. Mr. Marvel pointed out, and represents considerable saving in mileage.

The new route, opening the extreme western section of the State, affords access to a region unsurpassed in scenic beauty and agricultural and mining development possibilities in Western North Carolina, it was said. Already noticeable progress has been induced by the opening of the highway in Andrews, Murphy, and other sections. Mayor D. S. Russell, of Andrews, stated yesterday that the highway would prove of great benefit to that town and section, and that already a number of important developments are located along the A. S. H. route.

A nine-hole golf course and a large marble industry, both near the town are among the recent developments. Mayor Russell stated.—Asheville Citizen.

Annual Stockholders Meeting of Cherokee Hardware Company

The Cherokee Hardware Company held its stockholders meeting on Tuesday, January 8th, 1929. The company has enjoyed one of the most successful years of its history, and declared and paid its stockholders a dividend of eight percent.

The statement of the company showed that the business is in a prosperous condition and officers feel that they have passed through a satisfactory year and were well pleased with business.

The meeting re-elected all officers for the ensuing year, as well as all directors, as follows:

J. A. Richardson, President; E. A. Davidson, Vice President; V. I. Butt, Secretary and Treasurer.

Directors: E. A. Davidson, C. S. Hasson, R. C. Mattox, Fred Moore, M. W. Bell, J. W. Davidson, J. A. Richardson, T. S. Evans, V. I. Butt.

Editor Cherokee Scout Pays Asheville a Visit

C. W. Bailey, editor of The Cherokee Scout, was an Asheville visitor last night en route to Chapel Hill to attend the Newspaper Institution there the middle of the week. He will also look in on the Legislature at Raleigh during the trip.

Southern To Discontinue Trains No. 19 and 20 1st

Trains No. 19 and 20 will, on and after February 1st, be operated only between Asheville, N. C., and Bryson N. C. Details in regard to discontinuance of this service between Bryson, N. C., and Murphy, N. C., will be furnished you later.

No. 19 will leave Asheville 1:30 P. M., arriving Bryson 4 P. M.

No. 20 will leave Bryson 6:45 A. M., arriving Asheville 9:25 A. M., both central time.

REV. J. L. STEELE ACCEPTS CALL TO MURPHY CHURCH

Former Rome Pastor Is Called To Fill Vacancy Caused by Resignation of Rev. T. L. Sasser

On Wednesday night, the members of the First Baptist Church at Murphy met in special conference and called Rev. Jas. LeRoy Steele, of Rome, Ga., as pastor of the church. Mr. Steele preached at both hours last Sunday and his forceful and inspiring messages were heard by large and appreciative congregations.

Rev. W. H. Ford, pastor at Andrews, preached for the Murphy people on Wednesday night and at the request of the church, presided over the business meeting in which Mr. Steele was called.

Mr. Steele is a young man, 28 years of age. He was educated at Davidson College and the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. He also took special work at Emory University. He has been pastor of the South Broad Baptist church of Rome, Ga., for almost three years and has made an enviable record in the First Baptist church of Chickamauga, Ga., which resulted in 146 additions to the church.

While pastor at Rome, he was President of the Rome City B. Y. P. U.; moderator of the large Floyd County Association; chairman of the Jubilee Mission Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention and Vice-President of the Rome Ministerial Association.

Mr. Steele is a man of magnetic personality and attracts the people to him by his fearless preaching of the gospel. He is a very forceful and interesting speaker. It is predicted that he will build up the Christian and Baptist cause in Murphy in a great way.

Mr. Steele has signified his intention of accepting the call and will be on the field the first Sunday in February. He will preach at both services on February 3rd. He and Mrs. Steel, with their two little girls, will move into the Baptist parsonage in the next few days.

B. M. S. HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF YEAR

The Baptist Missionary Society met in the ladies parlor of the church January 22, 1929. The president, Mrs. Tom Evans, presiding.

It was the first meeting of the new year and important business matters were discussed.

The Devotional was led by Mrs. Ralph Moody with responses from the members of the society on "creation."

The Bible study, "God's Claim to Ownership," was presented by the program committee and enjoyed by the society.

A letter from Mr. Sasser to the W. M. S. was read.

Mrs. Raymond Hall was cordially welcomed as a new member. Plans for a George Washington party were made.

The next meeting will be a social meeting to be held on February 12, at the ladies parlor with Mrs. George Cope and Mrs. W. H. Murray as hostesses.

Those present were: Mrs. Leila Dickey, Mrs. Ralph Moody, Mrs. L. E. Bawless, Mrs. Wiley Green, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. W. H. Murray, Mrs. John Posey, Miss Sarah Cook, Mrs. Paul Hyatt, Mrs. Harry Ferguson, Mrs. Jerry Davidson, Mrs. Tom Evans, Mrs. Fred Christopher, Mrs. Neil Davidson, Mrs. Raymond Hall, Mrs. Bessie Dewese, Miss Gillie Martin.

Mrs. Mattie A. Taylor is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Nelson, of Topton.

ANDREWS BANK HAS GOOD YEAR

Officers And Directors Are Chosen At Recent Stockholders' Meet

ANDREWS, N. C., Jan. 23.—The annual stockholders meeting of the Citizens Bank and Trust company, was held in the offices of the bank Saturday afternoon. Approximately ninety-five per cent of the stock was represented in person or by proxy.

Officers and directors were selected for the ensuing year as follows:

D. S. Russell, chairman of the board of directors; Percy B. Ferebee, president; John A. Tatham, vice president; G. B. Hoblitzell, vice president; W. T. Forsyth, vice president; Clyde H. Jarrett, secretary; W. D. Whitaker, cashier; M. L. Everett, bookkeeper.

It was stated that the year just closed had been the most successful year the bank had experienced; that it had shown a steady growth during the year and that its profits had been satisfactory.

An amount equal to 7 per cent of the capital stock was ordered to be transferred from undivided profits to permanent surplus. This is in keeping with the policy of this bank to credit any sums that might be available for dividends to stockholders to permanent surplus, and an amount equal to 7 per cent on its capital stock has been placed to permanent surplus each year since the first year after its organization.

The various details of the bank's business were stated to be in excellent condition, and the outlook for an increased business in 1929 was promising.

B. M. S. Hostess To George Washington Birthday Party 22nd

The members of the Baptist Missionary Society will be hostesses at a George Washington Birthday party in the ladies parlor of the Baptist church on the evening of February 22, 1929, at 7 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to be present.

STORK'S ANTICS BRING DOUBLE JOY TO GRANDPA

CHARLOTTE, Jan. 22.—Henry J. Irby, former police chief at Huntersville, near here, is wearing his Sunday clothes all this week—and he has a reason.

Mr. Irby says that when the stork comes along and leaves a lusty infant daughter in the home of a 60-year-old man its time to throw out your chest but when the old bird leaves the same man a great-grand daughter the same night it's time to put on the Sunday outfit.

The other night the stork visited the home of the former police officer and left a girl and on the other side of town left another tiny miss at his granddaughter's home, and now grandpa is waiting until the time he can take his new daughter over to see her grand-niece.—Asheville Citizen.

NOTICE

We want to thank those who have in any way contributed to this issue of The Cherokee Scout. We speak for the members of the Boy Scouts as well as for ourselves.

HOWARD P. POWELL, Scoutmaster.

DALE LEE, Assistant Scoutmaster.

TRIED TO TAKE OWN LIFE AFTER SLAYING WIFE

Attorneys Deny Report That Price Dramatically Announced Crime

(Special Dispatch to The Times)

WAYNESVILLE, Jan. 22.—From the time he shot his wife to death Friday afternoon until he was lodged in jail about 2 o'clock Saturday morning, Wilson Price, 37-year-old Haywood county man, begged for a gun to end his own life, it was learned here Tuesday.

Price was intoxicated when he reached Waynesville, those who saw him declared, and Solicitor Grover C. Davis Tuesday quoted Fred Hannah, who is said to have witnessed the shooting, as saying that the man was "crazy drunk" as he stood in the doorway of his home and shot his 37-year-old wife to death as she lay on a bed in their home, about 35 miles from Waynesville.

Mr. Davis Tuesday expressed the opinion that liquor probably was responsible for the crime.

Did Not Seek Arrest

William T. Hannah, of Hannah and Hannah, Price's attorneys, Tuesday denied the report that the man had dramatically appeared at the sheriff's office to announce his guilt and demand that he be arrested. Price, as a matter of fact, Mr. Hannah said, appeared at his home about 10 o'clock Friday night, a few hours after his wife was killed, and Mr. Hannah and Price went to the former's office to discuss the case. About 1:30 or 2 o'clock, Mr. Hannah said, he telephoned the jailer to prepare a cell for the man, and he personally accompanied Price to the jail, where he remained until the following morning, when Sheriff Welch was apprised of the crime.

Price will be bound over to superior court without the formality of a preliminary hearing, his attorneys having waived the hearing. The case is expected to come up for trial in the next term of Haywood superior court, which opens on February 4. Meanwhile no effort will be made to secure Price's liberty under bond, his attorneys announced.

Teacher Tells of Shooting

The shooting occurred about 5 o'clock in the Price home near Mount Sterling, a few miles from the Tennessee state line. Fred Hannah, a young school teacher, who is a graduate of Berea college, happened to be passing, he said, and he revealed to Solicitor Davis that he witnessed the shooting. He is understood to be a relative of the woman, Horace Bennett, age about 25, was in the room at the time, asleep in front of the fire, he is quoted as having told the authorities. He was awakened by the report of the gun, he said.

Mrs. Price was the accused man's third wife, and had herself previously been married, it was understood. She and her husband had had no previous domestic difficulties, so far as could be learned.

On Friday she had been to Waynesville, having been sent on a business errand by her husband, it was learned, and was accompanied home by Bennett and Hannah. Sheriff Welch at first believed that the crime was prompted by jealousy, but the solicitor Tuesday announced that he believed the man had no reason for jealousy, and that he was inclined to blame the shooting on Price's drunken condition at the time.

No material witnesses have been arrested, and Solicitor Davis expects no further developments in the case until Price goes on trial in superior court early next month.

Mrs. R. E. Barclay and little son, Bobbie, Jr., returned to Copperhill last week after spending the holidays with Mrs. Barclay's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson.