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DIMENSION CO. CUTS MADE-TO-ORDER LUMBER

New Murphy Industry Running Full Time and Works Twenty Three Men

A comparatively new industry for Murphy is the G. H. Cope Lumber and Dimension company, which was organized with local and outside capital some five months ago, yet it is now running full time and gives employment to about twenty three men.

The company is headed by G. H. Cope, better known to his friends as George, who has been interested in the lumber business in Murphy for the past twenty years.

Twenty car loads of dimension stock have been shipped since the company started operation, and orders for eight or nine carloads are now ahead for filling. One of the orders is for a carload of seats for baby walkers, or a total of ten thousand seats. The company recently filled an order for a carload of toilet stool lids and seats. The orders are all manufactured ready for fitting into the piece of furniture for which they were made, except for varnishing or painting.

Most of the work turned out by this company is dimension stock for table tops, desk tops, different pieces for living room, dining room, suites and office chairs. The range of the dimension stock cut is from pieces 6x6 inches up to pieces 37x36 inches. These different sizes are made up from different pieces of lumber grooved and glued together and dressed.

Mr. Cope stated that most of the shipments made thus far had been to Philadelphia and other Pennsylvania markets.

OVER 100 TAKING STUDY COURSE

(By David T. Mashburn)

ANDREWS, Feb. 27. Over one hundred Baptist young people of the four B. Y. P. U.'s of the first Baptist church have already enrolled for the study course that is to begin March 10th. More are expected to sign up between now and next Sunday.

The goal has been set for one hundred per cent. If this is reached it will mean great honors to the Baptist people. Very few churches have ever reached one hundred per cent in any study course.

The Junior B. Y. P. U.'s under the leadership of Miss Mabel Jones, Mrs. Purd Tatham, Miss Norma Truett and Mrs. Fred McGuire, have enrolled around sixty in the study course. The Intermediates under the leadership of David T. Mashburn have enrolled thirty and the Seniors, with Miss Hildred Wright as president, around twenty, making a total of one hundred and ten.

The Junior study course will be taught in the afternoon, beginning on Monday afternoon at 3:30. The Intermediate and Senior classes will meet at 6:45.

TEACHERS TRAINING CLASS WILL PRESENT PLAY ON 3

On Thursday evening, March 3, the Teachers Training Class will present "The Silver Lining," a three act play, in the Murphy high school auditorium. You will simply "hold your sides" while watching the dignified minister become younger again under the influence of Sadie and Anne, who are rivals for his affections. You will hold your breath in greatest until it is finally determined which one "lands him." Dear little Topsy will create no end of fun. Come and laugh, and weep with us.

FISTIC COMBAT PROVES FATAL TO JACK NELSON

Coroner's Jury Finds Herman Mehauffey Instrumental in Causing Death

A coroner's jury last Saturday afternoon found that Herman Mehauffey was instrumental in causing the death of Jack Nelson, as the result of a fight that took place between the two young men at Andrews Thursday night while the ywere attending a prize fight. It is said that a grudge of long standing was one of the contributory causes of the altercation, which came as a climax to a dispute they had over a referee's decision.

The unfortunate affair has created a feeling of sadness among the friends of both boys because of the fact that both were members of prominent and leading families of their communities.

The fatal fistic encounter took place in Lail's garage, where it was said the two young men disagreed over a decision of Frank Mehauffey, referee at the prize fight. Nelson is also said to have had a fight with a third Mehauffey, Paul, at a baseball game last summer and that the trouble had never healed.

Young Nelson was struck by Mehauffey and fell across the open engine of an automobile, his head striking protruding bolts, and witnesses stated that young Mehauffey continued to strike him on the face while he lay over on the engine.

Mehauffey went to the office of the mayor Friday and pleaded to a misdemeanor and paid a small fine. He then left the city.

Funeral services for Nelson were held Sunday morning at Red Marble Church, near his home, by Rev. Algea West, and interment was in the churchyard.

He was 22 years old and is survived by a wife and two children, Annie, a girl about four years old, and Happy, a boy about 1 year old. He is also survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson; four brothers, Homer, Herman, Deck and Claude Nelson, and three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Brady, Mrs. Ledit Holloway, and Miss Maude Nelson.

BONNELL H. STONE HERE THURSDAY

Mr. Bonnell H. Stone, of Blairsville, representative of Union county in the Georgia General Assembly, was a business visitor here Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Stone said that a movement was under way by the Georgia division of the American Legion, to erect a \$5,000.00 monument to World War Veterans on top of Blood Mountain at Neels Gap, and other improvements are contemplated this spring on the State Forest Park at the Gap.

He also stated that a meeting of the recreation and road association would be called sometime in the near future for the purpose of receiving resolutions on the deaths of Bud Anderson, of Hayesville, and James A. Hollomon, of Atlanta. At this meeting it is also planned to get under way a movement to have the Hollomon highway work brought to the attention of both State and county authorities in an effort to have the highway completed as soon as possible.

Mr. Stone was highly optimistic over the situation for getting this road work and the improvements at Neels' Gap, and said that they would add to the scenic attractions of this route of the Appalachian Scenic Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson motored to Asheville last Friday.

SOLONS STUDY RREPORT OF TAX COMMISSION

Cherokee Scout, Raleigh Bureau

RALEIGH, Feb. 23.—The members of the General Assembly received the complete report of the Tax Commission during the past week. It contains comprehensive studies of the tax problems in this state, and every legislator should know something of the basic information it contains.

The economic condition of the farmers of the state is the first major problem studied. The facts contained in this report show that the farmers, outside of the mountain region, pay out in taxes about the same percentage of income as anyone else in the state, although the different areas vary somewhat.

The farmers who have fared best, according to this report, are those of the coastal plain area. The Moore county peach growers made money in 1927, the year for which the figures were obtained. On the other hand, the farmers in the mountain region might better have been engaged at something else, for they made no profit at all. The tidewater farmers got a fair return from their work, and those of the piedmont show a slight balance on the right side.

The findings are based on 1,156 owner-operated farms and 116 rented farms, carefully selected over the entire state. Pairs were taken to get representative farms wherever possible. The average net income of the owned farms, over and above the labors of the farmer and his own family was \$1,147 in the coastal plain, \$352 in the tidewater, \$173 in the piedmont, and a deficit of \$192 in the mountain region. The average net farm income for the state was \$405.

The railroads, power and light companies, telephone and telegraph companies, and other so-called public service corporations paid in to the state coffers over \$8,000,000 in 1927.

These big concerns are paying their share of the tax burden, when you compare the taxes they pay with their annual income. This is not true of the power or light companies, which pay only about half the proportion of their income that the farmers pay of theirs.

Intangible Property

One of the most important recommendations in the report is that the Constitution be so amended as to give the General Assembly authority to make such general classifications of property for taxation as it may see fit. This provides for broader

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Cherokee Citizens Have Opportunity For Free Vacation

Young men who are planning to attend one of the Civilian Military Training Camps this summer may secure information and application blanks from Mr. B. W. Sipe at the Murphy school. The boys from this section will be sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, which is nine miles south of Chattanooga.

The government will pay the expenses of those attending these summer encampments, including an allowance for food and from the camps, furnish uniforms, food, etc., while in camp. Attendance upon any of these camps does not in any way bind one to the military service of the country in any way.

Here is an opportunity for a free vacation of healthful exercise and training in the great out of doors for a period of six weeks. Applications should be filled out right away by those who are interested in attending one of these camps. Further information may be obtained from Mr. Sipe.

LEGISLATURE ENTERS LAST MINUTE RUSH

Law Making Programs of Republicans From the West Short Changed By Democrats

Cherokee Scout, Raleigh Bureau

RALEIGH, Feb. 23.—With the closing days of the 1929 General Assembly at hand the usual last minute rush is threatening to become a small riot with the general prospect that the legislators will have to work several days past their legal term of 60 days.

The results of the session cannot as yet be measured because there are too many important measures still in the formative state. However, one fact stands out clear and unmistakable. The counties which depended upon Republican representatives to put across their lawmaking programs have been short changed. That statement is made without the slightest reflection upon the Republicans who as a whole have made a wonderful impression by their public spiritedness and evident desire to further the best interests of the state. It is however, a fact that each bill introduced by a Republican is scrutinized with far more care than if the same bill is sponsored by a Democrat. The result is that the Republican legislation, which means the legislation from the Western end of the state, has been having had sledding. Many counties that sought relief from one condition or another through Republican legislators are going to be disappointed, not through any fault of the legislators themselves, but because the suspicion which their very commendable action during this session has not been able to thoroughly allay. They are working under an unfair handicap and are going to find dissatisfaction back home in many instances as a result of the last minute failure of many of their bills to get the gantlet of Democratic approval.

Representative John C. Herbert continues to hold the center of the stage this week with his three bills to abolish capital punishment. They will be acted upon by the committee in all probability this week and are expected to reach the floor of the house shortly afterward.

Bob Phillips, prominent Graham county attorney was again a visitor to Raleigh this week. He is here in the interest of a number of matters affecting his section of the state but is not doing much talking.

Representative George Brock of Graha, is getting through a number of local minor bills including the erect and maintain a county home for its aged and inform.

Senators John Burnett of Bryson City and T. Coleman Galloway of Brevard have introduced a bill designed to permit cases growing out of condemnation of land for the Great Smoky Mountain National area to be tried in the counties in which the land is located. This bill is meeting with strenuous opposition from members of the park commission that it will make the park program if it passes that it may even endanger the entire park movement by providing too heavy a burden in the purchase of land. This measure is expected to be hard fought before it becomes a law.

Representative Brock, in addition to the bills mentioned above has introduced another measure which would enable Graham county to issue road bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for the improvement of the high ways of the county.

The many friends of Miss Tiltha Sparks will be sorry to hear that she was carried to Angel Bros. Hospital on last Friday and operated on for appendicitis. Latest reports received by friends are to the effect that she is getting along nicely.

NEW CREAMERY AT BRASSTOWN IN OPERATION

First Churning Made Saturday and First Two Pounds Butter Sold For Five Dollars Each

The Mountain Valley Creamery, a co-operative movement of the farmers of this section, sponsored by the John C. Campbell Folk School, at Brasstown, made its first churning last Saturday, and is the first creamery of this section to begin operation. Another creamery, located at Hayesville, is expected to begin operation during the next month.

The creamery at Brasstown is located about a mile above the store of Fred O. Scroggs, on No. 23 Highway. Sigurd Nielson, a Danish butter maker and creamery expert, is in charge of the creamery.

The first churning was from home cream only, and the output amounted to 250 pounds of butter. The first pound of butter was bought by T. C. Zimmerman for \$5.00, and George Bidstrup bought the second pound for \$5.00. Will Brendle paid \$4.00 for the third pound and Will Hatchett got the fourth pound for \$4.00. It is understood the regular retail price will be 50c a pound.

Stations have been established through this section to collect cream from the farmers, which will in turn be taken up by the creamery. These stations have been established at Young Harris, Blairsville, Warne, Ogden, Brasstown, Murphy, Dyers, Elliotts, thus making a complete circuit. Stations have also been established at Andrews, Coalville, Marble, Tomola and at Dockery's down in Grandview.

The capacity of the plant at Brasstown is 300 pounds of butter daily. Mr. Edwards, of Rock Hill, S. C., who operated this same creamery plant in South Carolina before it was purchased and moved to Brasstown, spent several days this week with Mr. Nielson in getting it into operation, and he stated that he had churned 300 pounds at one churning.

The establishment of this creamery at Brasstown and the one at Hayesville is expected to be quite a stimulus to the dairy industry in this section, which has already reached a large production. The cream heretofore had to be shipped to Atlanta, Asheville and Franklin.

CHEROKEE MAN COMES CLEAR

One Nelson from Cherokee county was recently arrested for hunting in Macon county without a license. The hunting is said to have taken place near Aquone. In a trial before Magistrate George Carpenter last week the accused man presented a state license dated before he was arrested. The game officials are inclined to believe that this license was purchased after the arrest and dated back. It is said that an investigation of this matter will be made. Nelson was found not guilty. In the course of the trial some trouble between a man in the audience and one of the lawyers for the defense occurred. It is stated that a deputy from Cherokee and one from Macon drew their pistols in an effort to prevent a fist fight. However the trouble passed off with injury to no one. At the height of the rucus, crippled Dan Carter who was getting an earful of the trial, is said to have left the scene in high and on two perfectly good legs. One man claims that Dan came down the long flight of court house steps in three mighty jumps. Four minutes later he is reported to have been seen one mile west of Franklin and still going strong.—Franklin Press.