

PEACHTREE IS PROUD OF NEW SCHOOL BLDG.

OPENING SERVICES MONDAY WELL ATTENDED—TOTAL 157 ENROLLED

Monday morning marked the beginning of a new era in the community school life of the Peachtree district, when school was opened in the new consolidated school building which has just been completed and furnished at a cost of around thirty thousand dollars. Everybody seemed proud of the new building, even the little freckled-faced urchin who sat in a one-room school building last year and whittled a great big ugly spot on the back rail of the rough wooden bench which acted as his desk and the desk of a number of others—for this same freckled-faced, mischievous boy was occupying a brand new seat before a brand new desk, all by himself, and a great big smile stretched from ear to ear as he proudly inspected his new seat of learning. And the teachers were wearing great big smiles—smiles big enough not to have to look the second time to see them.

And well might they all be proud. This is one of the finest buildings in the State, at least in this Cherokee County, and it is located in the Martin's and an exact duplicate of Peachtree. It is built on the latest and best plans of the Board of Education. Each room is ideally arranged for teaching, and one thing particularly noticeable was the excellent teacher. Cloak rooms, on the wall up in front, are hanging neatly and excellently over the comfortable teacher's desk and chair. The school is fortunate in having a large and commodious auditorium for holding chapel and special exercises, and the stage is one of the best arranged and largest we have seen in any school building in this section.

Six acres of grounds provide ample space for recreation and rest for the pupils during recess and diener periods. The grounds are now covered in bushes and weeds, but are almost level, with good drainage and easily adaptable to playground purposes.

Program Marks Opening
The opening of the school Monday morning was the occasion of the first public program, and was attended by a large number of patrons and visitors. Mr. H. B. Elliott, chairman of the school committee, acted as master of ceremonies, and Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the Murphy Methodist Church, was the main speaker of the occasion. Short talks were made by Prof. C. W. Ballard, principal in charge of the school this year, C. W. Bailey, editor of the Scout, and others.

The school started off with an enrollment of 157, and Prof. Ballard said he expected this number to reach probably 200 by the end of the first week. The school is a consolidation of several one-room schools in the Peachtree section, centrally located, and the school census now being compiled promises to run well around 250 to 300.

The teachers, their grades and enrollment, are as follows: Miss Minnie Ferguson, first, 37; Mrs. C. W. Ballard, second, 8; Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, third and fourth, 41; Miss Cassie Johnson, fifth, 22; Mr. C. M. Hendrix, sixth and seventh, 27; Prof. C. W. Ballard, eighth and ninth, 22. Members of the school committee: H. R. Elliott, chairman; Mrs. Frank Watkins and H. L. Robinson.

Mr. Elliott, speaking for the committee, stated that they were proud of the new school building and the fine corps of teachers, and asked the co-operation of parents, teachers and pupils in keeping the building and equipment clean and in the best of condition at all times. A great scholastic year is ahead of the school, he said, and with the proper co-operation another grade can be added to the school.

Mr. Powell's address was timely and well put. He traced the educational advantages of the youth of yesterday and compared same with that of the youth of today by giving his own personal experience when he began school. So vividly did he describe it, that those of his hearers who went to school yesterday, lived again in the little white school and heard the teacher propound the virtues of the famous three R's—Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic.

An education, a college education, is within reach of every boy and girl of today who wants it, Mr. Powell said, and he urged the pupils before him to keep on keeping on, and not be satisfied with anything less than the best training that today offers. In conclusion, he urged the boys and girls not to forget those who, through all the years, strived and sacrificed much in order to give them the advantages and opportunities they themselves were deprived of—mother and father. Never become so "educated" as to forget mother and father, he

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ANNUAL COST TO STATE PER PUPIL IS \$29.69

Cherokee's Average Lowest, While Northampton County's Is The Highest

RALEIGH, Aug. 19.—On a per pupil basis, according to State School Facts, the average instructional service cost for 1927-28 in the white schools is \$29.69, and in colored schools it is \$11.84. The average annual per pupil cost of instruction service for the rural white schools of the State is \$25.15, whereas in the city white schools the corresponding cost is \$43.04.

"The highest instructional costs," the publication continues, "are in the largest cities, \$53.40 per pupil. The costs in city groups II and III are very close together, \$40.95 and \$39.35 per pupil in each respective group. Rural white instructional costs vary from county to county—from \$42.44, the highest in Northampton, to \$15.40 in Cherokee."

Several reasons are advanced by School Facts for the differences in instructional costs throughout the several administrative subdivisions of the State. The publication lists and discusses the following four facts as directly affecting these costs: (1) number of pupils per teacher employed, (2) cost per teacher and principal employed, (3) training of teachers and principals, and (4) length of school term. The summary of this discussion is as follows:

"It would seem from the facts presented that the number of pupils per teacher or principal, the amount spent per teacher or principal, the training of the teachers and principals, and the length of school term, each affects the per pupil cost of instructional service. It would seem also that the last three factors act in conjunction, that is, well trained teachers secure higher salaries as well as positions in schools having longer terms, and vice versa the teachers having less training are paid less as well as for a shorter period—shorter term schools."

IN SOLITUDE

Alone, meditating over what should be, not knowing its reason for surely I have tried hard to so qualify myself to be master of my situation and at my age not only have in my pocket but backed by a good bank account. Not having it forces on my determination to have it as I wish. The coming day no dreading of its duties, but proud of its opportunities. The night stealing upon me not weary from the day finished. Born in fear thank my God for what the passing day has given. In the morning just as the sun is peeping from its hiding and is mellowing the darkness of the early morning, the sweet song of the birds tell us how to welcome the coming day. In the distance we will hear the farmer calling to his neighbor, and the mill: maid her cattle to their morning meal. The cheerful greeting surely will vanish the dread of not receiving all in store for me. Alone; not made sad, like others I to have it to endure.

—S. C. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Franklin and children visited his parents recently in eastern part of the State.

Mrs. W. L. Anderson, of Hayesville and Mrs. Hood, of Atlanta, were guests one day this week of Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mrs. Nettie Axley.

Miss Irene Champion, who has been spending her vacation with relatives and friends at Murphy returned to her position in New York last Saturday.

Mr. M. E. Johnson, of Andrews, passed through Murphy last week on his way to Copperhill, where he is contemplating accepting a position. He also was a business visitor to Asheville the first of the week.

Mr. Harvey H. Davidson, World War veteran, left Thursday morning for Asheville to enter the Oteen Hospital, where he will be given treatment under government supervision for the next several weeks. Mr. Davidson is a son of Mrs. Belle Davidson, of Letitia, and served as a servant in Battery F, 8th Regiment, Field Artillery, and the treatment he receives at Oteen will be from the results of the flu contracted while in the service. His comrades and many friends in the county hope to see him at home again soon much improved in health.

He said, but always reverently love and cherish them, for this is the best evidence of a real education.

COUNTY BUSINESS

Murphy, N. C., Aug. 6, 1929. At a joint meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee county, and the Cherokee County Road Commission, held on the 6th day of August, 1929, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

That whereas, there has heretofore some uncertainty existed in the minds of the citizens of the county relative to the width of the bridges to be maintained by the Board of County Commissioners, and those to be maintained by the Cherokee County Road Commission; the following resolution was passed, each body concurring:

That from and after this date it is understood that all bridges of the width of ten feet, measuring the opening between the buttments at the top and at the narrowest place, and measuring square across from the buttments, shall be maintained by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County; and that all fills and approaches to such bridges shall be constructed and maintained by the Cherokee County Road Commission.

It is further understood and agreed that all bridges and culverts of the width less than ten feet, shall be maintained by the Cherokee County Road Commission.

Done by order of the Board of County Commissioners, and the Cherokee County Road Commission in joint session.

Ordered by the Board that Ben Rose build a bridge across Fish Trap Branch for \$75.00, and \$10.00 for repairing Mart Rogers bridge.

Ordered by the Board that the County of Cherokee put up a reward of \$50.00 for the capture of one Ed. Higdon.

Murphy N. C., Aug. 6, 1929. To the Board of County Commissioners, Cherokee County:

Honorable Sirs: In pursuance to what we understand to be required by law we beg to submit to you herewith our estimate and budget required to maintain the roads of Cherokee county for the year beginning July 1st, 1929, and ending July 1st, 1930.

Budget Requirements	
Machinery and repairs	\$ 3,050.88
Gasoline and oil	1,985.00
Tools, materials and explosives	2,057.25
Labor	21,562.78
Drainage pipe	1,960.00
Treasurer's bond	50.00
Liability insurance	960.00
Commission expense	1,760.00
Retainer to attorney	100.00
Repairing Beaverdam road from Unaka to Tennessee State line	2,000.00
	\$36,816.87

Respectfully submitted, CHEROKEE CO. ROAD COM. By A. Rice, Chairman. Attest: M. L. Mauney, Sec.

Proposal to Build Bridge
The bridge at Appalachia, bridge to be 36 feet long, 12 feet wide, 8 feet high, buttments to be built of logs crib style, 5 stringers 36 feet also top truss and 2 necky beams. All of bridge to be built out of good sound material. Will complete same for \$245.00.
Signed: H. L. MURPHY, DILLARD MORROW.

P.S.—Also the bridge over the Owen Branch which is 16 feet will be completed in the above proposal.

A REQUEST

It is the custom of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society at their business meeting in August to elect officers. I have served as President for the past three years. I now feel that a new President would be better for the society. It would probably create more interest among the members and be better in every way. I have enjoyed the work very much and thank the ladies for the co-operative attitude they have shown in every respect. It has meant much to me.

I want to urge all members to be present at our business meeting on Tuesday August 27th in order that we may elect a new President and re-elect other officers, and appoint committees as the case may be.

MRS. S. S. EVANS

Mr. K. V. Weaver and daughter, Miss Mary, visited relatives at Grover, this week.

MURPHY MAYOR SHOTS MAN WHO ATTACKS HIM AT HOME

S. E. Fox Hunters Meet Etowah, Sept. 2nd to 7th

ETOWAH, TENN., (Special)—Plans are rapidly nearing completion for the Southeastern Foxhunters field trial. Never before in the history of the trials has such interest been manifested as in the coming meet. Hunters from practically every state in the South have already made reservations for the week and letters of inquiry are pouring in to headquarters daily.

Being the first major field trial of the season this meet will be the testing ground for many of the future hounds that will compete for the thousand dollar stake to be held at Nashville later in the fall. Nine of the best field judges in the country have been selected and with an abundance of red fox and wonderful hunting country it will be a great honor to be the owner of the hound that wins in either of the two stakes, with less than two weeks to go the committee at Etowah have had to make more elaborate plans to take care of the increasing numbers making reservation for the hunt. All available horses for the meet have already been reserved and horses will be shipped in from the surrounding towns to try to fill the needs of the hunters.

This field trial is open to any fox-hunter or fox hound in the world. Any person wishing information should address Dr. F. E. Beck, Southeastern Foxhunters Association, Pikeville, Tenn.

M. E. MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAS ALL DAY MEETING

On Tuesday the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met in the ladies parlors of the church for the purpose of studying the Bible Study Book, "Spiritual Adventuring" by Bertha M. Conde.

The meeting was in charge of Mrs. J. H. McCall, superintendent of Mission Study, and was opened by singing "The Kingdom is Coming," prayer by Mrs. Haword P. Powell.

The twelve chapters of the book had been assigned different ladies and the first three chapters were reviewed by Mrs. J. H. Hampton. The fourth, fifth and sixth chapters were presented by Mrs. Porter Axley, Mrs. H. G. Elkins and Mrs. P. H. Sword after which the meeting adjourned for lunch which was served in the dining room of the church; Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor, being a guest of the society for lunch.

The afternoon devotional was in charge of Mrs. L. P. Kinsey and was opened by the singing "The Morning Light is Breaking," prayer from the Bible Study Book led by Mrs. Kinsey who also presented the seventh, eighth and ninth chapters of the book. Mrs. Willard Axley reviewed the tenth and eleventh chapters and was followed by Mrs. Irene Grant who concluded the study.

The meeting was such an interesting and profitable, as well as enjoyable affair, that it was decided to study the Home Mission Book in the same manner at a later date.

Following the program, Mrs. Porter was elected librarian, to have charge of the library of the Missionary Society and all ladies of the Society are asked to donate any books they may have which would add to the Missionary Library.

Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. McCall.

Those present were: Mrs. L. P. Kinsey, Mrs. Susie de Martine, Mrs. Porter Axley, Mrs. J. H. Hampton, Mrs. Howard P. Powell, Mrs. P. A. Mauney, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Mrs. F. H. Sword, Mrs. J. H. McCall, Mrs. W. A. Savage, Mrs. S. D. Akin, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. R. C. Mattox, Mrs. Will Howell, Mrs. Willard Axley, Mrs. Irene Grant, Mrs. E. B. Norvell, and Mrs. H. G. Elkins.

POULTRY PRICES

The following prices will be paid for poultry at car, Murphy, N. C., Tuesday, August 27th, by Farmer's Federation by the arrangement of the Smoky Mountain Mutual Exchange:

Hens, heavy, lb. 20c
light, lb. 18c
Chickens, heavy, lb. 22c
light, lb. 20c
Cocks, lb. 12c
Ducks, lb. 12c
Clean fresh eggs, doz. 35c

Lee Southerland In Serious Condition With Bullet Wound

MR. COOPER IS EXONERATED

Witnesses Say Mayor Tried To Avoid Trouble With Plumber

(Asheville Times)

MURPHY, Aug. 20.—Lee Southerland, 30, plumber, is at his boarding house here within a bullet wound in his right side as the outcome of an attack Monday afternoon upon Mayor Harry P. Cooper at the mayor's home. Southerland's condition is critical but doctors think he will recover.

Immediately after shooting Southerland in the side with a 30-30 revolver, Mayor Cooper surrendered to the chief of police and was given a hearing before Magistrate A. A. Fain. After evidence had been heard the charge against the mayor was dismissed and he was exonerated completely. A number of witnesses were on hand prepared to testify that Southerland had been drinking and that he had repeatedly asserted he intended to "get" the mayor.

Armed with an ice pick and a knife, Southerland about 1 o'clock proceeded to Mayor Cooper's home. He cursed the mayor and was knocked from the front porch by the revolver in Mr. Cooper's hand. Southerland, it is claimed, leaped up to renew the attack with an ice pick in one hand and a knife in the other. Mr. Cooper then fired and Southerland rolled into a ditch, where later he was removed to his boarding house by persons who had earlier in the day attempted to dissuade him from visiting the mayor's home.

Several weeks ago Southerland was given a hearing before Mayor Cooper and fined. He could not pay the fine but was permitted to go free until he could raise the money. He failed to pay the fine and was put in jail. It is thought these circumstances resulted in his animosity toward Mayor Cooper.

Two weeks ago, it is alleged, he stopped the mayor on the edge of town and attempted to start an altercation but the mayor pleaded him and proceeded on his way to Fort Oglethorpe, whence he has just returned from two weeks in officers' training camp.

Friends of Mayor Cooper declare he went to extremes to avoid trouble with Southerland and the situation is a matter of common knowledge here. It is charged Southerland has of late been drinking heavily and has frequently been heard to utter threats against Mayor Cooper. Southerland is unmarried.

Mayor Cooper, an attorney, was a lieutenant-colonel in the World War.

DR. JOHN R. COLLINS PASSES AUGUST 13

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines to the memory of Dr. J. R. Collins who died in Kansas City, Mo., on the night of August 13 from an operation for appendicitis. He left this county in May 1907 and located in Nowata, Okla. It was my good fortune to know him from boyhood and regularly all these years we wrote each other. In a letter to me here is what he said about one of our old pioneer preachers.

"Am enclosing a \$20.00 check which I wish you would split one way with mother and J. F. McGee. I too like him for the reasons you mentioned and for being Rev. McGee 365 1/2 days out of the year. I am sorry to know that our old friend has left us 'gone out to the grave yard to never come back.'"

Born November 22, 1878, graduated in 1906 from Tennessee Medical College, Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins were his parents. His father was sheriff in this county in 1894.

In Nowata, Okla., he left a wife, daughter and four sons, in this county three brothers, W. N. L. B. and A. M. Collins, a number of kinsmen and a host of friends. The remark he referred to about the roll call was made by Rev. J. F. McGee while on his death bed to J. S. Shields and myself.

"It occurs to me, however, that it would be fine to finish the race with as clean a record as I believe him to have—he was guessing mighty close when he remarked about being at the Roll Call."

He was the best man I ever knew to his mother and brothers, and a better, truer, more loyal friend was never my lot to meet.

A FRIEND.