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572 ENTERED MURPHY SCHOOL ON FIRST DAY

Largest Opening Enrollment in History Of School—700 Expected This Week

School opened Monday morning of this week with the largest first day opening in the history of the school, stated Mr. Sipe to a representative of the Scout one day this week. The enrollment for the past four years the first of the school has been as follows, which indicates a substantial increase in enrollment this year over previous years:

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| 1925 at end of first month | 459 |
| 1926 at end of first month | 517 |
| 1927 at end of first month | 555 |
| 1928 at end of first month | 527 |
| 1929 at end of first day | 572 |

The first week of 1929 the enrollment was divided as follows: High School 129, grammar school 248, the first day of this year the enrollment was divided as follows: High School 147, grammar school 427, last year the enrollment for the year was 661. It is expected that this year the total enrollment will reach 700.

There were more visitors for the first day opening this year than there has been at any previous opening. The number varied all the way from 100 to 1,000, according to different estimates. Certainly, it was an impressive delegation and indicated an active interest in the school and the young people of the community.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. J. P. Anderson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, using as a scriptural foundation for his remarks selection from Proverbs. Secretary J. D. Mallonee of the local school board talked of the importance of respect for authority, at home, in school, and in life. Attorney M. W. Bell of the local bar made the principal address of the hour, using as a theme the old adage: "As the twig is bent, so is the tree."

He used a number of biblical characters as well as those drawn from present day life to enforce the characters as well as those drawn from present day life to enforce the character of his topic. Superintendent Sipe then made some remarks with regard to his methods in conducting the school, stressing the fact that it was one of reason—reason in dealing with the children and in dealing with parents. He called on parents to come to the school directly to get information about the school or to straighten out any questions which may arise rather than going to their neighbors and friends with them. Mr. Sipe assured his hearers of a friendly and patient hearing in connection with any matter concerning the school.

Announcement was made of the first meeting of the P-T. A. on Thursday afternoon and all the parents were asked to be present.

Methodist Women Have Good Meeting

The regular business meeting of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society was held Tuesday afternoon in the ladies parlor of the church, with Mrs. A. M. Brittain leader.

The Missionary topic, "Oriental Homes" was presented by Mrs. S. D. Akin and Mrs. J. H. Hampton. Mrs. L. P. Kinsey discussed stewardship in a most interesting way; other members of the society also taking part in the discussion of this very important subject.

At the business session interesting and encouraging reports were given by the chairmen of different committees and by circle treasurers.

The next meeting which will be a social affair, will be held in the church parlors Tuesday afternoon, September 17th.

POULTRY PRICES

The following prices will be paid for poultry at car, Murphy, N. C., Tuesday, September 10, by Farmer's Federation by the arrangement of the Smoky Mountain Mutual Exchange:

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| Hens, heavy, lb. | 20c |
| Hens, light, lb. | 17c |
| Broilers, heavy, lb. | 20c |
| Broilers, light, lb. | 18c |
| Cocks, lb. | 12c |
| Decks, lb. | 12c |
| Clean, fresh eggs, doz. | 40c |
| Heavy broilers, must weight 13 lbs. or more. Light broilers must weigh 1 1/2 lbs. or more. | |

Last Wires and Poles On Business Streets Been Taken Down

The Southern States Power Company completed the task of removing all their wires and poles from the streets of the business section of town this week, and the business section now looks unusually good without the network of wires. The telephone company removed all of their wires from above and placed them in underground conduit several weeks ago. The power company transferred all of its wires to the back of the business buildings and up back streets and alleys.

The task was certainly a job, and if anyone has any doubts about this part of the matter, ask Harve E. King, chief electrician for the Southern States Power Company, who has been working at the job with several assistants for the past month or so. The removal was made without the power being cut off except for a few moments at a time and this is quite a record within itself.

The cost of removing the poles and wires from the front streets was several thousand dollars, and Mr. T. S. Harris, president of the Murphy plant, and the power company are to be commended on the fine spirit of cooperation shown the citizens in taking down and removing the poles and wires.

MRS. DICKEY ENTERTAINS

On Monday evening, August 26th, R. V. W. C. Hendrix of Birmingham, and Mr. W. C. Krosser of Knoxville, were treated to a surprise party by Mrs. Nettie Dickey and the guests of the Dickey Hotel, this date being the birthday anniversary of these two gentlemen.

The table was beautifully decorated with flowers, candies, cakes, "everything" and one of those dinners was served which has made the Dickey Hotel famous in many states. Rev. Powell and Dr. Anderson, local ministers, were present to add their congratulations and their cheerful fellowship. Delightful music was furnished by Mrs. Thomas Axley and others, Mr. Hogen, yodler, and Mr. Collins.

The guests constituted themselves a family circle that made the passing of another milestone on the highway of life a most happy hour to the two journeying pilgrims, who desire in this way to record their gratitude to Mrs. Dickey and all who contributed to make this occasion one to be cherished through future years.

Those present were: Mr. Hendrix, Jr., Mrs. N. E. Olmstead, Mrs. Susie Do Martine, Mrs. Lila C. Moore, Miss Eugenia Moore, Mrs. Sue Skuggs, Mrs. Pearl Woodward, Mrs. Eva Griffith, Miss Hattie Axley, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hubbell, Mr. Neese and family, Mrs. E. H. Walker and son, Mr. S. B. Coffin, Mr. R. L. Harris and many others.

Rev. Hendrix had reached his 60th year and Mr. Wine his 41st, a rather strange coincidence that they should both have happened at the Dickey Hotel on the same day, it being the birthday of each. It was quite an enjoyable affair for all. Long and happily may they live is the wish of a friend.

PROGRAM W. N. C. BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASS'N'

Hangingdog Baptist Church, 6 1/2 miles north of Murphy, September 8, 1929, 2:30 P. M., Murphy time.

Devotional—By Hangingdog Sunday School.

Reports from the Sunday Schools. The Need of Records—David T. Mashburn, Andrews.

The Intelligent Christian—C. W. Bailey, Murphy.

What the Pastor's Attitude Toward the Standard Sunday School Should Be—J. L. Stecie, Murphy.

Roundtable Discussion of Sunday School problems. Announcements. Adjourn.

A special invitation is extended to all pastors, superintendents, and Sunday School workers to be present at this meeting. This is the beginning of a new associational year, and we are planning big things for the future. The progress that has been made since the organization of our Sunday School association will be strikingly shown at this meeting, and we want every Sunday School in the Association to be represented if possible.

Consider this a personal invitation to be there and let's make this the best meeting we have yet held. Yours in the Master's service. W. A. ADAMS, President.

COUNTY SCHOOLS NOW HAVE AID OF A SUPERVISOR

Miss Estelle Mauney Is Native Of County and Well Trained For the Work

Superintendent B. W. Sipe of the Murphy public schools gave out the following statement this week concerning public schools of the county: "During the past three or four years an increasingly large number of children from nearly all parts of the county have come to the Murphy school to do high school work. As this number has increased, it has become more and more apparent to me that in many cases there has been a great lack of foundational work done in many of the county schools. This has not been due to the fault of the schools, the teachers, or of the children, but rather has been due to a combination of causes. Some of these have been as follows:

1. Short school terms and one and two teacher schools.
2. Inexperienced teachers.
3. Lack of teaching equipment and supplies.
4. Inproper classification of children.
5. Almost yearly change of teachers with the result that one year's work has not been tied up to the previous year's work.
6. Lack of knowledge on the part of the teachers as to what should be taught and how it should be taught.
7. An almost complete absence of professional enthusiasm and interest on the part of teachers because of a lack of contact with other teachers.

The physical features of Cherokee county make it almost impossible to overcome some of these causes of poor educational opportunity for the boys and girls of rural Cherokee county. However, it is possible to overcome many of them and it has seemed to me that the rural school supervisor recently employed in the county will be the means of correcting many of the conditions mentioned above. The supervisor will be of untold benefit to the teachers in providing suggestions with regard to subject matter to be taught, schedules, methods of teaching, methods of securing teaching aids, furnishing teaching supplies and materials, and not the least of all, in furnishing a contact between the teachers of the county and thus supplying a stimulus to each teacher to keep up professionally with the best educational thought and methods. The supervisor should be of untold help to the young inexperienced teacher and a welcomed friend in every school house in the county. A county supervisor is an assistant to a county superintendent. She is not an inspector, a "snooper" or fault finder, but a friend of the teacher and one who wants to be of aid to the teaching profession of the county.

It might be well enough to add here that Cherokee county seems particularly fortunate in securing for this work the services of Miss Estelle Mauney, a native of this county. Too often supervisors hurt the work they want to do because they are brought in from the outside and do not understand the people with whom they are to work nor know how to approach them. Miss Mauney has the advantage of knowing the people and their needs, and should for this reason prove an ideal person for the work. Moreover, Miss Mauney is well trained professionally for the work. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, has had several years teaching experience both in rural and city schools and has had special training in Teachers College, Columbia University, in methods of rural supervision.

With such a person as this in touch with the schools of the county, helping and advising with the teachers in solving their many problems, it seems to me that the quality of teaching in, and the quality of the product turned out of the county schools should be materially increased from year to year. This certainly will be of immense value to the children themselves and to the whole educational system of the county, including the organization and administration of the high schools of the county.

Residence of Caldwell county added 100 new Italian onions to their colonies in early August.

LAST TRIBUTE PAID TO BELLE OF THE SIXTIES

Firmen Will Honor Mrs. Lillie H. Coit, Only Woman Ever Made Member of Department

The following letter and newspaper article will be of interest to the people of this section, since Mrs. Coit was well known in this section and her grandparents lived here and their remains now rest on what is known as the Hitchcock property just across the river. Mrs. Nettie Dickey received the letter several days ago from Miss Kate Hunter, enclosing the newspaper clipping. The letter follows:

Falstein, Texas, Aug. 27, 1929

Dear Mrs. Dickey: Your letter was awaiting me when I returned home a week ago. I stayed there for a week in San Francisco and my cousin passed away. She was loved, dearly loved, and the remains will be in my home. I am sorry to hear of the death of your mother, father and husband. She had him moved to the Mississippi her mother's home. I am sorry to hear of the death of her estate went to my father's children, to the University of California and of Maryland and the city of San Francisco. She left fifty thousand dollars for a monument to the firm in San Francisco, and she left ten thousand dollars for a memorial to be erected over her grandfather's and grandmother's graves there on the Huntington estate at Murphy. I was so glad of this because lonely graves like that are likely to be lost in time.

I would like to come to Murphy when they put it up, and I told Mr. Greene, her business manager, that I thought it would be appropriate to have it built of marble either from the estate or from Murphy. It will be around a year, I think, before they get to it.

Do you know where I can find the inscriptions that were once on the graves—their names only, are there now. Is it a matter of record at the court house, or in a file of the old newspapers? I would so much appreciate your help along this line. She left quite a number or smaller (Continued on Page Eight.)

SOME NEWS OMITTED

Several live news articles had to be omitted this week because of a lack of space and time for putting into type. They will appear next week. We are trying to get back on schedule with the appearance of the paper, and dislike to leave out any current news, and ask again for the co-operation of our readers and contributors.

DANCE CLOSÉS CANTON LABOR DAY PROGRAM

7,000 ATTEND BIGGEST CELEBRATION OF KIND EVER HELD IN SECTION

CANTON, Sept. 3.—A street dance in which nearly 200 couples took part Monday night ended the greatest Labor Day celebration ever held here. It was estimated that over 7,000 people visited Canton to witness the numerous activities during the day.

The crowning of Miss Glennie Coman, of Waynesville, who had been selected as Miss Labor Day by a committee of judges during the morning parade, was a feature of the program Monday night. She was crowned by Lieutenant-Governor Fountain. Music for the ceremony was furnished by the Charlotte Concert band.

A free open-air movie, band concerts, and the street dance made up the remainder of the program.

Judges of the parade were C. E. Smith, of the Champion Fibre company, R. D. Coleman, town clerk, W. S. Mason, secretary of the Canton Chamber of commerce, Sam M. Robinson, attorney, and N. R. Wild, paymaster of the Champion Fibre company. Besides the judges who occupied the reviewing stand with Mayor D. J. Kerr were a number of out of town guests including Lieutenant-Governor R. T. Fountain of Rocky Mount, Mayor H. P. Cooper of Murphy, and Dr. A. J. L. Moritz and C. Vanderhoove of the American Enka Corporation.—Asheville Times.

Distributors are welcomed. Sign your name and we will be printed. Help to keep this column sane.

BY OLE MAN MURPHY HISSELF

Hampton Brothers have done a fine thing for us in establishing Midway Lake. And golf course. And picnic and camping grounds. Something for those of every age.

The lake for swimming and water for drinking has been passed upon by the county health officer, and found alright. The place is kept clean, and is well-managed.

And we are glad to see it well-patronized. An infallible sign that the people appreciate it.

Speaking of golf, we hear it murmured that a group of men are going to buy a place on Martin's Creek and develop it. Golf course and country club house. Sounds good.

Most of us do not play, but we like to see it played. AND we like to see a GOOD course would be a wonderful drawing card for our town.

And most towns our size have a country club and at least one good golf course.

Wendell Scout Master Howard P. Powell, also Chairman of Lions Club Committee on Boys Work, we understand. We admire any man that will take the time to do this work among boys. And he does it well.

We regret the loss of Mrs. Kathleen Warren, who was doing similar work among Camp-Fire Girls. This was probably her most important work, and she was well adapted to it.

We hope her successor carries on the important work she inaugurated. Every girl should be a Camp-Fire Girl. Every boy a Boy Scout.

We saw three cars being driven today by boys under sixteen years of age. Wonder if there is a law prohibiting that?

And we were almost run down by two cars yesterday driven by women. We know there is no law prohibiting that.

City and country drivers' license would make the risks fewer, and would be a means of some revenue. And we are related to someone who owns an automobile, too.

We learn that a local boy has bought the Murphy Steam Laundry. This is as it should be. And he says business is good. More power to him.

Is there anything more striking in a block of neat business buildings than an old, dilapidated wooden or tin building?

In this day and time neat buildings are expected. And natives and tourists wonder why the others are allowed to stand. Call to Civic Pride.

Did you ever pass through a town in the spring and observe the beauty of native shrubs in bloom? on practically every lawn. Native pride.

Did you know that the native dog-wood and laurel and rhododendron would grow on your lawn? And have you ever thought how beautiful it would be? And inexpensive? And little trouble?

And did you know that this fall would be an excellent time to get them?

Someone said that someone was appointed a long time ago to start that movement. But we have forgotten who and when. And we see but few of either on our lawns.

In our neighboring county of Jackson the bankers have estimated that between ninety and one hundred thousand dollars are paid out each month to automobile companies. A good payroll. And ours is probably more, being the buying center of five counties.

And ten years from now ten times that amount will be paid out each month for airplanes.

But what would you? Mustn't you?

W. York has been elected president and I. P. Amfield secretary of the Surry County Board of Agriculture.