

**Ole Man Murphy Says**

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BY OLE MAN MURPHY HIS-SELF

The Carolina Motor Club announces that several thousand more automobiles have been sold to date in this State than were sold by the same date last year. Prosperity? That is where our money goes, you might say.

But the same announcement says that forty-three percent of the sales were made for cash. A large increase in cash sales to the same date last year.

That really means prosperity, and ready cash on hand. People have it, but don't want to turn it loose. Unless for necessities—such as automobiles.

On the other hand, automobiles are not the luxury they once were. More and more they are being used in business. More and more the working man is using them for transportation to and from work. Permitting him to live where he wishes, and live economically.

The German scientist shows the way. And an American Company, the Goodyear-Zeppelin Company, of Ohio, are beginning the construction of two massive lighter-than-air ships that will carry over one hundred passengers, in addition to the crew.

Unlike golf, which, as Bugs Bear says is like marriage, easy to get into but with a terrible upkeep. Air Transportation will be the economical mode of travel in a few short years.

The competition of organizations controlling millions, such as Transcontinental Air Lines Inc., Boeing Air Service Inc., Henry Ford and The City National Bank of New York, with the best engineering talent in the country, will produce results. More power to them.

Five years from now every town will need an air port. Ten years from now every town will have an air port. Which reminds us to ask what became of the movement on foot last fall to secure a landing field?

Hair is longer, dresses are longer. Dress and stocking materials are less transparent. Or is it our failing eyesight?

Short hair is becoming to nine out of ten girls, and infinitely more comfortable and sanitary. And easily cared for.

If we were a girl that is one thing we would retain, the short hair. And dresses. And have them thin enough for comfort. We are writing in September. February, with us, would probably call for thicker materials.

But the scientists have it that the less amount of clothing worn, the healthier one is. And it sounds reasonable. And we hope its true.

A few months ago O. Max Gardner, Governor of the State of North Carolina, called the heads of various state departments together and said "Economize," for his State was facing a deficit of \$2,000,000.00 for 1929. All budgets were curtailed. Good business.

Then last night's paper stated that revenues to August 1 were above \$1,500,000.00 over those of the same date last year. Mostly due to the increase in gasoline tax rate, and increase in sales of automobile license plates, more automobiles. So there will be no deficit.

It was good business on the part of Governor Gardner a business man, to look ahead and prepare to meet a deficit. But each native North Carolinian will be proud to know that at the end of the year there will be a surplus in the State Treasury, like there was last year, instead of a deficit.

North Carolina roads are paying for themselves. The budgets of the various State Departments will not be curtailed. Progress will go on. And one of these days some little Representative or Senator will suggest that some of the revenue supposed to be used for the building and maintenance of highways be diverted to some other purpose. And on that day the said Representative or Senator should be quartered and hamstrung.

Our roads must be maintained, more roads must be built and those already built must be widened. This

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## ROTATION BUILDS CROPS ON ALEXANDER CO. FARM

When the commissioners of Alexander county placed the county home under the supervision of the farm demonstration agent seven years ago, it was conceded to be the poorest piece of land in the county. Now it is a profitable farm.

A. A. Miller was county farm agent when the responsibility was placed on that office. The first thing he did was to call in the State College extension agronomist and have him devise a system of crop rotations that could be followed through a period of years and which would add to the fertility of the land. The agronomist first made a survey of the situation; next, he advised consolidating some of the small patches into larger fields. One or two small woods areas were cleared and three good fields were finally obtained.

On these, a three-year crop rotation was planned. Corn and soybeans the first year, followed by wheat the second season and lespedeza and soybeans the third were decided upon. Red clover was tried for three years but was discarded as being inferior to lespedeza. Since 1923, there have been three boaris of commissioners, three farm superintendents and two county agents but the rotation has been systematically followed, especially since the present farm agent, D. H. Osborne has been in the county.

To show the changes that have come about through following the rotation, in 1924, there were 83 bushels of corn produced on the place. The records show that 200 bushels were made in 1925; 335 bushels in 1926; 500 bushels in 1927, and 643 bushels in 1928. The record with wheat has been nearly as good and more hay and roughage is produced than can be consumed by the present herd of cattle. Hogs and hens supply an adequate supply of meat and eggs with a surplus for sale. Little fertilizer is used though the land has been well limed. Legumes add nitrogen to the soil and build up the fertility of the sand.

## WOMANS CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING FOR YEAR 1929-30

The first regular meeting of the Murphy Woman's Club for the year 1929-30 was held in the club room Wednesday afternoon, September 18, with Mrs. W. M. Axley, president, presiding.

The regular routine business was transacted; the reports from the chairmen of the different committees showing that progress is being made in each department.

The new programs for the year were distributed by Mrs. J. W. Davidson, chairman program committee. Last year the club studied "Know Your Own State, North Carolina," and the programs covered from the settlement of the state to the present day—her geography; natural resources, etc. This year the outstanding men who have been "Makers of North Carolina History" will be studied. The lives of the first men studied were: William R. Davie, Nathaniel Macon, presented by Mrs. J. P. Anderson, and Archibald D. Murphy, William Gaston, presented by Mrs. B. W. Sipe. These papers were of special interest and for the benefit of those who did not hear the program they are being printed in full in another part of the Scout.

The club was delighted to welcome as a new member, Mrs. Susie de Martin.

At the next meeting of the club the lives of George E. Badger, David Mrs. C. W. Savage, with music by L. Swain and Thomas Ruffin will be presented by Mrs. E. G. White and Mrs. H. H. Keener.

can be done and progress still be maintained in the schools, public health and public welfare work, and all other branches. "Let no man touch our road money."

And being on the subject, let us reiterate that the City Fathers are still making wonderful improvements on our side streets. More power to them.

And our friend Stikeleather is letting no grass grow under his feet in getting work started on Route No 28 to the Tennessee State line. They mean to keep that road passable all winter, it is reported. The residents along that route will finally learn what it means to be able to come to town after necessities in winter without making an all day trip off, walking part of the way and using the train for the balance. Mr. Stikeleather has always done what he could for us, and more than our share has gone on Cherokee roads. We have not always shown our appreciation.

## ANDREWS WOMAN DIES AT CANTON

MISS ADDIE LEATHERWOOD PASSES AWAY IN HER 78TH YEAR

CANTON, Sept. 25.—Miss Addie Leatherwood, 78, beloved by many friends who knew her as "Aunt Ad," died here today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fain Russell, Miss Leatherwood, whose home was in Andrews, was the great-aunt of Mrs. Russell. She had been living alone in Andrews for several years, but was brought here recently after becoming ill. She died of pneumonia.

Miss Leatherwood was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leatherwood, of Haywood and Cherokee counties.

The body will be taken to Andrews tomorrow. Funeral service will be held at the Baptist Church there at 2 o'clock. Miss Leatherwood was an active member of the church.

The Rev. A. V. Joyner, of the First Baptist Church of Canton, and the Rev. Mr. Zeitz, of Beta, former pastor of the church of which Miss Leatherwood was a member, will officiate. Pallbearers will be young men of the Andrews community.

Surviving are one brother, John Leatherwood, of Murphy, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Hayes, of Canton, and Mrs. Emily Hyatt, of Athens, Tenn.

## BYRD ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION IS IN NEED OF COFFEE

11,000 Mile Radio Message Reports Shortage Of Coffee In Little America

A brief radio message bearing an urgent request for five hundred additional pounds of coffee has been received from the Byrd Antarctic Expedition Base on the Ice Barrier Little America.

Within the short space of about one year the members of this expedition have consumed almost the entire original shipment of two and one half tons of Bokar Coffee. This quantity of coffee means 5,000 one pound tins, enough to supply a normal family for more than ten years.

It is natural for the men on Little America, where they are enduring the bitterest cold known to man, to have a keen desire for a steaming hot cup of this stimulating beverage and this huge consumption of coffee is a certain sign of their liking the particular brand that is served.

Their request for coffee is being answered immediately by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. A shipment of five hundred pounds of Bokar Coffee, of which the A. & P. food stores sell more than one million pounds a month, is being sent on the whaling vessel, Nielson-Alonso, which left Norfolk this week and is sailing direct to the ice barrier on which the expedition is encamped. This will reach the ice barrier around Christmas as it is impossible for a ship to break through before that time.

## MISS HEIGHWAY ENTERTAINS

Circle No. 3 of the Woman's Society of the Methodist church met on Monday afternoon with Miss Josephine Heighway as hostess. Twelve members were present.

The Scripture lesson from Acts third chapter was read and commented upon by Mrs. Kinsey. Mrs. Keron followed with an earnest prayer. Mrs. Norvell presented a very timely article "No easy time for the church of today," which appeared in the last issue of the N. C. Advocate.

Dues were collected and the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Powell. Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by the guests at the close of the program.

All members of the different Circles are urged to attend the zone meeting of the Missionary Society of the church at Andrews on Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock, Murphy time. Those who will depend upon the bus for transportation must leave at 7:30 A. M. from the bus station.

## HAYESVILLE VS. BRYSON

Hayesville High's Blue Tornado left this morning for Bryson City for a return game this afternoon on the Bryson City gridiron. After their victory of the first game of the season the boys are in fine spirits and expect to win if not, give Bryson a hard game.—Clay County News.

## MORE GIRLS THAN BOYS NOW IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Girls are attending the public high schools of the state in larger numbers and more regularly than boys, according to statistics collected by the State Department of Public Instruction. During the year 1928-29 there were 43,339 white boys and 53,400 white girls enrolled in public high schools, or over 10,000 more girls than boys. Fifty-five percent of the total white high school enrollment of 96,739, and 67 percent of the total colored high school enrollment of 13,218, are girls.

On the basis of rural and city schools this percentage distribution is practically the same—44 percent of the rural white enrollment and 46 percent of city high school enrollment are boys. These percentage distributions are approximately the same as they were five years ago, 1923-24, when 44.5 percent of the total white high school enrollment of 58,784 was boys.

Not only do more girls attend high school, but figures show that they also attend more regularly. Whereas, an average of only 83 boys out of each 100 enrolled attend daily, 86 girls make this record. Boys in city schools attend slightly better than do their country cousins—city boys 84 percent and rural boys 82 percent.

Figures also show that at the close of the school year 1928-29, there were 4,668 white boys and 7,477 white girls who graduated from the public high schools, 38 percent boys and 62 percent girls. The differences are greater for the colored race, 31 percent boys and 69 percent girls out of a total of 1,484 graduates.

A slightly larger percentage of city boys graduate than do rural boys—37.5 percent of the total rural graduates are boys, whereas 40.1 percent of the city graduates are boys. The number of rural white girls who graduated from high school exceeded the number of rural white boys by nearly 2,000.

## MISS NANCY O. DEVERS MEETS WITH CHEROKEE CO. TEACHERS

Saturday September 21, the second county-wide teachers' meeting was held in the auditorium of the Murphy high school.

Miss Nancy O. Devers, State Supervisor of Schools, spoke to the teachers about the changes in the course of study. The following is the entire program:

- General Conference
- The importance of attendance, Supt. A. L. Martin.
- Community and school cooperation, Mrs. E. G. White.
- The course of study, Miss Nancy O. Devers.
- Elementary
- Reading in the elementary grades, N. O. Kilpatrick.
- Primary
- Reading in the primary grades, Mrs. Wessel.

## FIRST BAPTIST W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church held its meeting on Tuesday afternoon in the ladies parlor of the church.

Mrs. Moody, the president, was in charge of the meeting. A hymn, "O Worship the King," opened the service, after which the watchword and the twenty-third Psalm were repeated.

Miss Sara Cook spoke on "The Historic Attitude Toward Women." Mrs. Dewese discussed, "Jesus' Attitude Toward Women." Mrs. Murray spoke on, "Women and the New World," and Mrs. Fred Christopher on, "The American Woman and Her Responsibility." The Society then engaged in sentence prayers. Miss Cook and Mrs. Neil Davidson were appointed as a program committee.

At the close of the meeting, the pastor was sent for and when he came in he found a table on which were a large number of gifts and a cake with twenty-nine candles. After opening the gifts, he expressed his appreciation to the women for their loyalty and support, their untiring service to the church and for their remembrance of his birthday.

## POULTRY PRICES

The following prices will be paid for poultry at car, Murphy, N. C., Tuesday, October 1st, by Farmers' Federation by the arrangement of the Smoke Mountain Mutual Exchange:

Hens, heavy, lb.	20c
Hens, light, lb.	15c
Chickens, heavy	22c
Chickens, light, lb.	20c
Cocks, lb.	10c
Ducks, lb.	15c
Eggs, dozen	34c

## CHEROKEE CO. FAIR OPENS ON NEXT WED.

Amusements This Year Larger And Expect Fair To Be Bigger And Better Than Ever

Officials of the Cherokee County Fair Association this week stated that they expected this year's fair to live up to the slogan of the Association: "Bigger and Better than Ever." In spite of the rain, preparations are going forward in anticipation of the opening of the gates to the Fair Grounds on next Wednesday morning. The fair will last four days, beginning on October 2 and closing on the 5th.

The old buildings on the fair grounds have been put in order and some additional work done for the Women's Department, including art work, needlecraft, and household departments. An addition is being completed to the livestock building so as to make it capable of housing about 15 more animals this year. It is expected, therefore, that ample protection and care will be afforded all cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry and other livestock exhibited, and increased interest is expected in these departments.

In order to provide for expansion of the fair, a large weather proof tent has been provided especially for the baby show. It is the plan of fair officials to conduct the baby show on a purely scientific basis this year. The county health officer, the county health nurse, and a nurse from the State Health Department will be in charge of the baby show this year. Comfortable quarters will be provided for the babies and they will be judged strictly according to medical score cards. The secretary stated this week that all those contemplating entering their babies in the baby show should make this known the first day of the fair and get instructions as to how to go about it. This being conducted this year on a high is not a new department, but it is being conducted this year on a higher plan.

The race track on the fair grounds has been regraded and while the catalogue does not carry any awards for the races, these awards will be announced on daily handbills. Those who have horses to ride in these races are invited and urged to bring them to the fair and apply to the manager for instructions. These races are open to the same counties as are the other departments of the fair. It has been two or three years since races were held, but there has been a constant interest in these events and they are being put on again this year in response to requests from a number of racing enthusiasts.

The A. & B. Amusement Company, playing in Asheville this week, will furnish the mid-way attractions. This carnival company has a good reputation and is larger than the carnivals playing the fair during the past year or two. There will be four rides, a number of shows and something over thirty concessions in the company. This company has been playing the Indian fair for a number of years and will go there again this year for the week following the fair here.

Of general interest as an amusement feature will be the athletic contests on the grounds. These will include several basketball games between schools of adjoining counties and a football game between game between Hayesville high school and the Cherokee Indians.

The regular departments of the fair, it is expected, will make their usual god showing, especially the flowers, horticulture, and farm crops divisions. The largest attendance in the history of the fair is expected. Fair officials made it plain that sufficient funds were in hand or in sight to meet all requirements and urged every farmer in Cherokee and adjoining counties to get in the competition for the hundreds of dollars thus to be distributed, as well as for the ribbons.

## MRS. ELLIS ENTERTAINS

Mrs. G. W. Ellis entertained circle No. 1 of the Methodist Missionary Society Tuesday afternoon at her home on Harding Street. Mrs. Howard P. Powell had charge of the devotional period. After the regular business session the hostess served a delightful salad course.

Those enjoying Mrs. Ellis' hospitality were Mesdames Howard P. Powell, R. C. Mattox, W. T. Cooper, E. C. Mallonee, H. E. Dickey, J. H. Hampton, A. A. Fain and Miss Mary Beal.