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CHEROKEE BANK WEATHERS STORM 'PUBLIC HYSTERIA'

Conditions Quiet and Business as Usual Follows Closing of Bank Of Murphy Saturday

The Cherokee Bank successfully weathered the storm of "public hysteria" which Saturday morning forced the closing of the Bank of Murphy for the protection of the depositors, and threatened to cause a "run" on the town's other bank.

It was a bunch of level-headed, grim-faced and determined business men which gathered Saturday morning at the call of the president of the Cherokee Bank and took emergency steps to prevent a run on the bank's cash by hysterical depositors. Yet they succeeded in stemming the tide, friends of the institution rallied to its aid, expressed their confidence and faith in the bank and its officers, and the bank continued on under the sign "business as usual."

It was considered as a miracle by many, and is perhaps without parallel that the bank succeeded in keeping its doors open in the face of the failure of many other banks practically all over Western Carolina which was swept by what has been termed "public hysteria" following the closing of the Central Bank and Trust Company, of Asheville.

Bank Thanks People

The Cherokee Bank expressed its gratitude and appreciation in a signed statement for the press, as follows:

We, the undersigned officers of the Cherokee Bank wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to our many friends and the public in general, for their loyal support and hearty cooperation during the past few days when financial depression and excitement has prevailed over a great portion of our land. We have felt confident and have known that our institution was resting on a firm financial basis but on account of the closing of several of the banks in the State, it is our natural that there should be anxiety on the part of some, but those who know the situation understand fully that the closing of many, if not all, of the State banks as well as those in other States has been caused by purely local conditions. The bank examiners, not only in North Carolina, but in the North and the South, states that banking conditions in the South are excellent, and there is no reason to feel any anxiety or fear as to their ability to stand the strain of general financial unrest.

We thank you, one and all, for your confidence and support in the past, and wish to assure you that we will continue to serve you with the assurance that our banking institution is on a safe financial foundation, and with your continued loyalty, and with Divine Help, we will all march forward to nobler service in the future.

Faithfully yours,

E. A. DAVIDSON, Pres.

J. B. STOREY, Cashier

CHAS. W. CARRINGER,

Asst. Cashier.

"Children of Old Carolina"

"Children of Old Carolina" is a historical pageant that tells of the story of our state from the "Last Colony" down to its present magnificence. Striking features and beautiful scenes, songs, dances folk games and tasks of the periods. Speeches are brief and simply help to carry on the story. Costumes and music give the effect of moving pictures.

Important scenes represented in the pageant are:

- I—Children of the Lost Colony.
- II—Children of the Primeval Days
- III—Children of Old Colonial Days
- IV—Children of the West.
- V—Children of the Revolution.
- VI—Children of Old Plantation Days.

- VII—Children of the Confederacy
- VIII—Children of the New Freedom
- IX—Children of Today.

Some of the important characters are: Father Time, Sir Walter Raleigh, Manteo, Edward Mosely, Daniel Boone, Cornelius Harnett, Governors Graham, Vance and Aycock.

Various committees are actively at work under the direction of Miss Lively.

Make your plans now to see the children of today in "Children of Old Carolina" Thursday evening Dec. 4, at 7:30 o'clock, Murphy School Auditorium.

Look at the label on your paper and see that your paper is not in arrears.

A Correction

In the Extra Edition printed Saturday morning, the Scout wishes to correct an error with reference to the day of heavy withdrawals from the Bank of Murphy. It was Friday instead of Thursday, as was stated. The edition was gotten out in exactly four hours from the time work was started on it, and of course with only two men working on it, writing, setting type, and making up—everything was done in a terrible rush, and during the attendant excitement the dates were switched and not noticed until sometime later.

The Bank examiner has been going over the bank's records all this week and will complete his work about Saturday. Officials of the closed bank stated that they did not have any statement to make as to definite plans to be adopted until after the audit was completed and the Corporation Commission had made its report.

XMAS CHEER FUND STARTED BY LIONS CLUB

\$50 Donated and Committee Named Tuesday Night To Co-operate With Town Organizations

The Murphy Lions voted Tuesday night to donate \$50.00 to a community Christmas cheer fund to be used in bringing comfort and cheer to the needy families during the coming Yuletide Season, and a committee composed of T. P. Hawkins, chairman, E. W. Gray, and T. L. Duffree, to cooperate with the other clubs of the town and pastors of the churches in seeking out and determining the needs of families to benefit from this fund. They are also to see and cooperate with the other organizations in helping to raise more funds for this purpose.

The meeting Tuesday night was interesting, and marked the beginning of the contest between the sheep and the goats of the club. They were evenly divided two weeks ago, and the losing side to give the winners a banquet and other entertainment. The sides were evenly matched Tuesday night.

Lion T. L. Duffree was welcomed by the President as a new member. Lion Powell, pastor of the Methodist church, was welcomed back to the club and community for another year of service here. Dr. N. B. Adams was welcomed in the place of his son, Dr. Edw. E. Adams, who is in Knoxville taking treatment at a hospital.

Lion Powell reported that he was making arrangements for the Father and Son Banquet, and hoped to be prepared to make some definite announcement as to the speaker at the next meeting.

President Fain read a letter from J. W. Gilaspie, in which Mr. Gilaspie stated definitely that he would not operate the cannery next year. One was read also from J. G. Markham, who was in charge of the Murphy plant, expressing his regrets that his company seem fit not to operate the cannery another year, and expressed best wishes to his friends and associates here.

The following were present: Sheep—Adams, Powell, Gray, Bailey, Elkens, and Moore. Goat—Fain, Hawkins, Johnson, Salisbury, Pendley, and Duffree.

Miss Mauney Visits Schools of E. Carolina

Miss Estelle Mauney, accompanied by Miss Pearl Martin and Mrs. J. H. McCall, left Friday for an extended visit to Eastern Carolina. While in Raleigh, Miss Mauney and Miss Martin, will be the guests of Miss Hattie Parrott, State Supervisor of Rural Education and Miss Ann Holford, Supervisor of Wake County Schools. Here they will visit the Raleigh City Schools and Wake County Schools. From Raleigh Miss Mauney and Miss Martin will go to "Beaufort by the Sea" there to be the guests of Miss Margaret Gustin, Supervisor, and to be carried on an inspection tour of the Cataret County Schools.

NEW OFFICERS OF COUNTY TO TAKE OFFICE

Will Be Sworn in and Assume Reigns of Government Monday Morning

The new county officers will take charge of the county government on Monday morning, December 1st, and with the changing of the county officers a number of changes in the policy are expected to be made, as will likewise several appointive offices.

Following is the platform of both political parties upon which the race was made prior to the election on November 4th in which the Democrats won three places and gave the Republicans hot races in the other contests. Whether the parties will seek to re-ordinate their efforts yet remains to be seen, however, in some instances, planks in the two platforms are identical, as a perusal of both will reveal.

The Republican Platform follows:

"1. The time has come when taxes must be reduced, and to that end we favor a further reduction of the road tax to a rate lower than is now levied.

"2. We commend the action of the Republican Board of County Commissioners in making the reduction of fifteen cents for the current year.

"3. We favor the repeal of the Dillard Road Law.

"4. We favor the enactment of a law creating a uniform system of taxation for the support of the public schools.

"5. We favor abolishing the whole time health officer and his staff, and such other officers as will be consistent with the efficient carrying on of the affairs of the county.

"6. We favor the election of all officers by the people.

"7. Real estate is carrying a great deal more than its share of the taxes, and the burden has become staggering. We favor fair and just tax laws, whereby the burden will be lifted from real estate and the farmer and placed on those better able to carry the burden."

The Democratic Platform follows:

"1. We are in favor of a State wide school system for all of the public schools of the state.

"2. We are in favor of a reduction in taxes for Cherokee county and for a more economical expenditure of the money collected for tax and to that end we declare ourselves to be in favor of abolishing the All Time Health Office for Cherokee County, to discontinue the School Supervisor, to abolish the office of County Auditor and require the Register of Deeds and Sheriff to perform the small duties of the Auditor, and require the salary of the Superintendent of the County Home be reduced.

"3. That whereas the State has taken over most of the roads of the county, we are in favor of repealing the Dillard Law and all amendments thereto by which the Cherokee County Highway Commission was created.

List New Officers

Following are the officers who will be inducted into office Monday:

County Commissioners, two Republicans and one Democrat, as follows: E. L. Townson, r, J. M. Lovingood, r, and Lee Shields, d, to succeed Dr. J. W. S. Davis, W. J. Martin and T. D. Hickey, all republicans.

John Keener republican, takes office as Clerk of the Superior Court, succeeding P. C. Hyatt democrat.

Frank Bristol, republican, takes over the Sheriff's office, succeeding N. W. Abernathy, republican.

B. L. Padgett, democrat, takes over the office of Register of Deeds, succeeding W. A. Boyd, republican.

W. A. Adams, republican, succeeds himself in the office of county surveyor, and likewise, Dr. S. C. Heighway, republican, succeeds himself as coroner.

Col. John H. Dillard is the other Democrat winning in the county, as representative, and will take his seat when the Legislature meets next January. E. P. Hawkins, republican, was the last representative.

XMAS SEAL SALE TO BEGIN FRIDAY

The Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale begins Friday, November 28, and will be sponsored again this year by the Woman's Club, with Mrs. C. W. Savage as chairman.

WHY THIS PAPER

The readers of The Scout are receiving this copy in addition to the regular edition of the paper this week due to the fact that the legal advertising was omitted from the regular edition. In making up the paper, the legal advertising of the Clay County News was used and the "switch" was not discovered until our attention was called to it.

BOOK WEEK IS SUCCESS

The annual observance of Book Week at the Carnegie library last week, was perhaps the most successful and most enjoyable yet held. Miss Heighway had the rooms most attractively decorated, with beautiful new books on display, and in this setting, the children were grouped around the story tellers each afternoon in rapt attention.

Story tellers Wednesday afternoon were: Miss Eloise Fain, Miss Adella Meroney and Michael Fryga. On Thursday afternoon, Misses Grace Hyatt, Pearl McNabb, Mattie Lou McNabb, Arrie Harris and Maude Lockery, from the Teachers' Training School. On Friday afternoon, the children came dressed to represent their favorite book characters and were entertained with stories by Miss Lela Hayes, of the public school faculty.

Following is a list of books donated by friends of the library:

From Mrs. W. H. Travis of Philadelphia, Pa.:

The Boyhood of Great Men, The Wind Wagon, The Magic Soap Bubbles, The Magic Umbrella, The Cruise of Noah's Ark, all by Cory.

The Little Washingtons, The Little Washingtons at School, The Little Washingtons Holidays, by Roy, and Marie Claires' Workshop, by Andoux.

Mrs. Bascom R. Carroll presented Robinson "Smiles", Royal Road to Romance, by Halliburton, and Favorite Poems, were presented by Mrs. Susie de Martine, and Gospel Pictures and Story Sermons, by Whittle, presented by Michael Fryga.

List of Books purchased by the library:

Bryant—Children's Book of Celebrated Pictures.

Milton—Book of Stars for Young People.

Barbour—Candidate for the Line.

Bates—The Sunny Spain.

Spyri—Mori the Goat Boy.

Rowe—My Magic Storyland.

Anderson's Fairy Tales.

Perkins—The Japanese Twins.

Perkins—The Irish Twins.

Verne—Around the World in Eighty Days.

Barbour—The Half Back.

Turner—Aircraft of Today.

Field—Poems of Childhood.

Roosevelt—Letters to His Children.

Terhune—Lad, a Dog.

Spyri—Little Miss Grasshopper.

Andrews—Stories Mother Nature Told Her Children.

Harper—Story Hour Favorites.

Browning—Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Dodge—Donald and Dorothy.

Who's Who in America 1930-31.

Peterkin—Black April.

Durant—Story of Philosophy.

Wells—Outline of History.

Grey—The Shepherd of Gaudaloupe.

Norris—Passion Flower.

Bailey—Wild Wind.

Best—Gorram, the Hunter.

Mrs. R. C. Mattox and son, H. A., left Wednesday for Knoxville, Tenn., to spend the Thanksgiving Holidays with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Frank McDonald. From there they will go to Alco, Tenn., to visit Mrs. Carl Knight, sister of Mrs. Mattox.

CLAY COUNTY BANK CLOSES

Follows Crash of Central Bank & Trust Co. of Asheville

Word was received in Hayesville about noon last Thursday of the closing of the Central Bank & Trust Company, one of Asheville's largest banking houses. Immediately upon this information, the directors of the Clay County Bank ordered it closed, and no run was made on the bank here. The Central Bank & Trust Co. was the corresponding bank for the Clay County Bank and at the time of its closing the Clay County Bank had a considerable sum of money in the Central Bank, which is the principal reason for the closing of the local bank.

Mr. J. A. Chambers, president of the bank makes the following statement: Mr. Blake, State Auditor, is now in the bank going over the books making a complete audit, and if conditions are found favorable the bank will be re-opened in the near future. Signed, J. A. CHAMBERS, President.

Smokey Mountain Mutual Exchange Will Meet Here

A very interesting meeting of the directors of the Smokey Mountain Mutual Exchange was held in the office of County Agent E. D. Bowditch Sat. Nov. 22. This organization of poultry growers of the counties of Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Cherokee and Clay.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss marketing of poultry and eggs in the Southern Railroad from Hayesville and Murphy to Asheville. Plans to select one member of this organization to go to Raleigh in December to meet with directors of similar organizations from over the State and also with Mr. Snelling, member of the Federal Farm Board. The meeting in Raleigh will go into the marketing as a State and have the Federal Farm Board to help in any way it possibly can in the service of marketing poultry and eggs.

Plans are now under way to hold another meeting of this group some time in January to complete the arrangements for handling poultry and eggs from this section during next year.

Mr. John W. Goodman, District Agent, meets with the directors here today.

P. M. Scroggs Dies At Sylva Hospital

The citizens of Hayesville and community were shocked early Saturday morning when they learned of the death early Friday night of Mr. P. M. Scroggs, at the hospital in Sylva where he had been taken only the day before for treatment following a five weeks' illness with flu and complications. Heart failure was the direct cause of Mr. Scroggs' death.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the Hayesville Methodist church, by Rev. O. E. Croy, pastor of the church. Mr. Scroggs was laid to rest in the Methodist cemetery by his father and other relatives.

Paul Matheson Scroggs was born September 1, 1885. He was the son of the late John O. Scroggs who passed this life in 1926. His mother died sometime 25 years ago. He is survived by his step-mother, one brother, Mr. Pearl C. Scroggs, of this place, and three sisters, Mrs. Jarrett Thompson and Mrs. Ralph Beal of Hayesville, and Mrs. John Swanson, of Canton, N. C., an older sister, Carrie and younger brother, Neal, passed on some years ago. He is also survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary Standridge. Also his four daughters, Misses Myrtle, Pansy, Tonnie and Margie, all of Hayesville.

Mr. Scroggs was a man everybody liked, he always had a kind word and cheery smile for everybody. He will be greatly missed in the community.

He was a member of the local Junior Order, a merchant in Hayesville for a number of years, and held responsible positions with different firms in Western North Carolina.

His ability as a store salesman was the best to be found.

The sympathy of the entire community is with Mrs. Scroggs and her daughters.

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