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LIONS HAVE GOOD MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

Decision Made By Lions To Get Behind Farm Movement In County

The Murphy Lions Club held their regular meeting at the Lions' Den at the Regal Hotel Tuesday evening, February 9th, after having their six o'clock dinner in the main dining room, at a table regularly reserved for them. This last is a new feature, and the members express themselves as well pleased with it.

The president, Lion W. M. Fain, made several interesting and encouraging reports. He represented the Lions Club and Murphy at a meeting in Asheville of the promoters of the Smoky Mountain National Park. He reported encouraging and interesting speeches, particularly by National Director of Federal Parks Albright, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. J. E. S. Thorpe, of Bryson City. Lion Fain also reported that the present outlook for the reopening of the Murphy knitting mills was very encouraging. Also, that the State highway authorities had agreed to meet Georgia with a road near Culberson, N. C., the road on the Carolina side branching off from No. 28, and passing through Culberson.

It was voted to make the 5-10 year farm program for Western North Carolina the major activity of the club in the immediate future, assisting County Agent R. W. Gray in every way possible. The committee for this county, appointed at the Asheville meeting, will be organized by Mr. Gray, and will later be guests of the Lions Club at the annual Cherokee county dinner at the Regal Hotel, which will be held at their first March meeting, on the evening of March 8th. Other guests interested in the farm movement will be invited to attend this dinner, and it is planned to make this meeting both enjoyable and instructive.

Mauney Champion Corn Grower In Co.

P. A. Mauney, of Murphy Route 2, appears to be the champion of champions when it comes to growing corn. Several days ago, Mr. Mauney brought nine ears of corn to this office, all grown on the same stalk and in the same husk. There is one large ear of corn, perfectly filled out with eight other almost perfectly formed and filled out ears clustering around the stem. All who do not believe this freak corn story are invited to inspect the nine ears at the Scout office.

OGREETA

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Odom of Murphy spent Sunday with their father and mother here.

Misses Martha Mayfield and Bessie Crain who are teaching at Grape-creek were the week end guests of Miss Effie Johnson.

The young folks of Ogreeta enjoyed a marshmallow toast Saturday night given in honor of Misses Martha Mayfield and Bessie Crain.

Mr. Willard Ashe of Knoxville, Tenn. is visiting here.

Messrs. Henry Hyatt and Ross Adams of Murphy were visitors here Saturday night.

Mr. John Clark and family have moved here from McVay, Ky.

Mrs. Sarah Johnson has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cela Hall and Mrs. Willie Bates.

POTATO CREEK

Mr. Horace McNabb and family of Ducktown were pleasant visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Collins last Sunday.

Miss Maude Dockery spent Saturday night with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adams of Copperhill.

Mr. Albert King and family made a trip to Wehutt last Sunday.

Rev. W. H. Peaks visited the Mt. Olive church last Sunday.

PLEASANT HILL

We have been trying to gather enough news for the last ten months to enable us to get into print, but it has been just the same old "Seven and Six" with us and that's not news.

Lately however, we have been rudely awakened to the fact, that although we are included in the Geographical location of Cherokee County so far as public recognition or benefits go. We don't seem to exist.

We are continually reading in The Cherokee Scout the thing that our County Agent and his co-worker The Home Demonstrator are doing for our sister communities.

We also read that there exists an organization, born of the dire wave of poverty which has and is still sweeping the country, which lends all its efforts to the relief of the suffering, and such glowing reports they are, we thank God for their work, but why not pay us a visit? Our money is contributed to the support of the County organization and taking the size of our community we give or should give as much as any locality in the county. There is five and one half miles of river bed, the half of which is ours, if this property is taxed as the law requires for its potential value then the county would be able to give us the same consideration that Valley River receives. Instead of this we have received NOTHING. Our roads have been neglected, our school teachers salary has been cut viciously. I understand because of the low average in attendance. This we do not deny, but why did not the proper officers investigate the primary cause of this non attendance. Do you want to know the cause? The parents are so poor they have been unable to buy sufficient clothing and shoes to protect the little boys and girls from the weather and not from choice, but necessity they have been cheated out of a term of education.

Who is to blame? Cherokee County. How? Simple neglect. When the roads in this county was taken over by the State Highway System our roads soon became ruts and gullies our bridges became wrecks and because of this condition we have been forced to pay more for the delivery of our marketable products than we receive. Pine wood and cross-ties are the main sales and it costs from one-half to two-thirds of the price received to get it hauled, and then the hauler goes in the hole. What does the county have to do with the State Highway Commissioner? Ha, Ha, Ha. What indeed. Where ever the pressure is the greatest there we find relief. Because of these vital facts we are able to give you a news item.

Last Sunday morning in Sunday school session it was announced that there would be a community meeting at the church on Monday night, 6:30 P. M. The meeting was held as stated by the leading citizens and a permanent organization was formed with the following officers, Mr. Sibbald Smith, Chairman, Mr. K. W. Shearer, Secretary, Charter members, Greely Murphy, Jeter Baines, Poley Hamby, Charlie Ledford, Lester Ledford, Sam Reid, Wm. Beaver, Brown Beaver, Clyde Beaver, Loyd Beaver, Earnest Adams, Floyd Adams, Yoyd Adams, Hayden Adams, Luther Burgess, Ralph Hamby, Willard Hamby, Hobert Baines, Paul Adams, Hardin Baines and Mrs. K. W. Shearer, Miss Hazel Hyde of Andrews, our public school teacher and Mrs. Sibbald Smith.

The purpose of this organization is to take such necessary steps as will bring our needs before the proper authorities and obtain relief. It represents a community of one hundred and three qualified voters. A resolution, embodying a petition to the State Highway Commissioner asking that a "B" grade highway leading from the Pleasant Hill cemetery to the Highway leading from Liberty to Oak Park be established according to the State specification was passed. A resolution embodying a petition to our Hon. Board of County Commissioners asking that our community be included in the program for relief to Farmers and Homes, was also passed. At our next meeting a committee will be appointed to present these petitions.

Everybody is invited to attend our meetings and we are sending out to those who are able the Macedonia Cry, Come over and help us, we meet every Monday night 6:30 P. M. at Pleasant Hill church. Should it rain then the next night possible.

We have a live wire Sunday school every Sunday morning 10 o'clock rain or shine, under direct church control. Officers as follows, Supt. and advanced class teacher our pastor, Rev. Sibbald Smith, Sec. Supt. Mr. P. A. Williamson, Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Elsie Hantz, Sst. Miss Vertle Williamson, Adult teacher, Mr. Wm. Beaver, Director of church. Intermediate class, Mrs.



MRS. H. E. DAVIS

—Photo Courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times.

Funeral Held For W. C. Bryson

Funeral services for W. C. Bryson, 64, of 1 Riverview road, West Asheville, who died suddenly at Sylva Saturday afternoon, were conducted Sunday afternoon at the residence.

The Rev. Carlock Hawk, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church officiated. Burial was in Green Hills cemetery. Mr. Bryson's seven sons acted as pallbearers.

Mr. Bryson was a conductor on the Asheville division of the Southern Railway. He became ill Friday afternoon while on his run from Murphy to Asheville.

Mr. Bryson is survived by his widow, twelve children, three brothers and one sister.

Mr. Bryson was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner. He belonged to the Order of Railway Conductors and other railroad organizations.—West Asheville News.

Capt. Bryson, as he was called by his many friends, was well known in Murphy, where he had been coming for years as conductor of the Southern Railway, and his many friends here deeply regret the passing of this grand old man and extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Murphy High Takes Double Attraction

The boys' and girls' basketball teams won two straight games from the Cherokee Indian boys and girls last Saturday night on the local court.

The girls easily won with a score of 26-8, showing great team work.

The boys won a hard fought game with a score of 7-4. It was a game played by the guards. At half, the score stood 6 and 3, each team scoring one point in the last half. Edwin Hensley had a sprained ankle, but in spite of this handicap, the team played their best game in winning from the best team they have played this season.

The local team will play Andrews Friday night on the local court. Both girls and boys will play.

Martin's Creek Honor Roll For January

FIRST GRADE
Eva Nell Hatchett, Irene Hughes, William Anderson.

SECOND GRADE
Dillard Anderson, Hollis Crisp.

THIRD GRADE
Weaver Hogar, D. L. Martin, Minnie Hughes and Fag Scroggs.

FOURTH GRADE
Nema Hughes.

FIFTH GRADE
Juanita Hughes, Della Mae Hughes.

SIXTH GRADE
Arnold Stalcup, Grant Stiles, Jake Stiles, Minnie Stalcup and Fannie Stalcup.

SEVENTH GRADE
Evelyn Ash, Pauline Dalrymple and Blanche Scroggs.

Sibbald Smith, Childrens class, Miss Madge Smith, Picture Lesson class Mrs. Pauline Shearer, Enrolled membership 69, average attendance 56. Each service is conducted according to the rules as offered by Claire Elsie Peters, and will prove entertaining, instructive and create a desire to come again.

Our mid winter summer was broken last Friday night by a thunder storm followed by freezing weather Saturday, Sunday and until Monday eve.

MRS. H. E. DAVIS MIXES ART WITH HOUSE WORK

Mother of Five Children is Well Known Instructor and Painter

Andrews.—Keeping house and managing a family of five husky youngsters is "plenty enough" work for the average mother, but not for Mrs. H. E. Davis, of Andrews, who finds time and interest for the study and teaching of art, in addition to looking after her family and performing numerous household duties.

Mrs. Davis began her art studies in 1917 under a special instructor when she was a pupil in the Andrews high school. Later she studied under Roy Stevens, an artist and teacher of national reputation.

Marriage and the responsibilities of a family have limited her time for the pursuit of her art studies but she has not permitted her interest to wane. She has kept her brush nearby and when time could be spared from other things she has used it.

Work is Praised
Her pictures have received favorable comment from many competent art critics. She has a special fondness for outdoor scenes such as landscapes and streams as are to be found in the mountains and valley.

Aside from painting, Mrs. Davis is making an effort to develop the art talent among the young people of the town. For several years she has conducted classes for those who wish to pursue the study.

Mrs. Davis' ancestry dates back to the pioneer families of Cherokee County. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Pulliam, of Andrews. Her great grand father was James Whitaker, who settled on Valley River about 1838 and who was a leader in the religious life of this section for more than a half a century. Her great grandfather, Steven Whitaker, was an officer in the army of the Confederacy and others of the family fought in that struggle.

Real Southerner
In personality she is vivacious and cordial, embodying the finest traditions of the Southern highlands. In the furnishing of her home may be seen many pieces of antique furniture which betray her interest in the best of yesterday.

Of course, Mrs. Davis believes that her children, two daughters and three sons, should have first claim upon her thought and time. Painting she has found to be a helpful adjunct to the big job of housekeeping as it affords a happy means of diversion from the daily tasks while at the same time accomplishing something worthwhile.—Asheville Citizen-Times.

BAPTIST SOCIETIES

Circle No. 1 of the Baptist Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Murray Tuesday afternoon. The circle was reorganized, as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Ralph Moody; Co-Chairman, Mrs. W. H. Murray; Secretary, Mrs. Fred Christopher; Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Gray; Mission Study, Mrs. A. E. Vestal; Personal Service, Mrs. W. S. Dickey. Those present were: Mrs. J. B. Gray, Miss Gray, Mrs. W. S. Green, Mrs. A. E. Vestal, Mrs. W. H. Murray, Mrs. W. S. Dickey, Mrs. T. R. Allen, Mrs. Walter Sneed, Mrs. Ralph Moody, Mrs. T. C. McDonald and Mary Louise, Mrs. Fred Christopher. After the business, delightful refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

Circle No. 2 of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. Davidson.

The meeting was opened by reading our Moral Standard. Devotional by Mrs. Bessie Deweese. An Acrostic arranged by Mrs. Gartrell was a beautiful prayer and read in union by the circle.

Mrs. Claude Turner gave a short sketch of the life of Grace Laxe, who arranged the "Studies in the Book of Luke." This was followed by a talk by Mrs. E. E. Adams on the life of Luke. The following officers were elected for 1932. Mrs. Bessie Deweese, Chairman, Mrs. Clyde Genette, Co-chairman, Mrs. W. M. Ramsey, Treasurer, Mrs. Neil Davidson, Secretary. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Claude Turner. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Ben Gartrell, Mrs. E. E. Adams and Mrs. Grace Cooper in serving a tempting salad course. Those present were: Mrs. Claude Turner, Mrs. Clyde Genette, Mrs. W. M. Ramsey, Mrs. Neil Davidson, Mrs. E. Adams, Mrs. L. E. Hoyt, Mrs. W. M. Ramsey, Mrs. Neil Davidson, Mrs. John Odell, Mrs. Bessie Deweese, Mrs. Grace Cooper, Misses, Gille

THIRTY BUSHELS OF CORN RESULT FROM LESPEDEZA

An increase of 30 bushels of corn an acre by the simple expedient of growing lespedeza on poor land is the interesting result reported by B. G. Jeffries of Burlington, Alamance County.

Enos C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College, reports the incident. "In February of 1929, Jeffries planted lespedeza on two acres of land. His farm is a typical old belt tobacco farm and the soil is a white sandy loam, innocent of any organic matter," says Mr. Blair. "The slopes are all badly eroded. In 1929 and 1930, the lespedeza was harvested for seed but all the stalks and leaves were left on the land. Last year, 1931, the two acres were turned over for planting corn. Six arriational acres adjoining were also planted at the same time."

Mr. Blair says the corn for the eight acres was fertilized with 200 pounds an acre of a 10-4-4 mixture and planting was done on May 15. No top-dresser was used. However, the lespedeza land showed the same effects of having been top-dressed with nitrogen fertilizers since the corn grew faster, larger and looked more thrifty than the corn on the six acres without lespedeza.

At harvest time, two acres of corn were carefully gathered and weighed, as were two acres just to side where no lespedeza was grown. The corn following the legume produced 44 bushels an acre while the corn without lespedeza produced 14 bushels an acre. This is a difference of 30 bushels an acre due entirely to the growth of lespedeza and is about one of the soundest arguments one could use for planting more of this legume on the small grain this spring, says the agronomist.

CULBERSON

It's been reported for some time business on the up grade, but it seems that the grade is so steep it's making but little progress.

Harrison Truett of Swannoc spent Thursday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Truett.

The debating society organized here with O. G. Anderson, president, Guy Hyatt vice-president, Verner Ballew, Secretary, and Ray Hyatt Treasurer, is making great progress and attracting people from all over the community. We have some able speakers. The subject each Friday night is well presented by each side.

Mrs. Eva Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Carroll and daughter, Dorothy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Dickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Nichols of Fry, Ga., were visitors here Sunday. Rev. White of Asheville Presiding Elder of the Methodist church held a quarterly meeting here the 3rd and 4th inst. Everybody enjoyed his sermons and hope to have him here again.

You have been hearing the cry too much food: No one has ever gone to the poor house who had a crib full of corn, milk cow and a flock of chickens. Big harvest will not last forever who knows what the next one will be. Let no one persuade you not to grow plenty of food and feedstuff this year.

J. R. Hyatt of Wolf Creek was a visitor here last week.

A Correction

The names of Messrs. Burl Chastain, Douglas Hatchett, Dillard Stiles, Misses Madge Stalcup and Ruth Coleman were omitted in last week's article in the Scout regarding the Martins Creek Mingle. These young people were valuable helpers and we are glad to make the correction.

Martin, Gladys Polatty, Ruby Courtney, Annie B. Bailey and Mary Gartrell.

Circle No. 3 of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. T. S. Evans Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. T. S. Evans; Mission Study Leader, Miss Sara Cook; Secretary, Mrs. Hayner Rogers; Treasurer, Mrs. L. E. Bayless; Personal Service, Mrs. P. C. Hyatt. Mrs. L. E. Bayless was appointed as representative from Circle No. 3 to meet with the ways and means committee of the Baptist Women's Business Club. After a business session, the hostess served a most tempting plate of salad, bread, crackers, sandwiches, coffee and coffee. A small heart with date and name of the circle, attached to the napkins, was very attractive.