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72 YEARS OLD BEFORE HE SAW A COURT HOUSE

Traveled in Three States And Has Never Been Over 30 Miles Away From Home

Born within 13 miles of Murphy, North Carolina, traveled within two states, besides his home state and never been more than thirty miles away from home in his life, is the strange story but true of Edward Valentine Gladson, 72-year-old farmer who was on his first visit to his home county seat here last Friday, believe it or not, Mr. Ripley.

Mr. Gladson was born within two miles of Culberson, February 14th, 1861, St. Valentine's Day, and it is from this fact that he was named Valentine. Strange as it may seem, he has the most unusual record of any man the writer has ever met, and perhaps there is no one in the country who can equal his record.

In an interview with a representative of this paper here last Friday, Mr. Gladson related his story.

This was his first visit to Murphy, his home county seat, and it was the first time he had ever been on the inside of a court house or seen one. He went through the jail through the courtesy of the jailer, and it was the first time in the 72 years of his life that he had seen or been inside of a jail. He has never been arrested, and never been a witness in any sort of a court, and has never been on a train.

Among the important and outstanding features he related, is the fact that he has never signed a contract, note, or papers of any kind, and has never had any trouble with his neighbors, and that his word is his bond was attested to by the two men who accompanied, one of them well known to this reporter.

According to his story, he has never owned a home, a horse, or mule or a milk cow; and was never away from home over two nights in his life. The only organization he ever joined was the Baptist church. He is a strong believer in the science of the ground hog as a weather prognosticator. He is an excellent fiddler, and has made and sold a number of fine fiddles which he whittled out of timber with a pocket knife.

He learned to read and write in a shifting school, that is a school which had to move about from one place or home in the community to another, because no school house was available then. He secured his learning from Webster's old blue-back speller, and a geography, the name of which he has forgotten.

He has worked all his life, farming cotton and cross-ties; and has always contributed to the Red Cross and relief work in the county and community, with money, labor and produce. He has survived this depression with very little help from the county relief organization. This help constituted 3 days work on the roads at \$1 a day, and \$2.00 per month food allowance for three months, and one 24-lb sack of flour. The only other help ever received from the county was about 20 years ago, when he had a long sick spell with dropsy, the county donated him \$2.00.

He now weighs about 115, and has never weighed over 135 lbs. He is about 5 feet 10 inches in height. His eyes are failing him and he can't see how to read and write.

He married a Miss Margaret Croy, who has been dead about 35 years. Two children, Mrs. Lilly May and Mrs. Texana Holloway, are living and four are dead.

Murphy Woman Named Group Vice Chairman

Mrs. Elizabeth Brittain, of Murphy was named vice-chairman of the eleventh congressional district group of the Young Democrats of North Carolina Saturday at a meeting at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. Brittain is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Richardson, and the wife of John Brittain of Murphy, and has been active in the young Democratic affairs since its organization here more than a year ago, being secretary-treasurer of the county organization. Mr. and Mrs. Brittain were delegates to the state convention at Wrightsville Beach last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Reece, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Palmer and little son; Misses Gertrude Franklin, Mattie and Eugene Kincaid and mother, Mr. Mrs. Cloe Moore, Messrs. Lee and Garnet Owenby enjoyed a picnic lunch on last Sunday afternoon on Notla river.

LIONS PICNIC TUESDAY NIGHT

The Lions Club, following their usual custom, inaugurated their bi-monthly picnic suppers at Riverside Park Tuesday night, these meetings being attended by the Lionsesses and social hours enjoyed along with a short business meeting.

There was good attendance, and the food supply being strictly under the supervision of the Lionsesses, with Mrs. Ellis as chairman, for this meeting, the food was both delicious and plentiful. As special guests Lions Lance, Arrendale, Jarrett and Cobb, members of the Blairsville Lions Club, were present. They extended an invitation to the Murphy Lions and Lionsesses to attend a similar supper given by their club and to be held at the North Georgia Experiment Station, about four miles beyond Blairsville, in response to the invitation, most all of the Murphy Lions and Lionsesses are here. Judging from the enthusiastic expecting to go. Aside from the social pleasure derived from these meetings, a better feeling and closer cooperation always results from these joint meetings held by neighboring towns.

FIRE DESTROYS BUTT RESIDENCE MONDAY NIGHT

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the residence of V. I. Butt in East Murphy about 12:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Butt were not at home and the only person in the house was Mrs. Butt's son, Kermit Davenport, who was sleeping on the second floor. He was awakened by smoke in his room and climbed out the window onto the roof of the porch and jumped to the ground unhurt. It is thought that the house might have been struck by lightning, as it was raining at the time, and there was a good deal of lightning.

The fire first caught about midnight and firemen succeeded in saving most of the building. However it caught again and was about burned down before the alarm was given.

Both the house and contents, which Mr. Butt valued at \$5,000, were a total loss. He carried \$3,500 in insurance. Mr. Butt is a former mayor of Murphy.

Civilian Labor Camp Is Named for Reynolds

Civilian Conservation Corps Camp No. F-13, near Topton, Cherokee county, has been named Camp Bob Reynolds. The name was bestowed by the consent and approval of Senator Robert R. Reynolds and has been accepted by District C. headquarters at Camp Oglethorpe.

In the camp are 163 members of the C. C. C. from New Hanover, Moore, Randolph, Lee, Craven and Guilford counties, four Regular Army officers, Captain Clarence L. Strike, of the regular army, is camp commander. First Lieutenant Van R. White, of the field artillery reserve, and First Lieutenant David S. Wilson, of the infantry reserve, complete the official staff.—Asheville Citizen.

ATTORNEY NAMED HEAD OF GROUP

William J. Coker, Jr., Asheville attorney, was elected chairman of the eleventh congressional district group of the Young Democrats of North Carolina yesterday morning at a meeting at Wrightsville Beach.

The district meeting was held Friday night and Saturday morning, prior to the state meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Britton, of Murphy was named vice chairman and John W. Edwards, of Franklin, publicity chairman.

Mr. Coker is associated with Robert R. Williams in the practice of law here. He is a graduate of Oxford University, in England, the University of North Carolina, the Asheville high school and the North State Fitting school which was formerly here.

He was admitted to the North Carolina bar in 1931 after being licensed to practice in English courts in 1929. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coker, of South French Broad avenue.

He has taken an active part in work of the Buncombe county unit of the Democratic club and was one of the charter members. He is secretary of the club here.—Asheville Citizen.

LEGION BEGINS CAMPAIGN OF THE COUNTY

Good Crowd of Veterans and Citizens Greet Them At Hangingdog Tuesday Night

The Joe Miller Elkins Post of the American Legion opened its educational campaign of the county at the Hangingdog school house on Tuesday night of this week with a good crowd of veterans and citizens out to hear them.

The meeting was in charge of Commander A. W. Lovingood, and is being conducted by the post to acquaint the veterans and the people with the new rules and regulations affecting veterans of all wars, as well as the principles of the Legion, its purposes, etc., and the real truth about the economy measures passed by the last session of Congress.

Several speakers told of the different activities of the organization, as well as its future plans. The program rendered follows:

The American Legion—A. W. Lovingood, Commander.

The New Pension Regulations As They Affect Veterans of all Our Wars—H. P. Cooper, District Commander.

The Legion's Fight For The Veteran—A. W. Melver, Past Commander.

Treasury Raiders and The Economy Racket—C. W. Bailey, Historian.

The Clarion Call of the Legion—W. E. Studstill, Past Adjutant.

Announcements.

The next meeting will be held Friday night, July 14th, at Ebenezer, and on Tuesday night, July 18th, the meeting will be at Unaka. Following are the places and dates at which the house at each and every place, and the meetings will be held, in the school hour 7 o'clock Central Standard Time.

Ogreeta—Friday, July 12th.

Suit—Tuesday, July 25th.

Shoal Creek—Friday, July 28th.

Walker School House—Tuesday, August 1st.

Culberson—Friday, August 4th.

Hot House—Tuesday, August 8th.

Grape Creek—Monday, Aug. 14th.

Vests—Friday, August 11th.

Peachtree—Tuesday, Aug. 15th.

Murphy—Friday, August 25th.

All veterans are urged to attend the meeting nearest them, and bring their families, and the public has a cordial invitation to attend also.

Typhoid-Diphtheria Inoculation To Be Given This Year

At a meeting of the Cherokee County Medical Society Tuesday afternoon, it was voted to conduct another campaign of Typhoid and Diphtheria inoculation again this summer, to begin about the time the schools of the county open.

The arrangements will be along the same line as last year, the county and state co-operating, so that every person taking the inoculation will receive it free.

Last year the campaign was greatly successful among the children, many of them received this service, and adults this year are urged to avail themselves of this service against typhoid prevention. The dates and schedules of the campaign will be announced at a later date.

Farm Loans Are Now Available

Farm loans are now available to farmers for relief of the mortgage of their farms. S. G. Owens, liquidating agent of the closed banks in this county stated this week, and Mr. Owens said he would be glad to advise with farmers having notes or obligations at any of the closed banks and help them to get relief upon all that he could.

The farm loans are available in two forms, the maximum amount of one being \$5,000.00 and the other \$50,000.00. The interest rate on one form of loan is 5 per cent and on the other 4 1/2 per cent.

Loans can be secured up to 50 per cent of the appraised value of the farm property and 20 per cent of the appraised value of buildings thereon. The borrower has 33 years in which to repay the loan.

The loans are made by the Federal Loan Bank, of Columbia, and the Farm Loan Commissioner. J. T. Hayes of Tomotla, is the representative for these loans in Cherokee county.

1,100 POUNDS OF SUGAR STOLEN

gar, belonging to the Wofford-Terrell Grocery company, from a box car parked on the Louisville and Nashville railway side tracks near the Wofford-Terrell company's building here about 12 o'clock, Wednesday night, July 5th.

They carried the sugar to the Hiwassee river, stole a boat, belonging to C. B. Hill, which was chained to a tree, and took the sugar across the river. There they loaded 900 pounds into a chevrolet car which had no license.

A passerby noticed some of the sugar on the river bank, notified Chief of Police Fred Johnson and then returned to the place where the car was parked and blocked the road until Mr. Johnson arrived. They succeeded in capturing the car, the sugar, and a heavy pair of clippers, which were used in cutting the lock on the car and the chain which held the boat, but the thieves escaped.

Three box cars on the Southern railroad side tracks were also broken open but nothing was missing except a few bags of flour.

NEW CAFE IN MURPHY OPEN SUNDAY, 16TH

Marie's Cafe, Murphy's new sandwich shop and restaurant, located on the corner of the public square in the building formerly occupied by the 10c company, will open to the general public Sunday morning with a special dinner for the noon-day meal, it is announced this week by Miss Marie Price, proprietor.

For the past two weeks workmen have been busy in the building placing it in condition. The inside has been completely renovated, a partition enclosing the rear part for the kitchen has been built, and the inside repainted. New concolcum has been placed upon the floor, and counters and tables and chairs and other cafe equipment has been installed, and the place has been made very attractive and inviting.

Miss Price has had many years experience in cafe work, and is well acquainted with the business. She will be assisted in serving by Miss Florence Muzin, of Gainsville, who has had more than seven years experience in cooking and serving in the hotel and cafe business. Ernest Allen, colored boy of Gainsville, who has had 10 years experience in hotel and cafe cooking, with a special course of training in that line, will do the cooking.

This is Miss Price's first venture in the cafe business of her own. She is very popular, and her many friends in Murphy and Cherokee county bespeak success for her in this initial enterprise.

Timber Company Granted Charter

The following certificate of incorporation was filed in the office of Stacey W. Wade, Secretary of State, Raleigh, Thursday, July 6th:

Carolina Timber Company, Principal office Murphy. To manufacture, buy, sell and deal in timber, lumber and other forest products. Authorized capital stock 500 shares without nominal or par value, subscribed stock 3 shares, by A. C. Levering, John R. Crunkleton, of Baltimore, Md., and Walter B. Wessels, of Cranberry.

The company was partially organized here on Wednesday of this week by the election of Mr. Levering, Mr. Crunkleton and Mr. Wessels as members of the board of directors. The organization meeting took place in the office of Don Witherspoon, attorney, and whose office will be headquarters for the time being.

This corporation was organized for the purpose of cutting the timber in boundaries owned by it in the Tellico mountains of Cherokee county, as well as boundaries in Watauga and Avery counties. The cutting of timber is not contemplated to begin any way soon, but if the market picks up the company will be organized and ready.

It is understood that the company has unlimited capital behind it. Mr. Levering and Mr. Crunkleton are connected with the Mercantile Trust Company of Baltimore, and Mr. Levering is also interested in a large fertilizer manufacturing concern.

Miss Mary Deweese who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Bessie Deweese returned to Winston-Salem.

BANK MURPHY HAD NO CHARTER FOR 12 YEARS

Charter Granted in 1891 Was Never Renewed After It Expired in 1931

The Bank of Murphy has been operating without a charter for the past twelve years. It was discovered here last week by lawyers delving into records and old files of the institution in search of evidence to be used in law suits in which the bank and numbers of individuals have become involved since its closing on February 15th, 1933.

The bank was granted a 30-year charter by special act of the Legislature on March 7, 1891, with a capital stock of \$25,000. Nothing ever came up which occasioned a scrutiny of the charter, which expired on March 7, 1931, and no one knew about the matter until it was discovered by Gray and Christopher, attorneys for the State Commissioner of Banks and the liquidating agent who now have charge of the Bank's affairs.

The bank continued to do business until it closed in November, 1930. It was subsequently reopened in March, 1931, under a depositors agreement to leave their deposits in the bank for two years. At that time, the stockholders discounted fifty per cent of their stock, and \$15,000 in new stock was subscribed, new officers and directors elected and the bank continued operation for another two years with a charter, at which time it was closed and process of liquidation begun. S. G. Owens is the liquidating agent in charge.

Just what status the bank is now in, or what effect its operation without a charter will have upon the collections of notes and obligations due the institution, is not definitely known. However, that status will be threshed out in court at some future sitting, probably at the August term.

Lawyers appearing in cases against the bank and liquidating agent, believe that it will have a considerable bearing upon the collection of notes and other obligations, while attorneys for the Liquidating agent contend that it will not affect the status of notes and obligations in the least.

Mr. Christopher, of the law firm of Gray and Christopher, attorneys for the liquidating agent gave it as his opinion that the court would have to find the status as a defacto corporation, or a partnership. If the latter is found, then the stockholders would be liable each one personally to the extent of his property for the obligations of the bank, whereas if the status is held to be a defacto corporation, they will only be liable to the extent of the amount of their subscribed stock.

He gave it as his opinion that the court would hold its status as a defacto corporation, and said there had been numerous such cases in the state in the past, and the court had rendered such opinions. Either way the court rules, he said the notes and obligations due the bank would not be affected.

Grading on Link of Highway 28 to Be Finished Soon

Grading on the link of State Highway No. 28, from Murphy to the Clay county line near Brasstown, is expected to be completed in the next three weeks. Crushed stone has been placed on about five and a half miles of the road.

Henry and Gentry, who have the contract for crushing the stone, have moved their crusher from its location of Murphy, near Regal, to a point on near the Andrews power plant on Highway No. 10, two miles east Hiwassee river, which will be a much shorter haul for the stone to complete the road.

The E. A. Wood Construction company, which has the contract for building this link, has been using two steam shovels in order to complete the work as soon as possible.

The Character Builder's Sunday school class of the Methodist church enjoyed a picnic on Monday evening at Junaluska Pool Andrews, N. C. Those present were: Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. H. G. Elkins and daughter Elizabeth Ann, Mrs. Virgil Johnson and daughters Louise and Margaret, Mrs. Jim Franklin and daughters Virginia and Elizabeth, Mrs. Winslow Melver and baby Doris, Mrs. Ted Howell, Mrs. Bill Brandon, Misses Leila Posey, Emily Sword, Ruby Hall, Mary Akin and Addie Leatherwood.