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Archaeologists And CWA Workers To Open Ancient Indian Mound In Cherokee County

MURPHY LIONS HAVE GOOD MEET ON 12TH

District Governor Address Gathering On Ladies Night

On Tuesday night, December 12th, the Murphy Lions Club held one of its enjoyable ladies nights with District Governor John A. Barclay, of Wilson, as guest and principal speaker of the occasion.

The meeting was held in the dining room of the Regal Hotel, and an elaborate program of music and readings was rendered in addition to several speeches. W. M. Fain, president acted as master of ceremonies, and the meeting was opened with the Lions song, America, with prayer by the Rev. T. F. Higgins.

Each person assembled was asked to introduce himself or herself, and then all plunged into a bounteous repast.

Miss Dorothy, 12 year old daughter of Lion and Mrs. Harry Lahn, opened the after dinner program with several songs, one of which made quite a hit with the assembled Lions and guests. She had written her own words to the tune of the songs and those words formed a new Lions song, as follows:

You've got to be a great big hustler,
To get along with the Lions Club;
You've got to be a great big hustler,
You bet, if you want to get Some Lions to Pet.

The fact that you are rich or handsome
Won't get you anywhere;
You've got to be a Lions Club member
To get along in this wide, wide world!

Mrs. Glen Bates then rendered two vocal numbers with Mrs. J. W. Davidson at the piano, followed by a reading by Miss Lois Latham. At this point, horns and noise makers were passed around, tokens from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lahn.

Lion Bueck, in a few well chosen words, welcomed the visitors, and was followed by another vocal solo by Mrs. Glen Bates, with Mrs. Davidson at the piano.

District Governor Barclay was introduced at this point and made a short talk on the recovery program of the national administration, and said it would not be amiss for the Lions and the community to study the President's various programs in detail.

Mrs. John C. Campbell, of the Frastown Folk School, told of the exhibit of the Southern Handicraft Guild at Washington, and said that three men from this section had received orders for their handicraft from Mrs. Roosevelt.

George Bidstrup, of the Folk School suggested that some sort of program should be worked out in the county with the various clubs and civic organizations co-operating for the protection of the younger people and a better dissemination of wholesome recreation.

Dr. R. W. Petrie and W. G. Crawford, who were recently elected to membership, were extended a welcome into Lions den.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lahn, Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck Jr. and Mrs. W. M. Fain Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Petrie, Mr. W. F. Krickhan, Mr. Grady Crawford, Dr. E. E. Adams, Mr. J. F. Foard, Mrs. R. H. Foard, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. R. H. Foard, Mrs. Olive Campbell, Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Mrs. Glen Bates, Mr. Gerge Bidstrup, Misses Lois Latham and Dorothy Lahn.

Scout Office To Be Closed Next Week

The Scout office will be closed from December 23rd to January 1st, to allow the force to take Christmas, and we will be back and ready for



Dear Santa

Peachtree School,
December 18, 1933.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy six years old, and I am in the low first grade. I like my teacher. Please bring me some candy oranges, nuts, a knife, and airplane, some chewing gum, a little wagon, and a french harp.

Thank you,
With love,
WAYNE MAUNEY

Peachtree School,
December 18, 1933

Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be a good boy all this year and I want you to please bring me a train, and a truck, a gun, a ball, and a truck. My little sister, Mary Lou, wants you to bring her a baby doll.

With love,
ROY FERGUSON

Peachtree School,
December 18, 1933.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me some marbles, a pair of handcuffs, a basket ball and a little automobile.

With love,
JIMMY LINN.

Peachtree School,
December 18, 1933

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll and some doll clothes, a bell, a doll bed and some oranges, nuts and candy.

My little cousin, Herbert Wilson, wants you to bring him a knife and some fire crackers.

Thank you,
With love,
MAUDIE WITT

Peachtree School,
December 18, 1933.

Dear Santa Claus:
We sure are two good little girls in the low first grade. We have been good girls all this year. We want you to bring us both the same things. We want a doll, a set of dishes, a story book, a doll bed and some oranges, nuts and candy.

We both thank you,
Lots of love,
CAROLYN HEAD
BILLIE LOVINGOOD

Peachtree School,
December 18, 1933

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy six years old. Please bring me a train, some nuts, oranges and candy, a truck, and a ball. My little brother, Henley, wants a ball and some marbles. Please bring my little baby sister, a pretty rattle.

With love,
JAMES PHARES CORN

Peachtree School,
December 18, 1933.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a big doll, some candy, oranges, and nuts, and a tablet and pencil.

With love,
BETTY MILDRED PANTHER

Peachtree School,
December 18, 1933

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a story book and a toy wrist watch.

With love,
MARY NELL NEWTON

Murphy, N. C.,
December 20, 1933

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 9 years old. I am in the hospital but I hope to be home by Christmas. I want you to bring me

work on January 1—until then—Merry Christmas to All our readers and friends, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Murphy Observes Christmas Season With Programs

The people will observe the Christmas with numerous programs in keeping with the season in Murphy.

Wednesday afternoon of this week the Methodist church gave the inmates of the county home a Christmas tree, and presented each inmate with a gift package, following a short musical program.

The Murphy school, which closed for the holidays on Wednesday, gave several programs featuring Christmas as the main theme, at two chapel periods and at a music recital.

White Christmas will be observed at the churches in town on Sunday night. At the Baptist Church Sunday night, at 7 o'clock, the Sunday school choir and primary department will render a short program of special music followed by a devotional. Gift packages will then be distributed to the Juniors, Primaries and Beginners.

The Methodist church, the only church in town having a pastor, will have special services Sunday in the morning and evening. A special Christmas sermon will be delivered at 11 o'clock in the morning by the pastor, the Rev. T. F. Higgins. At 7 o'clock in the evening, a white Christmas offering will feature the service, with a special Christmas program rendered by the various departments of the Sunday school.

"It is a helpful piece of work to offer our gifts in a white Christmas like this," said Mr. Higgins. "Let everyone bring their gift because it is going to help others to have a happier Christmas."

All packages for city delivery will be delivered by the city carrier on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Mrs. Thelma Dickey, postmaster said this week.

General delivery window and Parcel post window of the Post office will be open for one hour on Sunday after the Southern train arrives and one hour Christmas day after the train arrives to accommodate the patrons.

The Murphy Woman's Club last week sponsored a linen shower for the new Petrie hospital, and many useful and valuable pieces of linen were presented for which Dr. Petrie and hospital attendants are grateful and appreciative.

A pair of gloves, a big doll, doll dresser, doll bed and table, and a set of doll cooking pans, some oranges, candy and nuts.

Your friend,
LOU ELLA PIPES

Murphy, N. C.,
December 18th, 1933.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a cabinet and a tea set with 27 pieces and a table.

Love,
CAROLYN BAILEY

Murphy, N. C.,
December 18th, 1933.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tea set with 31 pieces. I want a cabinet and a table.

Love,
MARY HELEN BAILEY

Murphy, N. C.,
December 18, 1933

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a fountain pen, a big doll and a tam. Some oranges, apples, candy, and nuts.

Please bring my baby brother a rattle and a pair of stockings. I will leave to you dear Santa Claus what to bring the rest.

To Santa Claus,
From your,
Friend, LOUISE MANN

Route 3, Murphy, N. C.,
December 18, 1933.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am five years old. Please bring me a doll, some candy and a pair of gloves. Bring Hazel, my little playmate a doll too and both of us some oranges. We already have apples and walnuts, so if you'll just bring the things I've told you, we'll thank you very much.

Your little friend,
CARRIE L. IS TIMPSON

MRS. McCLURE, 75 DIES AT HOME OF SON IN GEORGIA

Mrs. Emaline McClure, 75, died at the home of her son, W. M. McClure, at Young Harris, Ga., Sunday morning December 17, at 2 o'clock, from heart failure. She ate a hearty dinner Saturday, and Saturday afternoon complained of feeling bad.

Born in Cherokee county, the daughter of William and Talitha Stiles, at the old Stiles home place on Beech Creek, she was married to the late Thomas Jefferson McClure at the age of 18. For the past few years she had been making her home with her son at Young Harris. She had been a member of the Beech Creek Baptist church since girlhood.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Beech Creek, and interment was in the church yard. The Rev. Fred Stiles officiated.

She is survived by three sons, J. H. McClure and T. B. McClure of this county and W. M. McClure of Young Harris, Ga.; one daughter, Mrs. Jess Nix, and one brother, W. M. Stiles, of Beech Creek.

To Make Social Survey Of Indians in Cherokee and Graham Counties

Mr. Sibbald Smith, of Patrick, has been appointed census enumerator for Cherokee and Graham counties in making a social and economic survey of all the Indians in these two counties. The work will include gathering data on the number of families, names, ages and members of the families, and the degree of blood, together with information as to education, vocation, employment, home conditions, etc.

The work is being done for the field service under the Department of the Interior, and will require about two months to complete. Mr. Smith passed through Murphy Thursday enroute to Cherokee to receive his commission and forms for doing the work.

Two Men, Three Stills And Whiskey Taken By Deputies

Two men, two large stills and a quantity of whiskey were taken by officers last week and a large still was captured week before last.

Deputy Sheriffs Henry Rose and Julius McClure raided a 50 gallon outfit on the head of Persimmon Creek last week and destroyed 600 gallons of beer and a small quantity of whiskey, and arrested Jess Robert, who was caught at the place.

Deputy Sheriff Eris Taylor, assisted by J. F. Wood, of Suit, made a raid on a 60 gallon outfit one mile west of Ranger last week, and captured 22 gallons of whiskey, no beer, and arrested Charlie Hickman. This outfit had just completed the run and the operator was preparing to leave, officers said.

Week before last Deputy Sheriff Eris Taylor raided a 40 gallon outfit on the waters of Persimmon Creek, but was not so successful. Fire was still in the furnace, but all tools, pot cap and worm together with the whiskey, were missing. Deputy Taylor estimated that he was about an hour late.

No Extension On Auto License This Year, Says Burnett

There will be no extension on automobile license plates after December 31st, said Sergeant G. L. Burnett, of the State Highway Patrol here last week. Sergeant Burnett said he had received such instructions from the Department of Revenue, and would advise all autoists to have new license plates on their cars by January 1st.

The nearest office or license distributing bureau for this territory is the Jackson Chevrolet Company, Sylva, and Sergeant Burnett said plates could be secured at Sylva or from Raleigh.

Spain Given Honor
The first real hospital for the mentally afflicted appears to have been established in Spain in 1400.

104 PERSONS TO BE GIVEN WORK NEAR MURPHY

Will Make Effort To Discover Hopewell Well Pottery In Peachtree Mound

By John Sikes
RALEIGH, Dec. 18.—Did De Soto, the intrepid Spanish adventurer who discovered the Mississippi river, pay North Carolina a passing visit in his wanderings before he beheld "The Father of Waters"? Did he leave his

Want Information Of Spanish Relics

Mr. Jennings and Mr. Colburn and the editor of The Cherokee Scout would like to have every bit of information relative to the old mound at the mouth of Peachtree Creek, and about relics found in this section which appear to be of Spanish make, including beads, coins, utensils, arms, etc. Anyone knowing of anything of this nature will do us a favor by giving information about it at once.

If the person who has the editors report of the Bureau of Ethnology borrowed sometime ago, covering Cherokee Indian Trails in this section, will return same, it will be appreciated. We believe it is the 23rd Annual Report.

inprint on the State in the form of beads, mirrors, and other trade trinkets that now lay mouldering in the mysterious mounds that dot the Western North Carolina country?

If he did the State Civil works administration, which incidentally, is not confining itself to the mere placement of jobs but which is also delving into social research, prehistoric survey, and other forms of cultural advancement, is going to find out about it.

Archaeology Project

One of the projects fixed by the Federal administration of the CWA for North Carolina comes under the general heading of archaeology. One of the phases of this work will be the opening of a large mound located at the mouth of Peachtree Creek on the Hiwassee river seven miles from Murphy.

Examinations last October by two members of Smithsonian Institution in Washington indicate excavations into this mound will be highly important in the study of American prehistory. It is the belief of members of the Institution that objects they expect to find in this mound will disclose that it was the site of Guasili, a Cherokee Indian village said to have been visited by De Soto in 1540.

Incidentally, if you're not up on your Cherokee, don't try to pronounce Guasili as if it were "Gwasili." Correct Cherokee makes it "Wasili."

Dr. J. R. Swanton, of the Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution and recognized as a foremost authority on American pre-history has made preliminary surveys around Murphy and other sections of Western North Carolina, and these surveys indicate a well traveled Indian trail that was an important traffic artery back in the dim past. Dr. Swanton also has partially plotted this trail as the most likely route De Soto took in wandering up from Florida, through Georgia and South Carolina, on through Tennessee to the Mississippi.

Now by the aid of funds provided by the CWA, J. D. Jennings, archaeologist attached to the Smithsonian Institution is taking 104 men up to Murphy to dig around in the mound to see what can be proved, if anything.

He hopes to find evidence of stratigraphy—superimposed cultures of prehistoric aborigines to you—that may provide a link between the far past and the present.

Hope To Find Pottery

Among other things, Mr. Jennings hopes to find pieces of Hopewell Pottery, highly developed phases of prehistoric culture which hitherto have been found mainly in the mounds of Ohio but traces of which have been found as far South as extreme eastern Tennessee. He also hopes to find traces of the circular, bark-covered

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