

## May 26 Was Anniversary Of Cherokee "Trail Of Tears"

Last Thursday, May 26, was the centennial anniversary of the date, May 26, 1838, set for the removal of the Cherokee Indians from their homeland in Western North Carolina and Georgia to their new reservation beyond the Mississippi; and in connection with this anniversary, there appeared an editorial in The Asheville Citizen which should be of great interest to all of us who live in the Cherokee country. The editorial follows:

Americans for the last quarter of a century have been looking on with horror at the war-time shifting of populations in Europe and Asia. In smug fashion we have grown accustomed to thanking our lucky stars that we do not live in such lands. We are safely out of the way, for instance, of the German "Drang Nach Osten" or "March to the East." But things were not always so on the North American continent, and this is a good time for all of us to stop and consider. Today is the centennial anniversary of the Great Removal of the Cherokee Indians over the Trail of Tears to beyond the Father of Waters.

"The history of this Cherokee removal of 1838," said James Mooney, "as gleaned by the author from the lips of actors in the tragedy, may well exceed in weight of grief and pathos any other passage of American history. Even the much-sung exile of the Acadians falls far behind it in its sum of death and misery." A Georgian, later an officer in the Confederate service, said that he fought all through the War Between the States, saw men shot to pieces and slaughtered by thousands, "but the Cherokee removal was the cruelest work I ever knew."

The Cherokee mountaineers once held the entire Southern Appalachian region. As late as the beginning of the 19th century they still held much territory in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. Their fate was sealed about the year 1815 when an Indian lad found gold in north Georgia. The whites went wild and began to clamor for Cherokee lands. In spite of their appeals to justice and cita-

tion of treaties, the Cherokees were told that the only solution was their removal to the West.

May 26, 1838, was the date fixed for their departure, but when that day arrived only about 2,000 of the nearly 17,000 Indians had removed, the remainder clinging to their mountain homes. It was evident that force and force only could persuade them to go. General Winfield Scott, backed by 7,000 soldiers, told the Indians they must go at once. His troops searched every cabin. Men were taken prisoners while working in the fields, women at domestic duties, children at play. Some looked back to see their homes in flames, fired by the rabble that followed the army.

Then occurred one of the most dramatic episodes in Indian history. An old man, Tsali, angered by indignities suffered by his wife, led an attack on the soldiers. One of the soldiers were killed and the red-skinned braves escaped to the fastnesses of the Great Smokies. There others joined them. Unable to capture them in the rhododendron "hells", Scott promised that the fugitives might remain if Asali and his party would surrender for punishment. Heroic Tsali voluntarily surrendered and by Scott's command he, his brother, and his two elder sons were executed. The fugitive band, about 1,000 in all, was allowed to remain, forming the group from whom the present 3,200 Indians on the Cherokee reservation adjoining the Great Smoky Mountains National park are descended.

But for the others the removal continued. In June 5,000 were sent to the West and in the autumn thousands more moved onward like the march of an army. Exposure and sickness took their toll, it being estimated that more than 4,000 died as a result of the march over the route that is known to the Cherokees as the Trail of Tears.

Yes, that was 100 years ago. Happily for the Indians and for us, America no longer condones such treatment. Today the United States government looks after the education and welfare of the Indians, spending many thousands of dollars in an effort to improve their lot in life. But it is well to recall the past now and then, if only to put us as a nation in a more humble frame of mind.

### Future Farmers Study Atlanta Produce Market

A group of vocational agriculture students with their teacher, visited the Atlanta produce market on Wednesday, May 25, to get a first hand knowledge of how marketing of truck crops by farmers is done on that market. This group was comprised of students who are carrying truck projects that may be marketed more advantageously on that market.

It should be noted that the bulk of the produce grown in this section every summer is trucked south to points where the summers are usually too hot and dry for those sections to grow their own produce. Atlanta produce market is the central point for this southward moving mountain grown produce.

A few students marketed produce on the Atlanta market last summer, and some others who did not make the trip Wednesday are expecting to later.

### Plant Sudan Grass For Midsummer Use

Sudan grass can still be seeded in June for pasturing during the summer months when permanent pastures are not so productive, according to R. L. Lovvorn, agronomist of the agricultural experiment station at State college.

When seeded on a well-prepared bed, 30 pounds of seed are usually sufficient for an acre. Generally, grazing can be started within five or six weeks after seeding, or any time after the plants are from 8 to 12 inches high.

However, it is not necessary that grazing be started so early, Lovvorn said, since the most common practice is keeping cattle off the Sudan until permanent pastures decline in production.

Livestock should be alternated between two fields of Sudan or one Sudan and one lespedeza field.

## Outstanding Juniors at State College



College Station, Raleigh, June 1.—One of the most coveted honors which rising seniors can receive at North Carolina State college is membership in Golden Chain, exclusive organization dedicated to student leadership and accomplishment. Only 12 juniors are selected each year. Here, in the colorful red and white robes of the order, are the newly-tapped members pictured shortly after they were initiated in an impressive sundown ceremony recently: (Front row, left to right) Stephen S. Sailer, of East Orange, N. J.; Walter L. Fanning, of Shelby; Sterling S. Holmes, of Cambridge, N. Y.; Leslie C. Brooks, of Bryson City; Horace McSwain, of Shelby, and Alexander M. Smith, of Elkin. (Back row, left to right), William McC. Bailey, of Richmond, Va.; James R. Burcham, of Elkin; James D. Patton, of Franklin; Goethe W. Marsh, Jr.; of Bath, Joseph T. Frye, Jr.; of Wardsville, W. Va., and James L. Murray, of Newton.

### Death Of William Henry Moore

A short notice of the death of William Henry Moore appeared in The Press last week, containing all the details available at that time. Since then we have received the following notice from a friend of the family:

The sudden death of Mr. William Moore was a great shock to his family and many friends. About 9 o'clock Saturday night, May 21, 1938, he was seized with a series of heart attacks. He passed away while being taken to the doctor.

Interment was in the cemetery of Wolf Fork Baptist church of which he was a member, at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 22. Rev. Douglas White, the pastor, conducted the service.

His early life was spent in the Wolf Fork community. He was an active leader in the work of the church, especially among the young people. In 1932 he moved from Rabun Gap, Ga., to Macon county where he lived until his death.

Mr. Moore was a man of varied talents. Having constructed various musical instruments with his own hands, he used them all and taught his large family music. He, and they were in wide demand to furnish music on social occasions. At the time of his death he was completing work on an overshot water-wheel which was to furnish the power for a workshop mill and electricity.

Mr. Moore was a native of Rabun county, Ga. He was born on Wolf Fork, December 20, 1886. He married Elizabeth Whitmire, of Wolf Fork. To them were born eight children, four boys and four girls: Margaret, Ella, Elizabeth and Fairy; "J. B.", John Lewis, Newton and Bobby. Three sisters survive him: Mrs. Justice, of Caldwell, Idaho; Mrs. Arthur Bramlett, of Wolf Fork, and Mrs. C. B. Brown, of Dillard, Ga.

### Conference Planned To Aid Farm Youths

North Carolina's biggest "farm crop" is its army of young people who are now reaching maturity, says L. R. Harrill, 4-H Club leader at State college.

On the farms of this state, there are 630 young people between the ages of 15 and 24 years for every 1,000 adults. Only one other state has a larger proportion of young people in relation to adults.

What to do with this mass of young people has long been a sociological problem. When more prosperous conditions were prevalent, industries of the city readily absorbed most of the overflow from farms.

Under normal conditions, the cities do not produce enough young people to take care of their labor needs; on the other hand, the farms produce more than enough to carry on the agricultural system. Hence, there has been a steady migration from farms to cities.

Now, with the unsettled economic conditions, a larger number of farm youths are remaining at home

working as unpaid family laborers. Some supplement the income of the family by working in nearby cities and towns and living in the parental home.

The Older Youth Conference, which will be held at State college, June 7-11, has been designed around lines which will help young people just reaching maturity to make an intelligent decision as to their life's work.

Speakers prominent in the fields of medicine, law, business, and agriculture have been secured to talk with the farm youths who attend this session and aid them in making a decision.

Cost of the entire course, including room and meals, will be only \$5. Details may be secured from county or home agents.

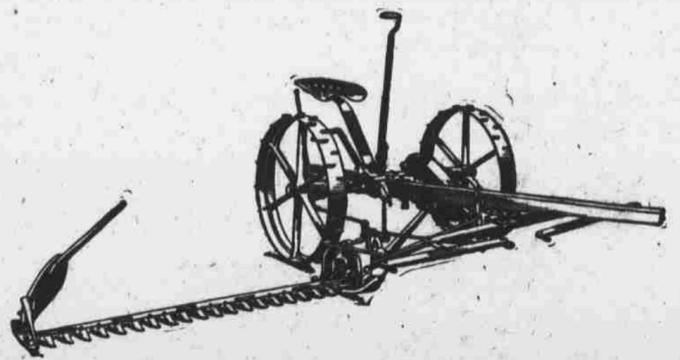
### Baseball Season Opens In Franklin

The opening game of baseball for the season in Franklin was played Sunday on the Franklin athletic field between Franklin and Holly Springs.

The game went for 11 innings and resulted in a score of 3 to 2 in favor of Franklin. The tie was broken in the 11th inning by Chief C. D. Baird who went in as a pinch hitter and smashed out a line drive which advanced a runner to third who scored on a wild throw.

Another game will be played next Sunday afternoon and the people of the town are invited to attend and help the boys, who are badly in need of some new equipment.

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