Backward Glance

The old Whitaker Church was the first church organized in Cherokee County. It was established in 1834 with ten

members. The church is now

The Peachtree Baptist

YEARS AGO, NOV. 8, Church was organized June 27 1839, with ten members, three males and seven females. The members were Jack Barker, Mary Dalrymple, Elizabeth Hughes, Elizabeth Cook, Jr., Elizabeth Cook Sr., Elizabeth known as the Valley River Young, John Timpson and Lucy Timpson. The last being Cherokee Indians.

Murphy First Methodist Church was a wooden structure standing on the site of Harshaw Chapel. It was organized in 1842. The first lighting system used was tallow candles. In 1869, Joshua Harshaw erected and gave to the church the beginning on top of the mountain, South of town,

known as the Harshaw Chapel. This building stood and was used by the church up until four years ago, when it was torn down and a new building erected.

The Cherokee singing convention was first started at Murphy in 1894, with the organized singing class in the old Baptist Church. H. B. Elliott, of Peachtree, was president, and the late Uncle Joe Kimsey, who was one of

the only two men in the county at the time that would lead the singing. Mrs. J. H. Phaup and son are

expected to return home Sunday. Mr. Allen Lovingood spent last Sunday with his wife at

Gainesville, Ga. The "very first" roads in Cherokee County were probably made by buffalos, cows and wild animals. When the first settler was to build a

new road they drove their cows or steers to the lowest gap on the side of the road was to be located on. The tracks were staked and the road located exactly on them.

The first road ever constructed in Cherokee County was the Unicoi Turnpike in 1813. The road entered North Carolina near Hayesville and passed down the Hiawassee River through Murphy and over the Great

Smoky Range into Tennessee. Hiawassee river now flows over part of this highway and a few old land marks may be seen. In the early 80's a railroad

was a much talked of project. It was finally carried through from North Georgia into Murphy in May 1888.

30 YEARS AGO, NOV. 8, 1939

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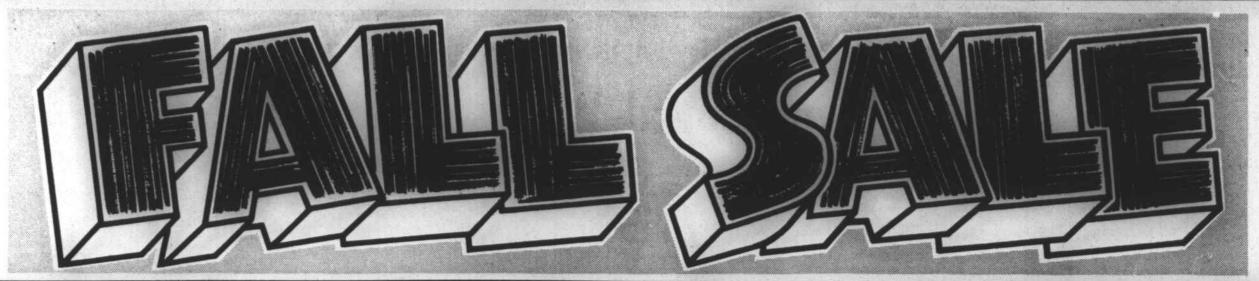
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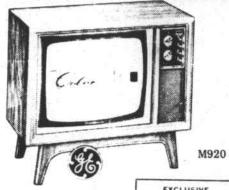
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Mrs. C. E. Hyde and daughter, Rosalie, spent the first part of this week visiting relatives or Cornelia.





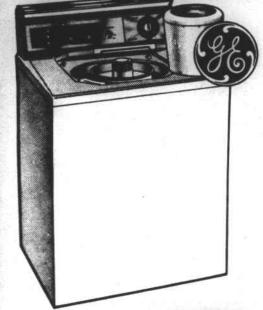
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