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SOME THINGS THE SCOUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN MURPHY AND CHEROKEE COUNTY

- In Murphy: 1. An active Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce. 2. More Manufacturing Industries. 3. New Passenger Stations—A Union Station. 4. More Improved Streets. 5. Regular Library Hours. 6. A Reading Club. In Cherokee County: 1. A System of County Roads Supplementing the State Highways. 2. More and Better Cattle Raising and Dairying. 3. More Fruit Growing. 4. Scientific Poultry Raising.

Letters of a Carolinian

AS ONE travels from Durham to Raleigh over the Southern Railway one may see standing near the railroad an old house of colonial style of architecture, two storied, with chimneys at either end, porched the full length, behind which projects the typical "L" and in front of which stands giant trees. In this house one of North Carolina's most distinguished families was reared. Under these trees one of the State's best known sons often played.

The recent publication of the letters of Walter Hines Page, who died in 1918, has served to bring his merits to the attention of the public as perhaps they were never known before. While he lived he gained the reputation of being one of the ablest statesmen America has sent to the Court of St. James. Following the publication of his letters, mostly written while Ambassador to England, his name is being associated with literary achievement. He has been called "the Franklin of our day," and "the greatest letter-writer of his generation."

It is said that after reading the life and letters of this distinguished son of the Tarheel State, four ex-Premiers—Lloyd George, Bonar Law, Asquith, Balfour—asked that a tablet be erected to his memory in Westminster Abbey, the tablet to bear these words: "To the glory of God and in Memory of Walter Hines Page, 1855-1918, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Court of St. James, 1913-1918, the friend of Britain in her sorest need." Strachey says of him: "He has a greater facility for photographing moral situations in words than any other man I ever came across." His Life and Letters has been paid a most sought-after compliment by being awarded the Pulitzer Prize.

Statemen, educators, authors and thousands of readers acclaim the literary merit of those letters. Undoubtedly, here is a North Carolinian who has achieved immortality through his pen, and all unconsciously, too, for his letters were written as a part of his official duty and not with the intention of publication.

A Miracle of Science

A RECENT number of Public Welfare Progress relates the story of a little twelve year old boy of Vance County who recently returned from the Orthopedic Hospital of Gastonia, having left his crutch behind, runs into the outstretched arms of his mother, a perfectly normal child again, while his grandmother cried in thankfulness "Praise the Lord! Praise His name! It's the name to my prayer!" The little fellow's recovery was assisted by tuberculosis.

Welfare Superintendent of Vance County, found the little fellow and took him to the hospital. His return marked the completion of the job in Vance County. His case was the eighteenth cripple that had been restored to usefulness and was the last in the county, whom the chief surgeon of the hospital had examined at a clinic held in the county and declared could be benefitted by treatment at the hospital. No doubt there are a number of children in this section who are doomed to go through life as cripples unless they are discovered and provision made for carrying them to the institution provided by the state for the treatment of such cases. No official of the county is charged with the duty of discovering these cases but any official or civic minded citizen would be glad to interest himself in such cases if brought to his attention.

Appreciative of Art

THE success with which the Lyceum Course, which closed Monday evening, met with effectually demonstrated that the people of Murphy and this immediate section are appreciative of entertainment of the better sort. The encouraging thing about it was that the number of those who enjoyed and appreciated these various numbers gradually increased until the last night, which was most unfavorable, and even then there was a good audience. The Oakley's, Miss Means' and the Zedler's programs were presentations of distinct merit. They were of a quality rarely heard in the smaller towns. It was only the abiding faith of a comparatively small number of citizens in the good taste of the community that made possible the bringing of these Lyceum numbers here. The confidence of the committee has been justified. The community has, by its co-operation and support, made the Lyceum Course a success financially and thoroughly demonstrated that it appreciates the better things in music and other forms of art. This is a good omen for the community. May this sense of values become keener and ever continue to grow!

Cannot Standstill!

IT IS an infallible law of nature that life in none of its forms can standstill. Nature will not tolerate stagnation. There is no neutral ground. There must be progression or retrogression. When plants and animals cease to evolve they devolute. The same law holds in the case of institutions, organizations and associations. An institution cannot standstill. It must grow in power and influence or else become less able to serve. So it is with towns and communities. When they cease to grow they lose ground. There is not neutral ground. Murphy is on the side of progress now. It is going forward faster than at any period in recent years, if not in its entire existence. More building and activity is now under construction or in prospect for the present year than at any time in the recent past. The past year was a most helpful one. The future holds out the brightest prospects. Truly Murphy is on the road that leads to a larger town.

Far Sighed Business

BECAUSE of the remarkable development of its natural resources, the South today is taking a new leadership in the economic progress of the nation. But this leadership, if it is to be maintained, must have a more enduring foundation than the possession and exploitation of material things. The South of tomorrow will be made by the children of today. The boys now in school and attending the churches will be the captains of industry and the leaders in the professions a few years hence. Citizenship is in the making in the schools and the churches. A great responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the teachers of the South—in the pulpit and in the classroom. But the compensation accorded the great majority of them is inadequate. The Southern Railway System, which pays three million dollars per annum in school taxes, voices not only its own opinion but the ambition of its 60,000 employees in respect to the future of their children and their section, when it expresses the view that greater rewards should be offered the men and women who are building Southern citizenship of tomorrow. Southern Railway

TARHEEL TATTLE By Carl William Bailey

A-needin' of Sunshine. The violet's sleepin' on the hill, A-dreamin' through the night, Waitin' for the voice of Spring To call it forth to Light. It's tired of idly restin' An' longs to be in bloom— A-needin' of the Sunshine To clear away the gloom.

The Mockin'bird's a-growin' weary Of the cold dreary rain, A-yearnin' for to sally forth An' sing to the world again; To sing a song of Sunshine On a happy day in May— He's needin' of the Sunshine To drive the clouds away.

The world's a-ploddin' onward In the mud o' Winter's night, Trudgin' thru the gloom o' Darkness A-lookin' for the Light, Huntin' Spring's Highway of Life, 'Neath a load o' Care— A-needin' of the Sunshine To light the thoroughfare.

All Of 'Em. Carleton Collins has this bit of "Listening-In" in the Charlotte News: "A headline says: 'Woman Talked Too Much.' Which one?"

Washington, For Instance. The Puzzle Man of the Sunday Constitution is scratching his head this way: "I've often stopped to wonder At Fate's peculiar ways: For nearly all our famous men Were born on holidays."

And Then "The Deserted Village." Senator Reed, of Missouri, says "show me" when he prattles: "I should like to see the Capitol cleansed of every bribe-giver and bribe-taker, every buyer and seller of influence, and honest government restored."

Question of the Hour. The Cherryville Eagle is puzzled this way: "A scientist says Eve arrived before Adam. If that is so, why has woman been late ever since?"

Seekin' Sympathy. The "Lone Chaser", of the Oteen Echo makes this plea: "Love me, love my dog-- Hate me, hate my 'kolum'. Aw, friend, have a heart. Don't look so awfully solemn!"

A Strong "Reminder." The Asheville Times makes this forecast: "This blizzard is a pleasant reminder of what is going to happen in the fall elections."

Time to Act. The Jackson Journal says: "When they begin killing rattle snakes in the heart of Hendersonville, in the middle of February, as was done last week, it is time to start a real prohibition enforcement drive."

Around the Barn. Blate-away, my baby cow, I like to year you cry; I'm not worried, for you'll be A veal calf by and by.

Progress In Education

IN 1900 the expenditures for schools in North Carolina amounted to less than \$1,000,000. This year the total expenditures will reach 23,000,000. In 1900 the expenditures for new school buildings were \$41,000. Last year the total expenditures were more than \$6,000,000. In 22 years the value of school property increased from \$1,600,000 to \$35,000,000. In 1900 the average salary of teachers was less than \$25.00 per month. Last year it was \$102. In 1900 the average length of school term was 73 days. Last year, 141 days. High school enrollment increased in 22 years from 22,000 to 49,000. In 1900 there were no rural public libraries in the state. In 1923 there were more than 4,800.



THE great exposition of road building material, methods, and machinery which now is in progress in Chicago emphasizes as never before the position which highway construction and use is to take in this country. Here, under one roof are gathered together such an educational exhibit of all that pertains to highway making as the world has never seen. Road builders from all over the country are attending; road buyers have sent their representatives to see what progress has been made in the art; road users come to see whether or not their own roads are up to the best standard, and if the money their community are spending is being wisely spent.

Attracting a major amount of the attention of their visitors are the two exhibits which have nothing to sell; nothing to gain except the spread of an idea. The Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture, has a high educational exhibit, showing the work of the bureau, the administration of the Federal aid road act, and the right way to build roads. The National Highways Association, occupying a great space across the end of the gallery, shown very large and elaborate maps, illustrating the ideas back of the association. It shows, which literature and other exhibits, its educational work looking to the creation of national sentiment for the theory that the National Government should build, own, control, and forever maintain a system of National Highways to which States would build feeder roads, which in turn would be served by county and township roads.

The great throngs of people coming to the Coliseum are but an indication of the interest we, as a people, take in the highway transportation problem, and the absolute necessity of this Government taking the next step in its solution, which is, of course, the creation of a National Highway Commission to locate and build the first of the truly national roads.

Letters From The People

Editor Cherokee Scout: We want to take this method of expressing our thanks for the gracious co-operation accorded the women last Saturday at the luncheon and supper in behalf of the new Methodist church and to give expression to the hope that the generous spirit of the community may continue to manifest itself until funds shall have been raised to complete the new church.

On every hand men and women are showing a rediness to fall in with our plans for raising funds for this beautiful structure. This leads us to believe and expect that the special efforts on Saturday of this week are going to be fruitful of tremendous results. May we solicit the wholehearted efforts and support of the community in this worthy undertaking?

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE.

Cows Need More Feed and Better Care

THERE is no farm animal that responds more readily or with more profit to good care and protection from exposure and other hardships than the dairy cow. It pays to protect her from the cold and dampness in winter—from cold winds, rain and mud in winter, or from heat in summer. The dairy cow is a hard working animal and must have feed and protection from hardships if she is to do her best work. She is a delicate machine in the sense that insufficient feed and lack of care show quickly in her production—more feed and better care are more needed to make Southern dairy cows more profitable.—Tait Tutler, in The Progressive Farmer.

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PROMOTING THE CATTLE INDUSTRY

(The Asheville Citizen.) IN ORDER to promote the livestock industry, the farmers of Cherokee and Clay Counties are organizing the Western North Carolina Veal-Growers and Shippers' Association. The first carload of calves will be shipped about May 1, this shipment being arranged by County Agent Ellis of Cherokee and Anderson of Clay, as a demonstration of what these counties can do in the production of veal.

This association may reasonably be expected to do much more for Cherokee and Clay than stimulate interest in the raising of calves for the market; it should awaken the farmers of that section to the recognition of their advantages in the whole livestock industry. Clay and Cherokee are generously endowed in rich grazing lands, well watered and protected by high mountain ranges from the storms of winter. If the marketing of veal proves profitable, as it undoubtedly will, Clay and Cherokee should give more thought to the growing of beef and dairy herds.

The only way to develop the livestock industry in Western North Carolina on the scale commensurate with the resources here suited to the purpose is to organize for co-operative labor in the cattle business. These western counties have never done for themselves what their natural advantages make possible in the raising of livestock, but there are now many signs that Western North Carolina will some day be famous for its cattle and that its stock-raisers will bank home the money they are now spending for meat from the West. One sign is the Veal Growers and Shippers' Association.

In 1900 the capital invested in manufacturing enterprises in North Carolina was \$68,283,000. In 1920 this had increased to \$609,141,000.

FAT MAN'S CORNER

"Mother, why did you marry father?" "So you've begun to wonder, too, have you?"

You n-never seem to t-take any interest in anything I ever do," sobbed the bride. "Don't be unreasonable, my dear," remonstrated her husband. "I had awake all last night and wondered what you put in those darned biscuits."—Pipe Progress.

"I want a shave," said the determined looking man as he climbed into the chair in the barber shop. "I don't want any bay rum, witchazel, hair tonic, hot towels, or face massage. I don't want a plain shave, with no trimmings. Do you understand?" "Yes, sir," said the barber. "Will you have some lather on your face, sir?"—New York Mail.

"My sister's feller kicked my dog yesterday," said Willie, "but I'll get even with him."

"How'll you get even?" said Willie friend. "I'm goin' to mix quinine," said Willie, "with my sister's face powder!"—Pipe Progress.

"With all due deference my boy, really think our English custom at the telephone is bettering than saying 'Hello' as you do."

"What do you say in England?" "We say: 'Are you there?' Then of course, if you are not there, there is no use in going on with the conversation."—Exchange.

"Now, my little man," said the barber to a youngster in the barber's chair. "What do you want your hair cut?" "With a hole in the top, like dad's," was the reply.—Pittsburg Sun.

Wife (returning home from a trip): George, where did all those empty bottles in the cellar come from? George—I don't know, dear. I never saw an empty bottle in my life.—Telephone News.

"Can't you make that little boy stop crying?" asked a kindly lady of an unweaned child who was contemplating a smaller child who was crying. He pondered a moment. "I could, ma'am," he replied, "but it would be spoiled in do faint degree."—American Legion Weekly.