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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.

## School and Idealism

WITH the closing of schools and colleges all over the country one's attention is naturally called to the sort of product that is being turned out by our vast educational system. At this season of the year newspapers and other organs of publicity are in the habit of belittling the high ideals and ambitious feelings of the young people just being graduated from our schools and colleges. However, let it be said to the credit of the young people that it is idealism, and ambition that sustains and supports us. Without these things life would tend to become drab. Most of us would get into ruts from which we would be unable to extricate ourselves without the buoyant influence of high idealism and a noble ambition. There is a tendency as one grows older and farther away from school days to lose his idealism; his desire for service; his altruistic tendencies and to become self-centered. But for the succeeding generations of boys and girls emerging from our schools and colleges yearly to fire us with a zeal for service and a high idealism this would soon become a mighty monotonous world in which to live. Instead of belittling their idealism, they should be encouraged in it. If all of us could retain it longer, this would be a better world to live in.

## Good Roads Mean Progress

GIVE any section a transportation system and that section is mighty apt to grow. Certainly no other conclusion could be reached with reference to a section of large natural resources, healthful climate, and a staunch citizenship.

Such a section is ours. It stands to reason, therefore, that the construction of the roads under way and proposed will bring about wonderful changes in this county. The state highway through the county from north to south is well under way, some links of which have already been completed. The highway to the east, by way of Hayesville, is well maintained by the state and North Georgia people propose to connect with it at the North Carolina line and carry it south through Unicoi Gap, Helen, Cornelia and Clayton, and on to Atlanta. The road from Hayesville by way of Franklin, Brevard and Hendersonville is scheduled for construction by the state. This week advertisements by the various townships are asking for bids on roads leading to the Tennessee State line through Shoal Creek Township, and the completion of the Murphy Township road down the river to the Beavertown Township line, where it will connect with a road now

being constructed to the Tennessee state line.

With these through connections and the lateral highways into the various sections of the county, we may confidently look forward to greater activity throughout this section, both as a result of tourists and through travel and as a result of the almost certain development of our natural resources and the intensification of farm activity. May nothing hinder this ambitious and forward-looking program!

## A Critical Democracy

THE average American citizen recognizes it as one of his inalienable rights to criticize, especially governmental, social and public institutions of all kinds. If one were to propose the limiting of this right a mighty protest would go up from the throats of millions of people all over the United States, which is peculiarly recognized as the home of freedom—freedom of speech, freedom to worship God after the dictates of one's own conscience, freedom to do as one pleases so long as it does not materially affect other people.

In exercising our rights of free speech we too often speak without having the facts before us, which often times leads us astray and wrongly influences others. Whereas, if we were more careful of our ground before criticizing, criticism would have a much more powerful influence in shaping and moulding public opinion and public action. And in a democracy public opinion and public action must of necessity be largely shaped by criticism, constructive and destructive.

Therefore, in commenting on the recent congressional provision which makes available about one hundred and fifty million dollars to bring our navy up to the standard allowed by the Washington Arms Conference, we do so with a consciousness that we perhaps do not have all the facts before us and that for that reason, we may be in error in what we shall say.

The international disarmament conference held in Washington sometime ago to discuss the problem of reducing and keeping at a minimum consistent with national safety the armies and navies of the chief powers of the world evolved what has come to be known as the five-five-three ratio, which means that the relative strength of the navies of Great Britain, the United States and Japan shall be in the ratio of five to three. In other words, the United States and Great Britain, according to the terms of this agreement, are allowed a certain number of cruisers, battleships, submarines, etc., and Japan is allowed just three fifths as many.

A few weeks ago naval officials, appearing before a congressional committee pointed out that the United States was not maintaining her ratio; that she was falling behind in the construction of certain classes of ocean craft, and asked for an appropriation to bring the United States navy up to the maximum permitted under the disarmament agreement. The House of Representatives has just passed an appropriation of \$110,000,000 for new construction and \$70,000,000 for repairs.

The United States has never maintained a navy as strong as Great Britain's because the emergencies of the situation have never demanded it. So far as the layman can observe, there is apparently no reason now that our navy should be kept equal to that of Great Britain. It has been said that war grows out of one of two causes, either fear, or the feeling of superior strength, no matter what flimsy excuse may be given as the cause of a war. Surely none of our lawmakers are laboring under the delusion that we are too weak to protect ourselves from invasion, or who feels that we should prepare to make war. If neither is the case, it would seem that these millions of dollars could be better spent than in making preparations for war. But perhaps the lawmakers have facts before them that makes their action wise. The responsibility is theirs, at any rate.

## My Community

MY COMMUNITY is the place where my home is founded, where my children are educated, where my income is earned, where my friends dwell, and where my life is chiefly lived. I have chosen it, after due consideration, from among all the places on earth. It is the home spot for me. Here let me live until death claims me. Then let my neighbors say I was a friend to man—Cotton Grower.

## TARHEEL TATTLE

By Carl William Bailey

### A River Fisherman's Song.

Heave ho! Ye weary fishermen,  
Come, gather into camp,  
We're very cold and hungry,  
And our clothes are wet and damp;  
With a little fire blazing here,  
And a trot-line in the stream,  
We'll all retire to dreamland  
And dream a fisherman's dream.

I know we've had bad luck,  
As that you clearly see;  
But I did my very best,  
Don't lay the blame on me.  
But little did I muse  
As I traversed on my way,  
We'd never get a fish-bite  
Until the judgment day!

With an early rise tomorrow,  
We'll all prepare and go  
Back to home, sweet home,  
To come here—nevermore!  
I like to fish very well  
When I can catch a good string,  
But all that we've caught today  
Was just a—mosquito sting!

### A Laidtype Gnome Wild.

The Pleasant Hill Times' columnist has this bit of information:

"We are having a hard time writing this column on the old machine because the E key has developed a penchant for dropping off. Can't get along minus E, so a lot of time is being lost in replacing it from time to time, and there is a growing fear that the usual high quality of this column is deteriorating.

"If we had to do without—vry wk th nws columns of this papr and vry othr papr would look duedly peculiar, to say th last, — is th most numrous ltrr in th alphabet, or lastaways, th most numroustly ud in getting out a papr or in printing a book. Why — is almost th print'r's bst frind. This sampl, by th way, shows just what this column would look lik if w had to it that bloming — hav its way and stay off of our wll-worn and middl-grad typwitr.

"It would be awkward to get along without V or Q or X, but we'd a hundred times rather lose all three of these than our good old standby, the letter E."

### "All in the Bright June Morning"

Frank L. Stanton sings of "The Gift of June":

"June will give us  
A breath of spring,  
Red o' the rose,  
And a bird to sing,  
And the bells of Joy—  
Oh, we'll hear them ring  
All in the bright June morning.

"June will give us  
The golden grain,  
And the love for which  
We have sighed in vain,  
And we'll wait for her  
On the picnic train  
All in the bright June morning."

## Letters From The People

To the Editor of The Scout:

We would like to express through the columns of your good paper our feelings in regard to the road, which is contemplated to be built through Shoal Creek Township. The present survey begins near the Hot House line, leaving the north side of Shoal Creek Township without a road for from seven to eight miles, leaving the heaviest taxpayers without any road at all. That is, a few of the McNabbs and a few others near Friendship are wanting the people on the north side to build them a road. We find that they have made the survey about five miles out of the way in order to pass Dave McNabb's place. Now we think that Cherokee County has done enough for the McNabbs as they have been pulling the county for a long time and it now looks to us like they are wanting the county to rear another generation of McNabbs, but we think there are other people who should have some attention as well as the McNabbs and a few others on Shoal Creek. If the people get justice and their rights, the road will be either through the center of the township or the township will be divided and we think our county commission-

## The Sunday School Lesson May 25, 1924

Our lesson for to-day might well be termed God's pay day. For several weeks we have been studying the actions of God's people. We have read the warnings of his prophets and we have seen how his people refused to listen to these. Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord. We are to study today the results that inevitably followed.

The whole lesson is found in six chapters. Five of these are taken from II Kings. Which chapters are these? What do you find recorded in these chapters? The sixth chapter is in II Chronicles. Which chapter is this? Tell your friends what you find in this chapter.

Now that you have found this out for yourself you will be glad to tell your friends that the lesson is found in II Kings 21-25 and II Chronicles 36. You will be interested also in telling them about Josiah and the reigns of his successors until the day of the captivity.

The printed text is found in II Chron. 36: 11-21. Many suggestions are offered by various writers as to the best way to teach this lesson. Regardless of these, the very best way for each one is to prepare it in his own way. Your way is better for you than any other person's way. So be sure to read these verses and decide upon the great lesson for you that you find in them.

I would not have you accept my division of the verses. I am going to submit my own although I am aware that it is different from any I have seen. The theme that appeals to me is "God's Pay Day." The division that appeals to me is:

1. The sins of Zedekiah. 36:11-13.
2. The sins of the nation. 36:13-16.
3. The day of vengeance. 36:17-21.

### The Sins of Zedekiah.

This is given in a phrase. He did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God. In studying the methods of Satan this same statement can be given for it is in a word a statement of the character of the devil. Zedekiah was evidently in the talons of Satan.

What are the particular and definite things that Zedekiah did that give evidence of the evil character of his reign? In the first place we see that he humbled not himself before the prophet who spoke the word of God. The message of the men of God in all ages has been a call clear and direct to repentance. Notice that it was the message before which he should have humbled himself rather than the man who spoke it. So it is to day when the message of God's book condemns we should humble our selves and turn to our God. We should never take it as an occasion to become enraged at the messenger for whoever he may be the message of repentance is God's own message. And certainly God's message, even though delivered by a humble creature of earth, is sufficient to humble any of us.

In the next place, he committed the sin of perjury. We sometimes hear of witnesses who swear to a falsehood. Cross-examiners usually know when this is being done and it is impossible for us to have any sort of respect for the witness who will stoop to a thing like that. Yet, here is a king who perjured himself by swearing falsely. It is sometimes true

ers will look at it this way; that they will look out for the good citizens of the north side as well as on the south side of the township as the north side people pay the biggest part of the taxes and are entitled to the road or a division of the township so they can build their own road.

We know that there are a few individuals in Murphyworking for them but it is only for the almighty dollars that they are getting out of the matter and if they don't give the north side justice, we think they will be found wanting in the next election here. This is a matter of interest and of justice to the people of the north side to which they are entitled, wheteh they get it or not. If the road is built on the present survey it is an injustice to the majority of the good citizens of the north side of Shoal Creek Township and they will fight the matter to the end or get what is coming to them, for all they want is justice and they will hold out for it until the last. We hope that we will get justice without resorting to any unpleasant measures, but if not, we will devise means to have our rights. Justice is all we want.

(Signed) T. HATMAKER  
Vests, N. C., May 21st.

## FAT MAN'S CORNER

"What birthday present are you going to give your husband?"

"Oh, a hundred cigars."

"What did you pay for them?"

"Nothing! For the past two months I have taken one or two from his box daily. He has not noticed it, and will be delighted with my tact in getting the kind he always smokes."—Pathfinder.

Dealer—I can guarantee this umbrella.  
Buyer—Do you guarantee it is silk?  
Dealer—No, not that.

Buyer—Do you guarantee it to last a year?

Dealer—Of course not.

Buyer—Do you guarantee that it will rain proof?

Dealer—No; no umbrellas now are rain proof.

Buyer—Then what do you guarantee?

Dealer—I guarantee it to be an umbrella.—Stockholm Kaspar.

The motorist was a stranger in Boston streets. It was evening. A man approached. "Sir," he said "your beacon has ceased its functions."

"What?" gasped the astonished driver. "Your illuminator, I say, is shrouded in unmitigated oblivion."

"I don't uite—"

"The effulgence of your radiator has evanesced."

"My dear fellow—"

"The transversal ether oscillations in your incandescer have been discontinued."

Just then a little newsboy came over and said, "Say, mister, yer lights out."—Pathfinder.

with Christian people, at least with professing Christians. What an awful thing it is to take the vows of a Christian and at the same time live in allegiance to the prince of the darkness of this world.

In the third place, he obstinately refused to turn to his God. This is pictured in such strong terms as, "Stiffened his neck and hardened his heart". What an attitude to take toward one's Creator, benefactor and preserver. Yet there men in our day who are just as defiant. There are living examples of the man who says I do not care what God does, I will not do otherwise.

### THE SINS OF THE NATION

We find that very definite sins are recorded against the priests and the people. The first of these is "Transgressing after the abominations of the heathen". This includes horrible immorality and the making of molten images and forsaking the commandments of God.

They also polluted the House of God. This was done by building altars in the House of God. The graven image was placed in God's House. It is bad enough to be in the service of the devil but it is far worse to be a pretended servant of the Most High God and really be a secret servant of Satan. In this age both prophet and priest were profane and at the same time they were carrying on the activities of the House of God.

They are said also to have mocked the messengers of God, despised their words and misused his prophets. These were not the false prophets who appeared in pleasing guise but the real men of God who spoke the burning message of stern denunciation of sin. For us to day it is wholesome to weigh well the message before despising it or mocking the messengers. We may be turning our backs on God in so doing.

### THE DAY OF VENGEANCE

The Lord will not always chide and the day of vengeance will surely come. It came to Judah. The instruments used were the Chaldeans. They slew many and took the rest captive. They took the rest captive. They took the vessels of the House of God; took all the treasures of the land and burned the House of God as well as brake down the wall of Jerusalem. God had been long suffering with Judah. But at last his day of vengeance came. Unbeliever, it will come to you too. God is

not willing that you should perish. He is so unwilling that he has placed great barriers between you and HELL but if you trample over these barriers and go to ruin you can blame no one but yourself. Sinners turn. Why will you die!