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To Correspondents

The management of The Scout is endeavoring to give the news of the different communities of the county and this section through its correspondents, and we shall continue to do so. But the persistency of some who would like to be correspondents, and who sign any old name to a letter, is getting to be quite common here of late, and what they write at face value appears to The Scout as an "item" of news when as a matter of fact is nothing more than a cheap "joke". Therefore, the Scout is adopting the line of least resistance and hereafter no items from correspondents shall be printed unless written on specially printed stationery which will be furnished to regular authorized correspondents. The correspondent's signature, and address, written in his own handwriting, must be filed with us for our records before one can be considered an "authorized correspondent." This is now in effect.

Sasser And Fain Exchange Letters Relative To Fair

President W. M. Fain
Cherokee County Fair
Murphy North Carolina
Dear Mr. Fain:

As a citizen interested in the economic and moral welfare of Cherokee County, I am offering a suggestion relative to financing and conducting of one feature of the 1925 Fair.

I think of three possible sources of income: 1. Gate receipts, 2. Gifts by public spirited men or corporations, men or corporations, 3. Sale of 3. Sale of concessions: (1) to business concerns, and (2) to carnival amusement companies.

The primary objective of the fair is economic and industrial development, which includes moral development. It seeks to reach the largest possible number of people, and its success is largely dependent upon the attendance.

Amusements help draw the crowds. It is a well known fact that not only some amusements of no educational or moral value, but even some violently injurious to moral character are sometimes tolerated in some places and instances, in consideration of the money the promoters pay for privileges and the crowds they apparently draw through the gates. The companies can pay liberally for concessions because what they pay comes immediately back to them from the people who patronize them—in other words, our home folks—who the fair is teaching to make and save money! Moreover the carnival companies make much money but spend comparatively little of it here.

So the patrons of the shows etc. indirectly pay for the concessions and directly pay for seeing the shows, pitching at prizes, turning wheels of "misfortune" and playing various devices that are very profitable to the promoters, but in a great majority of the cases very unprofitable to those furnishing the money. The purpose of the fair to develop the economic life is defeated at this point and the fair should look to the other sources for financial support.

The carnival is not only a financial liability and drain of the community, but those that carry gambling devices sometimes called by another name, but gambling just the same and their attendant morally corrupting influences should be barred because they are corrupt and unlawful. These are two good and sufficient

reasons for having no carnival in connection with the fair: 1. Financially unprofitable. 2. Morally wrong.

But the fair must have the crowds and I offer two suggestions: The musical organizations of the County and section draw large crowds. The negro singing at the court house a few weeks ago, the singing at Marble ten days ago, and other instances could be cited.

The second feature is an open form where live suggestions would be discussed or debated.

Combine these features for two or three days and nights. If proper preparation is made and sufficient advertising of these items is done the people will be there in throngs.

Kindly deliver us from an expensive and corrupt carnival. Give us something wholesome and constructive and we'll all come.

As this is a public question, I am sending a copy to The Cherokee Scout with request to publish.

Yours truly,
T. L. SASSER

Rev. T. L. Sasser,

City.

Dear Mr. Sasser:

I have your courteous letter of the 24th. inst., and have noted carefully the contents. I can assure you I appreciate your bringing the matters outlined in your letter to my attention and I can assure you I will present your letter to the executive committee when it meets Friday morning.

I feel that in acting in any capacity as a public official that I am in reality a servant of the people and it is my earnest desire to work with them, therefore it is always a pleasure to have suggestions from time to time and to have conferences in which the people can express their views.

I trust we may have other suggestions and that the entire community will take a lively interest in the Fair to the end that we may have a Fair that will be just what it should be.

With best wishes, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,

W. M. FAIN

Pres. Cherokee County Fair Association

Letter From Agent Of Clay County

How about Clay County chickens?

some of them died and some of them lived. Up to date no one has been able to raise them all and no one has lost them all, the percent has run all the way from 20 to 75 per cent. the average raise will run about 50 percent with a higher average raised on the Leghorns than on the heavier breeds.

Now how about this chicken business anyway, what is it all about? About fifteen months ago several people in the county began to milk cows as a medium of revenue. The number milking cows has constantly increased until now the cream station is giving checks for about \$125.00 per week, which means a good sum in the run of a year. The byproducts skim milk makes it possible to keep several more hogs in the county, which is an additional source of revenue. These two additions alone with the present cropping system is not sufficient to support the farm home and lay by a surplus, which every man should do. The third addition must be made if the farmer is to have a good substantial living and pay his taxes, mortgages and lay by a savings for old age. This third addition is found in the poultry industry which fits very conveniently in this system of farming. The real out come in this adventure in poultry has been, that the participant has learned that he can raise poultry in a larger volume and make a good substantial income from it. Not all the persons entering this venture have secured, will all continue the poultry work. The majority of these people are planning to build good substantial poultry houses, get some good brooders and really go in to the poultry business. These are a few things they have learned: First they must be protected from radical temperature change and weather from the day they come out of the brooder, as long as you would have them to be profitable. Second, they must be fed this entire time correctly. Third, they must be gotten at the right season and be disposed of at the right season.

Many have remarked that these chickens were gotten in the wrong season but during no other season could so many have been raised under the same conditions. Besides the summer price makes it possible for a beginner to learn the poultry game. Buying the chickens at this time they could lose a third of their chickens and then be in the same condition

financially that they would have been in had they bought them at an earlier season and not have lost any, which is entirely impossible. Under the best of conditions no poultryman can expect over 90 percent raised.

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WILLARD R. ANDERSON,
County Agent

Johnson Receives Letters Chattanooga Automobile Club

Mr. Thomas Johnson,
Hot House,
Cherokee County,
North Carolina,
Dear Sir:

The Club Runs committee of this organization is planning a trip to Murphy over Kimsy Highway from Ducktown in the interest of a connection between Murphy and Ducktown which would provide a short scenic route between Asheville and Chattanooga. It is possible that there will be a great number of cars making the trip from Chattanooga and we hope to be joined by other cars along the line of travel.

We have decided to make this trip on Saturday, July 4th, leaving Chattanooga early enough to have a meeting before noon if possible in Ducktown and then continue to Murphy for a night meeting. We hope that it will be possible to have a representative of both the Tennessee and North Carolina highway Commission present at these meetings and would like to know if you will co-operate with us toward making these meetings a success.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

The Chattanooga Automobile Club,
R. L. PARK
Secretary.

Mr. T. T. Johnson,

Colberson, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter with reference to our club run over

the proposed connection between Ducktown and Murphy and we think you for your spirit of co-operation.

It is now definitely settled that our party will leave Chattanooga early in the morning on Saturday, July 4th, arriving at Ducktown in time for a meeting shortly before noon and then proceeding to Murphy thru Anglico Gap. We hope that you will give this matter some publicity in your section and have a good delegation meet us at Ducktown.

Any further date that you can give us which would add to the interest in this trip we will be glad to receive it.

Yours truly,

The Chattanooga Automobile Club
R. L. Park
Secretary.

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