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Service with most of us means serve us.

Europe's gold is dull. Eventually but why pay now?

There's a touch of today in all a stock salesman promises tomorrow.

They call it white male because it usually associated with the jack.

Some wedding steps don't last much longer than the ring of the wedding bells.

What's become of the awful world-catastrophe? Hindenburg's election was to bring about?

Of course America ought to grow her own rubber! It's what we live in most of the time.

What better demonstration of a "fireless cooker" do we need than the modern house servant?

The easiest job on earth is that of being a philanthropist. So easy to find the poor and the needy.

"Mrs. Coolidge, Neural Run Down By Cops."—headline. They just can't forget when Cal was up in Boston.

The Government wouldn't have minded Judge Kennedy's Teapot Dome decision so much if he hadn't rubbed it in.

We don't blame the American dollar for shrinking. Look at some of the awful things they try to spend it for.

It costs \$148.57 a year to educate a high school pupil. But those are the school's figures. Wait for father's.

Santa Barbara ought not to be disheartened. The old earth just had to shake the dust off its feet before that Tennessee evolution trial began.

No Sherman anti-trust law ever will be invoked to break up a combine of loyal, forward-looking, clear-minded men and women cooperating to put their home town on the map and to keep it there.

One tree will make a million matches; one match can destroy a million trees. A thousand people could make a thousand knockers if each one developed into a knocker. One knocker, if he knocked long and had enough could put the glow into a thousand boosters, destroying their plans and good works.

The Golden rule can never be improved upon, but it can be enlarged upon with profit to ourselves and mankind. How about this paraphrase of the subject: Do unto your community as you would have your community to do unto you? Your community is the sum total of yourself and your neighbors. If you would find happiness, tranquil home and community life, prosperity and the emulation of the unselfish spirit, support local merchants, local banks, local newspapers, and home institutions generally. Too strong a statement you say. True, it may not bring about the community millennium, but it will place you in a strengthened attitude of consistently boosting for the home town. It will give you poise among your friends, courage in your own business adversities, hope in your job or daily task, respect for what your community is trying to accomplish, and a satisfaction that you had a share in its growth.

EARTHQUAKES

Less than 20 persons lost their lives in the Santa Barbara earthquake. Every day in the year an average of 30 lives are snuffed out by the automobile alone, or a total of 65,233 persons met accidental death from all causes last year according to government figures.

Immense property damage resulted from the shake-up, and even one life is too precious to lose. But earthquakes are peculiarly notable because of their uncanniness. No place on the globe can claim immunity from them. They're saying New York City next! Might as well say Lowell, or Knoxville, or Portland, or Mobile, or Murphy. No one knows.

After disasters come people cry out "We will rebuild!" The pioneer spirit! Also because there is in every human breast a desire to accomplish, to overcome, to outwit—to gamble with Nature. But it is a gamble where the odds are stacked against us. To give up is idle. To seek a place of absolute safety from natural causes and phenomena is futile. The safest situation is a courageous heart to battle bravely against certainties, but with the wisdom that knows its own complicity in the world of things as they are.

HENDERSONVILLE

For a number of years past the people of Hendersonville were walking around in a diamond field without looking down. About three years ago, however, they made discovery of the possibilities to which they had been asleep. Hendersonville began to do things and to advertise, so that the people on the outside, might know. Up to that time, Hendersonville remained an old town, content to plod along at the same, slow gait, making no effort to develop the assets of the place for the benefit of the public. But Hendersonville may be called a new town, for it has got away from "Main Street." It is the seat of the most intensive activities in development work in all the State. There has been the greatest record in transformation at Hendersonville that is to be found in any part of North Carolina, for Hendersonville has built new residential sections, new hotels, paved miles of streets, established one of the finest cotton mill settlements in the country and has been the seat of tremendous investment by outside people. In this development work Florida is taking a large part. The original colony that was content with a small settlement out from the town, is now overshadowed by Florida investments on a great scale. A large proportion of the money we hear about as flowing into Florida, comes right back into North Carolina in permanent investment.

There has grown up around the town two residential sections which correspond to Myers Park and Dilworth, in Charlotte. One is the Laura Hills development, the other the Druid Hills home settlement. For both of these the first groundwork was paved streets and water mains. The latter were readily available, because of the fact that the city is finely provided with a supply, drawn from Pisgah Forest, to assurance of both abundance and purity. Then Col. Jake Wells came, alone and provided the town with a hotel of the standard tourist class in The Terrace, a hotel which "fills the bill" for Hendersonville in the same manner the well-known hotels at Asheville fill the bill for that town.

The scale upon which Hendersonville is being developed necessarily calls for money in major proportions. The Observer did not stop to enquire where all this money comes from—it was sufficient to know that Hendersonville has it and is putting it out lavishly, but not recklessly. Hendersonville is making its development money talk. Particular care has been exercised in providing parks and swimming pools and in establishment of golf links and amusements for the public.

The Observer was profoundly impressed with the advancement the city has made in the construction line, so much so to justify, in its judgment, the present measure of publicity for Hendersonville is now admitted to be the center of the greatest activities in mountain development now going on.—Charlotte Observer.

WHY MEN GO FREE

William Darling Shepherd went free. It is not surprising. We were not at the trial, nor did we follow the press reports further than human nature and a battling morbidity enticed. We know little of the details of the case, and accept the verdict of acquittal because the jury has spoken and because of the cardinal principle of innocence until proven guilty. It may be interesting, however, to speculate upon the reason for the

jury's verdict of acquittal in the face of the fact that a state's witness, "Dr." Charles Faiman, testified that he supplied the defendant with typhoid germs with which to inoculate Billy McClintock, the millionaire ward of Shepherd. The jury did not believe Faiman's story. They either decided that he told an untruth on the stand, or their confidence in his testimony was shaken to the extent that a reasonable doubt arose in their minds, which is sufficient for an acquittal in a criminal case.

We hear a lot from super-sentimental people about circumstantial evidence, but it is sometimes stronger and more convincing than direct or personal "eye-witness" testimony. The reason is because circumstances never lie, while men do. Confessions drawn from circumstances may be erroneous, but not the circumstances by their very nature. This is why actual confessions of alleged murderers must be backed up by actual proof of the corpus delicti. A confession from a defendant is sometimes unreliable, and it is a wholesome provision of our law and a dictate of justice, that confessions are not taken arbitrarily and where upon which to pass sentence and base punishment.

Juries know the proneness to error, the frailties of human speech and thought, the flights of imagination. They sit, they hear, they form doubts, and they acquit. It is the right system or the best system humans know; but it is both a protection to the innocent and a shield to the guilty.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Ogden, N. C.
July 21, 1925.

Editor The Scout,
Murphy, N. C.

Dear Editor:
Since there have been many letters and articles published in your valuable paper in regard to the road question and the proposed route to be taken over by the state leading into Tennessee, and since Beavertown Township has not been heard from we hope you will allow us space in your paper to discuss a few things that have been badly misrepresented.

First, I shall reply to a letter written by Mrs. T. G. Arp, of Isabella, Tennessee. She states: "That there are only about 25 families living on the Beavertown road leading from Murphy, N. C. to Tellico Plains, Tenn. If this statement is true I would agree with her, that this section doesn't need any road at all, for it would be a Park Jungle, uninhabited, fit for nothing but monkeys and Evolutionists. But she made an absurd, unreasonable and unbelievable statement, damaging to the good people of this County.

She also states that she was required in Cherokee and has our interest here. I would certainly hate to know that Cherokee was my native home and not know any more about it than she seems to know.

There are around 150 families who live directly on the Beavertown road from Murphy to the Unicoi Gap. We don't have to go to Tellico Plains to get this number and there are 300 families that can gain access to this road within a mile's travel. So the man that traveled through this section and couldn't count but 25—he should be back in school taking lessons in numbers.

As to the large mountains that have been spoken of over our route. That has been misrepresented, too. There are no mountains of any notice whatever except the Unicoi, and there is where the connection is to be made, and even if there were mountains, what difference would that make? The County is required to put the road on a 4 per cent grade before the State will accept it or take it over.

We don't think that Mr. Stickleather is autocratic in his methods, but we do believe he has had things misrepresented to him and when he delves into the true merits of this question he will be willing and anxious to give "bleeding Beavertown" her share of notice. We agree with Mr. Stickleather in his suggestion that the people of Cherokee County settle this matter by a vote of the people. Any who is willing to let a majority of people decide, any question is not autocratic, but if they will not hear the people then, they become autocratic in their methods, and we certainly have some of this type in Cherokee County.

We understand that Monroe County is already building a road to the Unicoi Gap under a promise of this state and county authorities to meet her at this point. If such promise was made it certainly should be complied with.

As to the natural advantages of Beavertown route: It is the most practical route of the three. There

is abundance of rock all along the route to use, if necessary, in surfacing the road, even a mountain of rock pebbles near the Tennessee line which would not need to be crushed.

The great copper mine at Ducktown that they are so proud of, and perhaps his influenced the Beavertown route to some extent, they are not aware of the fact that Beavertown route crosses this very vein of copper at Unaka. Even a creek near Unaka bears that name—Copper Creek.

The Beavertown route will give Monroe County an outlet to the South, and is a more direct route for northern Tourist, via Knoxville, Madisonville an dTellico Plains, to Murphy, N. C. where there they make connection with the main trunk line leaving South East and West. To turn the Tourist by Ducktown, they will never see Murphy, and as long as we cannot receive, and accommodate visitors who may wish to become permanently located, our County and Towns cannot prosper, and if we are a people of the jungle, please send the Good Samaritan around anyway, for it will take that before Cherokee can prosper.

Beavertown has a brighter future than any part of the County, although she has been neglected in the past.

The Beavertown route will traverse the contour line of the proposed power plant of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company for 15 miles. This Power Plant will be a five million dollar project, and there is no doubt about it beginning work in the near future, and when the dams are completed there will be electric Smelters built to develop the mines which are plentiful in Beavertown Township. So these will be attractive besides our beautiful scenery which are unexcelled in the United States, which will naturally draw people from all parts of the country to build homes and invest their wealth.

As Mr. W. V. N. Pawelson, of New York, is one among the largest tax payers in Cherokee County we would be pleased to hear from him in regard to this proposed route.

Very respectfully,
W. R. MARTIN, AND OTHERS

Unaka, N. C.
July 21 1925

Editor Cherokee Scout:

If you will allow me space in your paper I want to answer and article in last weeks issue from Isabella Tenn., signed Mrs. T. G. Arp.

I will say I am a citizen, born and reared in Beavertown Township, I am in my fifties and have seen a great change in this county. I am glad that I have lived to see the good day, which is a creature of the electric age.

The old stone age, the new stone age, the bronze age, and the steam age are gone, and are going into past history. Time only will tell what this present electric age has to offer the world in the days to come.

Good roads and motor power are creating a great excited confusion causing exaggerations and twisting of facts, I have been watching the contending Townships that want the link of road that taps the state of Tennessee.

It's true, we all want that link, but we should be fair and present facts only in our contentions. I know too much about the county to let some things pass without trying to correct some of the errors which I see in print.

One of them is the statement of Mrs Arp that there wasn't over twenty-five families living on the Beavertown route from Murphy to Tellico Plains. This is an error, and misleading to the State highway authorities. I feel sure there are five hundred families living on and in reach of the Beavertown route, and as to the great wealth of the Ducktown Basin, we all know this is just a mining town scattered over a devastated district and may be just for today. How quick a mining town can go into past history. Besides in my young days I worked in those plants and I saw men with their noses almost caked up with the poison of those plants. Men looking for a place to rest are but apt to stop where the air is so poison that it will consume human flesh as well as vegetation.

Let us be fair, as there is not an individual project.

An other statement as to the distance: The surveyors say the Beavertown route is the nearest route to the Tennessee state line. Their profile (Seathernfwy-shrdushrdltaetaoinnaa further shows that the grade of this route does not exceed six per cent at no point. We ought not to dispute the men who, uninterested, measured the distance. And also, as to material: The Beavertown route has a river front on the Grape Creek line to Unaka where sand can be obtained with a maximum distance of three miles from the road. On the Grandview line (which is another road leading from Murphy to Unaka) there are five creeks where gravel and sand can be obtained, also good quarries of grey granite and mixed granite and flint. From Unaka to the Tennessee line you are in reach of river sand for eight miles. This will put you in reach of a gravel bed just over the state line, which is the finest formation I ever saw. This gravel bed is a ridge of flint rubble from the size of a small marble down to a small particle and it appears from the outside that there are millions of tons of it in this ridge. If this can be used in place of screening this route is

We are sorry Mr. Pritchess, our blessed with good material. State locating engineer did not see this route for himself before making his report.

I think the state highway board of each state should have the facts on all these routes before making a final decision. Mr. Stickleather has said he would rather have the voice of the tax payers as to the best route, to meet Tennessee. This is as fair as a man can offer. If our people will legally ask our County Commissioners to call an election to settle this question we will gladly submit to the voice of the voters of the County. We certainly want connection over some route to Tennessee.

This County is almost isolated, except by railroad, from business West of us. We hope the Highway Com-

mission of this County will, in any way, ask the County Commission to call an election and settle this question. Mr. Stickleather asks it and this I know is fair.

(Signed)
J. T. D...

Murphy, N. C. July 20, 1925

Editor Cherokee Scout:

In regard to the proposed the tennessee line, I have this to say. If the people of Western North Carolina want a short direct road, the best market in the South, the by Unaka and Tellico Plains logical one. This puts us Knoxville on 97 miles while the by Ducktown is 140 miles, and the road over the Kinsey Mountain a wonderful scenic highway, travel on this road would be very dangerous and very little from the North and South reach Murphy or vicinity as the would follow the Lee Highway. Athens. It seems that the Beavertown route is the only route that is worth very much to the people of Cherokee County.

Very truly,
J. W. D...

PEACHTREE

Mrs. Len Montgomery of Ohio was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crisp last week.

Mrs. Eliza Barnett of Mur visited her sister, Mrs. Sallie son this week.

Messes, W. K. Johnson, G. Posey Crisp, and Misses July, Mob and May Sudderth all in place attended the Masonic Picnic at Shoal Creek Saturday.

Rev. Randolph of Ryeon Ch. Rev. A. B. Smith of Marble are conducting a series of revival at the Peachtree Church.

Several people of this place been attending the revival at town this week.

CARD OF THANKS

I sincerely wish to thank the of Murphy for their kindness, sympathy shown us during the loss and death of my dear husband. I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers and for the automobiles; and for the many other necessities that helped to lighten heavy burden at this sad hour. May God bless and keep each every one of you.

MRS. D. S. GRANT

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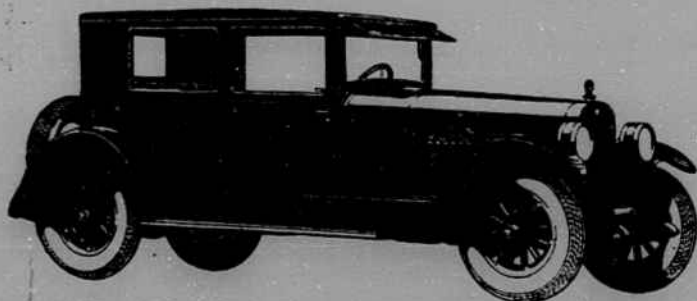
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