

IF IT ISN'T IN
THE SCOUT
IT'S BECAUSE WE DIDN'T
KNOW IT

The Cherokee Scout

ADVERTISE IN
THE SCOUT
"IT WILL MAKE
YOU RICH"

The Official Organ of Murphy and Cherokee County, and the Leading Newspaper in this Section of Western North Carolina

VOLUME XXXVII No. 9.

MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1925.

5c COPY—\$1.50 PER YEAR

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED

Governor McLean Appreciates Hospitality shown him and looks forward to return in future

"I appreciate the courtesy and hospitality shown me on my visit to Murphy," writes Governor A. W. McLean to Mayor Fain under date of Sept. 21. Governor McLean traveled more than four hundred miles in order to meet the Atlanta Journal motordrome at the state line and welcome the Georgians into North Carolina on the night of Sept. 14th, and was one of the principal speakers at Cherokee Park.

His letter to Mr. Fain in part follows:

"I appreciate the courtesy and hospitality shown me on my visit to Murphy and I wish to take this opportunity to express my pleasure in the interesting trip I had to the western part of the state and the warm reception given me there. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and shall look forward to a future return."

Great Success, Says Weaver

"I wish to take this opportunity of congratulating you and the citizens of Murphy and Cherokee County upon the great success of the Georgia motordrome at this occasion," says Congressman Hubert Weaver in a letter to Mr. Fain bearing date of Sept. 29th.

"In fact the entertainment of the Georgia motordrome was a very great success in every way," his letter continues. "I was most pleasantly surprised at the large number of people who showed an active interest in it. It speaks volumes for the future of Cherokee County, and in fact all of our western counties."

"I am extremely anxious to see the State Highway entirely completed so that the people from every part of the state will be able to come to your beautiful section. As they are more and more of the great natural resources of our section a very great development must necessarily follow."

"The entertainment of the Motor-drome and others interested in it was happily conducted by all your people and I wish most sincerely to congratulate you personally upon the way affairs were handled. It is a great occasion and all of our Georgia friends were immensely pleased with their very cordial and pleasant reception."

Mr. Weaver closed by saying that he hoped to be in Murphy again soon.

Great Crowd of Trip at Murphy

"I want to say to you that Murphy did herself proud," says Commissioner J. G. Stikeleather, writing to Mr. Fain under date of Sept. 21.

"There was no town anywhere that gave such an overwhelming welcome as we had at Murphy," continues the letter. Mr. Stikeleather is in position to speak with authority as he was with the motordrome during the entire trip, having gone to Atlanta for that purpose.

Man Injured On Way To Atlanta

It will be remembered that Chief Highway Engineer for North Carolina, Chas. M. Upham, was injured in an automobile accident while en route to Atlanta to join the motordrome there and make the trip from Atlanta to Asheville. Mr. Upham has written Mr. Fain the following letter under date of Sept. 21.

"I regret exceedingly on account of an automobile accident, while en route to join the motordrome in Atlanta, I was unable to be present at the celebration in Murphy. I understand, however, that the motordrome was quite a success, and that I may have the pleasure of attending the next meeting."

The ninth grade pupils of the local school had charge of the chapel exercises Friday morning. This is the beginning of a new era in the school exercises. It is planned to let the classes in the school take part in conducting chapel, and in this way it is hoped to make chapel exercises of real interest to every child in the school.

Mr. W. R. Anderson, of Hayesville, a visitor to Murphy one day this week.

They're Not All in Pittsburgh



ROSS VOYLES DIES OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN SHOOTING FRACAS

Ross Voyles, 23 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Voyles, died at the Murphy Hospital Wednesday night from pistol wounds alleged to have been inflicted by Ray Millsaps, 17, in the Factorytown section last Sunday night.

It is said that Voyles had been drinking, and he and two of the Millsaps boys got into a fight over the imposition of Voyles upon the nephew of the Millsaps, Voyles flashing a knife and Millsaps a gun.

Voyles was shot twice, once in the abdomen and the other just below the heart. The shooting took place in the railroad cut just above the Factorytown church about six o'clock in the evening.

Voyles walked from the scene of the shooting to his home, a distance of about three hundred yards. Medical aid was summoned and an examination revealed his wounds to be of the most serious nature. He was carried to the Murphy Hospital where an operation was made in an effort to save his life. However, little hope was held out for his recovery, and the end came early Wednesday evening.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence in Factorytown Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. T. L. Sasser and Rev. H. M. Burrell. Interment was in Sunset cemetery. He is survived by his father and mother and three brothers.

Millsaps made good his getaway and up to a late hour Friday had not been apprehended.

VALUABLE COLLECTION OF BOOKS GIVEN LIBRARY BY MISS ADA HARSHAW

Officers of the Carnegie Library announce this week the receipt of eight volumes as a gift from Miss Ada Harshaw. The books entitled "Masterpieces of the World's Best Literature," are a valuable addition to the shelves of the library, and the people of the entire community should feel grateful to Miss Harshaw for the gift.

The eight volumes contain selections by such famous authors as Sir Walter Scott, William Shakespeare, "Hato, Edgar Allen Poe, Socrates, Robert Louis Stevenson, Richard Henry Stoddard, Alfred Tennyson, Mark Twain, William Wadsworth, William Thackeray, Michael Angelo, Aristotle, Rudard Kipling, Charles Lamb, Abraham Lincoln, Henry W. Longfellow, John Milton, and others.

Mr. A. C. Ricks, sanitary inspector for the State Board of Health who is making Murphy headquarters while in this section, spent one day at the Cherokee Indian Fair this week. Mr. Ricks stated that the crowds at the fair are larger and the fair is one of the best in many years.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY TO MEET HERE TUESDAY THE 13TH

Beginning of sessions postponed one day to allow delegates time to arrive for opening

The Asheville Presbytery will meet with the local church beginning Tuesday night October 13th instead of Monday the 12th, as stated last week, according to announcement the first of the week by the pastor, Rev. E. G. Clary. This action was taken after it was found that most of the delegates attending would not have time to arrive here for the opening session and fill their pulpits Sunday.

This is the regular fall session of the Presbytery, and will continue through Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Delegates from all the Presbyterian churches in the counties in the Presbytery, Buncombe and those west of Buncombe, are expected to be present. The delegates will be entertained in the home of the members of the local church.

The first session of the meeting will be held Tuesday evening so that delegates may come on the afternoon trains and arrive here in time for the meeting. Retiring Moderator D. H. Killian of Waynesville will be in the Chair for the opening. Two sessions daily will be held and a sermon will be heard in the evening. Dr. R. P. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee, known and loved throughout western North Carolina, will preach on Wednesday evening on the theme of the way a minister should conduct himself so as to be an effective pastor. Dinner will be served on the grounds at the church Wednesday at noon. The people of Murphy are looking forward to this meeting with a great deal of interest and are expecting a goodly number of delegates and pastors.

THE SCOUT TO PUT ON SPECIAL TRADE- AT-HOME PAGE

Mr. R. C. McCarter, formerly of South Carolina, is here this week in the interest of a "Trade at Home" Campaign. Mr. McCarter has had a wide experience in this work, having put on similar campaigns in towns throughout the entire country.

Beginning with the next issue and continuing for thirteen weeks a full page will be given over to the "Trade at Home" Campaign. The ads are of the human interest type, and carry a message of vital interest dealing with the community spirit and community co-operation. It is hoped to make this a hundred percent drive and all the merchants are asked to take part in putting it over.

HEARING OF UNAKA BOYS CONTINUED TO 24TH

The trial of Ben Rose, Fred Davis, Marion Davis, Casey Jones, and Henry Davis, all of the Unaka section, charged with conspiracy in connection with the disappearance of Virgil Burgess some two years ago, was continued till the 24th, due to absence of the prosecution witness, Denvil Burgess, brother of Virgil Burgess.

It appears that some two years ago Virgil Burgess disappeared, and sometime later his body was found in the Hiwassee River near the Tennessee line below the point known as Three Islands. The coroner's jury, which held an inquest at the time, it was stated, returned a verdict of drowning. Some letters are understood to have been taken from the pockets of Burgess at the time which are said to implicate the above parties, and Denvil Burgess, brother of the deceased, instituted prosecution proceedings several days ago.

The boys were taken into custody last Saturday, and a hearing set for Thursday morning before Justice of the Peace P. E. Nelson. On affidavit from the father of the prosecuting witness, that he was sick and unable to attend, the hearing was continued to the 24th, and by common consent of prosecution and demands, defendants were allowed bond of \$1000 each, later, however, by request of the father of the prosecution witness, the bond was reduced to \$500 each.

The boys stated that they knew nothing more of the affair than that some of them helped to take the body of Burgess from the river. They said that they believed Burgess was seeking retaliation for charges preferred against him in which he, Burgess, thought they were parties to. All of them stoutly maintained their innocent of the charge.

Attorney John H. Dillard and J. H. McCall appeared for the defendants and Attorney E. O. Christopher for the State.

ROAD THROUGH BEAVERDAM TO BE FINISHED SOON

That part of the Beaverdam road leading into Tennessee, from Unaka to the old Toll Gate on the Tennessee line, will be completed in about two weeks, according to information given out here the first of the week by Mr. J. H. Crawford, who has the contract for grading.

This road has been under construction for several months, and is one of the routes being considered by the state of North Carolina and Tennessee for an interstate highway. The other routes under consideration are through Hot House and Shoal Creek Townships.

Powelson To Give Library 100 Volumes Of Fiction

W. D. BENDERMAN DIES IN FLORIDA; BODY BROUGHT TO MURPHY

W. D. Benderman, native of Mt. Pleasant, Murray County, Tenn., died of pneumonia last Sunday at a hospital in Tampa, Fla., and his body was brought to Murphy for funeral and interment.

His body arrived on the evening train Thursday and the funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian Church by the pastor, Rev. E. G. Clary, Friday morning at 10 o'clock with the following acting as pall bearers: Arthur Swain, Noland Wells, J. G. Greene, C. W. Bailey, T. J. Mauney, and Elbert Mallonee.

He is survived by his wife and one small daughter; one brother, Luther Benderman, of Florida; three sisters Mrs. J. W. Howard, of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; Mrs. John Smith, of Jacksonville, Ill.; and Miss Lanie Benderman, of Florida.

A rather pathetic and touching story surrounds the death of Mr. Benderman. Mrs. Benderman is a native of Kirkcubrightshire, Scotland, and her nearest relative in this country is a cousin who lives somewhere in California.

Mr. Benderman, with his wife and little daughter, came to Murphy sometime in June, 1924. He was construction foreman for Geer & Wilson, contractors who graded and built the road between Murphy and Andrews. They took up their residence on the Wells farm about two miles above Murphy.

When the contract of Geer & Wilson was completed, Mr. Benderman found himself without work. About a month ago, he went to Florida, leaving Mrs. Benderman and the baby at Murphy, expecting to send for them later. He secured a position in Tampa and worked at it for several days, or until he was taken suddenly ill, and was sent to a hospital at Tampa.

Mrs. Benderman had not heard from her husband for sometime. Monday morning she received a telegram that he was dead, not even knowing that he had been sick. She was without funds, as Mr. Benderman had not been working long enough to have had much of a payday, and what he had given her when he left for Florida had been practically exhausted.

Through the efforts of Mr. C. A. Swain, the plight of Mrs. Benderman became known. He enlisted J. W. Davidson, E. C. Mallonee and J. G. Greene, with whom Mr. Benderman had considerable business dealings while sojourning in Murphy, and others. A canvass of the town was made and approximately two hundred dollars was raised to defray the expenses and have the body brought to Murphy, which expense practically consumed the money raised.

Mr. Benderman joined the Presbyterian Church at the age of 15. He had traveled extensively, having spent 19 years as a miner in the West, and eight years in the silver mines of Mexico. When he left Murphy was accompanied by vet Brown and a young man by the name of Rogers.

Although he had a brother and sister in Florida he did not know it before his death, and they did not know of his illness or that he was in Florida. Mrs. Penderman stated that it had been some time since they had had a letter from any of his relatives. His sister in Tennessee was unable to come to the funeral, and none of his immediate family were present.

When asked what her plans for the future were, Mrs. Benderman, with tears in her eyes, replied: "I don't know. All I have has been taken. I want something to do so I can keep my baby. The people here have been so good to me I don't know what to say."

Mrs. Benderman is a little woman, refined and modest. She is well educated and has had special training in child nursing and welfare.

TO BE PRESENTED AS XMAS PRESENT TO TOWN

Books to be selected by people, and children to have same power of voting as grown-ups

Mr. W. V. N. Powelson, of New York, president of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company, this week made known his intention of giving to the Carnegie Library one hundred volumes of popular fiction, to be chosen by those who are permitted access to the library.

In a letter this week to The Scout Mr. Powelson stated it was his desire to present the books to the library next Christmas, and outlined briefly his suggested plan as to how the books could be chosen. He also stated that he would like the children to have an equal voice in the choosing with the grown-ups.

The plan suggested by him is to have the librarian place in nomination 100 books, and have the people of the community to place in nomination other books, until the number reached something like 200. Then the nominations should be closed, and the 200 books receiving the most nominative votes placed in ballot form and the opportunity given for final selection. The 100 volumes receiving the highest vote are to be presented to the library as a Christmas present.

Mr. Powelson also has written to Mr. T. N. Bates and to the Library Committee or trustees explaining his proposition and desires to them. Mr. Bates has written The Scout a brief outline of the suggested plan of procedure, which is given below, together with the letter addressed to the Library Committee.

LETTER TO THE SCOUT

Mr. Powelson's letter to The Scout follows in full:

New York
September 30, 1925.
Cherokee Scout,
Murphy, N. C.
Gentlemen:

I desire to present to the Library at Murphy next Christmas one hundred volumes of fiction chosen by those who are permitted to have access to the library, as the one hundred volumes that will give the greatest pleasure to the greatest number.

I am writing to ask you to assist me in finding out the public taste in fiction. It has occurred to me that you might be willing to assist me by acquainting your readers with my desire to present the library with these books and by opening your columns to the public for the purpose of giving them the opportunity of expressing their preference. If practicable to obtain them I would like to present to the library the one hundred volumes obtaining the highest number of votes. Perhaps the librarian at the library would be willing to initiate this matter by placing in nomination through your columns a list of one hundred books of fiction. From this point on the purpose to determine which 100 books are the most popular could be achieved by inviting the public to place in nomination other books to be voted upon later. When the total nominations reach say 200 books I would suggest that the nominations be closed and that the list of these books be published for two or three weeks in your paper in the form of a ballot which could be cut out for mailing to you. These ballots which would be signed by the voters could be turned over to the library committee for canvass if this suggestion should prove acceptable to that committee. Upon being informed by the committee of the results of the balloting I will be glad to arrange to send to the library, if practicable to obtain them, the 100 books receiving the highest number of votes. I would like the children to have equal vote in the voting with the grown-ups.

I would very much appreciate

(Continued on page 6)