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FOLK SCHOOLS OF DENMARK AND FINLAND EXPLAINED BY DR. EDGAR W. KNIGHT

Is Now Abroad Making Special Study Of These Schools—Cherokee and Clay Interested

Because of the interest of the Brantown and Peachtree section and adjoining sections of Cherokee and Clay Counties in the Folk Schools of Denmark and Finland, the following extracts from a letter from Dr. Edgar W. Knight of the University of North Carolina, who is making a special study of these schools at this time, will be of interest to our readers.

The folk high school of Denmark, says Dr. Knight, is for grown people, people between the ages of 18 and 30. These schools originated in Denmark a little more than 80 years ago when the spiritual energies of the people were at a low ebb. There are now eighty odd of these schools in Denmark. The prosperity and contentment of the rural people of Denmark have been applauded all over the world in recent years. Many explanations have been given of the remarkable success of these unusual schools. Dr. Knight says he is trying to find an answer to their success also so that this information may be passed on to North Carolinians.

These schools seek to awaken, enlighten and enliven the people. There are no admission requirements, no examinations, no formal credits given. The Danes say that such credits have nothing to do with education. If such schools can be built and maintained in Denmark, why can they not be had in North Carolina?

The chief objective of the Danish schools is enlightenment. They encourage enquiry. Few countries in Europe provide for continuation study beyond what we in the United States call the elementary grades. The Danes know the full meaning of enlightenment. They know its strength also. Illiteracy is practically unknown in this country, a fact which stands out in great contrast with our own State of North Carolina which still has within her borders more than 100,000 native born illiterates.

The extent of literacy in Denmark, a constitutional monarchy, puts democratic North Carolina to shame, not only in this respect but in the matter of the length of school term, careful preparation and pensioning of teachers, and general interest in education and other enlightening interests. Denmark's compulsory legislation is nearly 125 years old. Such legislation is only 75 years old in the United States, and only 25 years old in the South. Europe and especially Denmark, laughs at us, with our boasted democracy and self government and our vain quotations from the founders of the nation about equal educational opportunities, etc. Europe does not understand the great difference between our democratic theories and our undemocratic practice. Illiteracy such as North Carolina has is an anomaly in a state devoted to the democratic theory of government which depends for its strength, we are told, upon the diffusion of information and knowledge upon the masses of the people.

The Danes ask for an explanation of why North Carolina with eight hundred thousand school children and about nineteen thousand teachers spends only about twenty-two million for education, while Iowa, one of the newer states, with seven hundred thousand children and twenty-seven thousand teachers, spends sixty-three millions for their education. Why, ask the quizzical Danes, more than one third of the children who enter the first grades of the North Carolina schools each year fail to reach the second grade the next year? Other similar embarrassing facts about our school system is raised by the Danes, where illiteracy is almost unknown and where the compulsory education law is really enforced. Why all this waste in education they ask? And why is it? North Carolina must answer this question sooner or later.—Contributed.

NOTLA RIVER'S WATER LINE

Blairsville, Ga., Oct. 24.—Notla River is now beginning to regain its normal water line. It reached the lowest ever known in the memory of the oldest people in Union County.

Can't Fool Him This Year



DOG INFECTED WITH RABIES CONFIRMED BY STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE

Dr. J. N. Hill is this week in receipt of a telegram stating that the dog, whose head was sent to the State Laboratory earlier in the week, was mad. The telegram received follows: "Raleigh N. Car., Oct. 28. Dr. J. N. Hill, Murphy, N. Car. Dog was mad. State Laboratory of Hygiene."

The dog in question was said to have been seen by Bass Walker to bite four dogs, a mule, and snap at a child. It was killed and head sent to Raleigh for examination.

It is thought that the rabid dog which passed through Murphy several months ago and which bit Miss Addie Leatherwood, bit the dog which was killed the other day.

The dog which passed through several months ago bit several dogs in the Warne section, one of which went mad several days ago, biting several other dogs and a man living at Warne. The dog was killed and its head sent to Raleigh by Neil Reese, and was reported to have had rabies. The man is taking treatment.

Dr. Hill stated that the attention of the people should be called to the fact that quite a number of dogs are running at large in violation of the ruling of the County Board of Health some time ago, that all dogs should either be confined, or muzzled when allowed to run free. This ruling is effected until January 1, 1926.

WALTON LEAGUE GIVES OYSTER DINNER

Blairsville, Ga., Oct. 26.—A most sumptuous dinner was given by the Isaac Walton League, Chapter one, Blairsville, one night last week. A great time is the report and a number of new members were added to the league. The League is growing rapidly and expects in the future to ask the government to restock the mountainous sections of Union County with game and fish, that the sports of fishing and hunting may be perpetuated.

As guests of honor were Mr. John Haralson who has spent many years of his life among the big game regions of the Western Frontier. Capt. H. L. Carroll who has traversed much of South American countries, and is noted for adventures with alligators and big snakes of the boa constrictor type, wild bulls and etc. Lieut. Rous Waldroup, Messrs. Roy Mauney, Edmond F. Crawford and Col. T. S. Candler.

However, the figures 1845 have been found carved on a rock in the river above the Nicholson bridge near Blairsville, Ga., which indicate that the river was as low in the year 1845 as it was in the late drouth. There is nothing to authenticate the figures on the rock as connected with any drouth except suggestion.

LARGE STILL CAPTURED ON BEAR PAW CREEK AND BROUGHT HERE SATURDAY

A large still of some forty gallons capacity was brought here last Saturday by C. T. Stiles, J. A. Williamson and U. D. Rogers, who captured it, and turned over to officers for destruction.

The outfit was found Friday morning on the Hiwassee River about one mile below the mouth of Bear Paw Creek, and was said to be setting on the same site where one was taken by officers some eight months ago. The still was in operation when found, but the condenser was missing, due to the fact that the mash was being cooked and it was not needed in this process of distilling, it was said.

Some four hundred gallons of mash were destroyed, and two bushels of corn meal, one-half bushel of rye meal and 100 pounds of sugar taken, together with an army coat belonging to one of the operators. No one was captured as those operating the still ran, as Stiles, Williamson and Rogers approached, they stated.

EDUCATIONAL PICTURES BEING SHOWN BY AGENT IN COUNTY THIS WEEK

A number of educational moving pictures are being shown this week in the different sections of the county by County Agent R. W. Gray in connection with the extension bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Agriculture. Power for showing the pictures is being furnished by the portable DeLoe plant of the Swan Electric Co., of Asheville, for one week only.

The pictures are entitled, "Apples and the County Agent," "Four Men and the Soy," "Selecting a Laying Hen," and a comedy attraction, "She's Wild."

The pictures treat of better farming methods along the line of the subjects mentioned, and the program is proving to be instructive as well as entertaining, Mr. Gray stated.

The pictures were shown at Unaka Monday night, Pestell Tuesday night, Suit Wednesday night and Grandview Thursday night. They will be shown at Martin's Creek Friday night. Large crowds have greeted him at every place shown, Mr. Gray stated.

HATMAKER APPOINTED J. P. FOR SHOAL CREEK TOWNSHIP

Mr. W. T. Hatmaker, of Shoal Creek Township, was here Tuesday of this week in connection with qualifying for Justice of the Peace for that township. He recently received his appointment from Governor A. W. McLean.

BACK ISSUES PAPER WANTED

Any of the readers of The Scout having a copy of the issue of October 9th would do the management a

TRADE-AT-HOME CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY MERCHANTS BEGINS THIS WEEK

The Trade-at-Home campaign which is being sponsored by a number of the merchants and business men of Murphy begins with this issue. It is to continue for a period of thirteen weeks, and each week will be featured a message of vital interest to the community, the community spirit and community cooperation.

It is the purpose of The Scout to co-operate fully with those merchants who are underwriting the campaign. They are invited to observe and make known their observations from week to week through these columns, to the end that the campaign will be as great a success as possible.

The campaign was scheduled to begin two weeks ago, but on account of the delay in receiving cuts for illustration, it could not begin until this week.

The names of the merchants and business firms underwriting the campaign are given below. They are making a special bid for the business of the trading public in Murphy and this section, and our readers are urged to co-operate with them to the end that a greater Murphy and a greater Cherokee County will not only be a vision but a reality. They follow:

The Bonita Theatre, Murphy Service Station, J. C. Slocumb Variety Store, Cherokee Manufacturing Co., Murphy Coal & Ice Co., R. H. King, The Bank of Murphy, Candler's Department Store, W. P. Payne, J. G. Greene, T. N. Bates, Womack & Hamilton, The Cherokee Bank, J. W. Davidson, J. W. McMillan's Garage, W. B. Dickey and Sons, Griffiths, Inc., A. M. Wiley, W. D. Townson, Johnson's Market, Johnson's Garage, W. M. Fain Grocery Company, Murphy Hardware Co., The Cherokee Scout.

SECOND NUMBER HAYESVILLE LYCEUM NOVEMBER 8TH

Hayesville, N. C.—The second number of the 1925-1926 Lyceum Course will be here on November 8th. The McKinley-Root concert Company is the title of this number. The Company includes Miss Dorothy McKinley, dramatic soprano and pianist, Miss Eugenia Root, Superb violinist who also plays the banjo most acceptably, and Miss Edna Bell who is a regular comedian and a most remarkable entertainer with her Scotch song impersonations. Songs, Stories, Readings, Music and Humor will feature the appearance of these talented artists and the local committee considers itself fortunate in securing this trio of splendid entertainers.

great favor by sending it to this office. We are entirely out of that issue and need one or two for our files. Have you one?

TELlico PLAINS CITIZENS RAISING FUND TO ADVERTISE NEW HIGHWAY CONNECTION

Tennesseans Ask Murphy to Put Up \$100.00—Want Meeting With Cherokee Citizens

The Scout is this week in receipt of a letter from C. F. Latimore, vice president and cashier of the Tellico Bank and Trust Co., Tellico Plains, Tenn., stating that a delegation from Monroe County, Tenn., were seeking a meeting with the Cherokee citizens for the purpose of devising ways and means for advertising and putting on the map the new highway connection between the two counties.

Mr. Latimore states in his letter that \$300.00 had been raised by Monroe County and was now on deposit in the bank, and that they want Murphy to raise \$100 to augment this sum and to share in the spending of it. Already meetings have been held and Monroe County will soon be well organized for this purpose, he states.

Mr. Latimore's letter to The Scout follows in part:

"A delegation of Monroe County Tenn. people wants to meet with Murphy or a representative crowd of Cherokee County, N. C., and discuss ways and means to advertise and put on the map our new road joining the two counties. We have already had several meetings and will soon be organized to do our best. We now have \$300 in the bank for this purpose and want Murphy to put up \$100 and to share with us in the spending of this money to the best advantage. Please put this before your civic organization and let us hear from you."

CAPTAIN CARROLL VISITS DE SOTO'S DESCENDANTS

Capt. Homer L. Carroll of this place, formerly of the United States Army, who has been stationed with the American Legation in Santo Domingo, R. D., island of Haiti, West Indies, informs that the ruins of the fortifications on what is known as Fort Mountain some five miles south of Blairsville, Ga. is the remains of a fort erected by DeSoto. Capt. Carroll while in the city of Santo Domingo became acquainted with a Spanish family descended from the explorer of what is now known as Florida and Georgia, and the same De Soto that discovered the Mississippi river. This family still retains in their possession many things belonging to the hard-hearted mercenary discoverer and explorer, among them his sword and a private diary. Capt. Carroll has been kind as to allow us the permission to quote from his translation:

"After we left the low plains and swamps the same called Florida because of the many flowers, we came to a region covered with much long grass. This country was not inhabited. Then we came to the foothills. In this section we found a small dog that carried its young in a pocket and did not bark. (Capt. Carroll's opinion is that the explorer met with the opossum). In the foothills we found an Indian city. The natives were not inclined to deliver to us the secret of where the mines were located, so we captured their queen compelling her to go with us as a guide. After many days we came to the mountains. Here the Queen escaped in the night. We captured another native who instructed us to go north to a land known in the tongue as Cosa, and there we would find much fine gold. Crossing the highland we came to a valley where the gold was found where we erected a fort that we might be safe from the invasion of the native tribes that surrounded the encampment."

Captain Carroll relates, "It is very interesting visit to the location of the fort that has such an interesting tradition connected with it. The ruins of the fort consists of a circular wall, the most of which is broken down. The masonry is of a peculiar nature, different from the kind erected by any of the Indian tribes, showing the work of skilled masons. It is evident that it is not the work of the aboriginal tribes, and if it was excavated would perhaps give much of the hidden story of the civil iniquitous De Soto, first of the white men to invade this part of Georgia. Captain Carroll is contemplating publishing the story of

FOUR SISTERS IS NEXT MURPHY LYCEUM NUMBER

Unusual Program of Music, Songs And Sketches By Four Real Sisters

A very clever organization, distinctive lyceum work by reason of the fact that all of its members are sisters, and all are talented in instrumental, vocal, and dramatic lines, will appear at the school auditorium Monday evening, November 9th. This organization, the name of which is the "All Sisters" Quartet, is composed of four sisters, the Misses Hildred, Claire, Glyde and Marjorie Rouse.

These young ladies reside at New Hampton, Iowa, near the "Little Brown Church in the Vale," and it is interesting to note that this song has been used on their programs. Their vocal work consists of solos, duets and quartets, both ballads and lighter numbers, while the instrumental work featured by this company is the saxophone ensemble, some splendid effects being obtained. Standard selections are used as well as popular numbers.

For the past four years the "All Sisters" Quartet has traveled over the leading Chautauqua and Lyceum Circuits, this year being on a Southern Tour under the exclusive direction of the Piedmont Bureau of Asheville, N. C. A large crowd of people is expected to attend the entertainment, which will no doubt be one of the most enjoyable of its kind that has been to Murphy for some time.

BLAIRSVILLE CITIZENS TAKE POST OFFICE EXAM. HERE

A civil service examination was held here last Saturday to determine the qualification of a postmaster for the office at Blairsville, Ga. Those taking the exam were J. P. Davenport, J. A. Brackett, W. C. Berry, W. P. Lunsford, Edmund Crawford, Claud Butt and Charlie Nichols, all of Blairsville.

The postmastership is now held by F. E. Conley, whose term of office expired last August. The office is third class and pays \$1500.00 and clerk hire per year. It is expected that the appointment will be made sometime between now and January 1st, it was stated.

UNAKA BOYS EXONERATED IN DISAPPEARANCE CASE

Handing down the decision that the state had insufficient evidence, Ben Rose, Fred Davis, Henry Davis, and Casey Jones were exonerated of all connection with the disappearance of Virgil Burgess some two years ago by Justice of the Peace at hearing here last Saturday.

Some twenty witnesses were examined and evidence was lacking, stated Mr. Nelson.

Attorney John H. Dillard appeared as the counsel for defense for Rose, and J. H. McCall for Jones and the Davis boys.

JAMES HUGHES BOUND OVER TO FEDERAL COURT ON WHISKEY CHARGE

James Hughes, who lives at Hiwassee, near the Tennessee line, Cherokee County, was taken into custody by officers Josh Crisp, J. F. Deweese, and Sheriff B. B. Morrow, when they raided a still in that section of the county about the 15th. He was brought to Murphy and given a hearing before United States Commissioner W. Christopher, and bound over to Federal Court under \$500 bond. He was unable to make bond and was lodged in jail.

When the officers made the raid, the still was in full operation. Hughes, who was said to have been in charge, ran, but officers succeeded in catching him.

the De Soto as translated from the original manuscripts in the Cathedral in Santo Domingo City D. R.

"The greatest things that authenticate this story," says Captain Carroll, "is that De Soto spoke of short corn and no doubt this has reference to the territory of Union County which for years unknown seed has been planted that produces nothing but 'tops'."