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TENNESSEE TO BUILD TWO ROADS INTO THIS STATE

Webster Says Tennessee Should Not Be Called On To Select Road in N. C.

NANTAHALA JOB TO BE FINISHED IN EARLY SPRING

Stikeleather Says Stone Now Being Crushed For Road From Almond to Bryson City

Declaring that both the Hot House route and the Beaverdam Route into Tennessee from North Carolina would receive Tennessee connections, F. W. Webster, State Highway Engineer for Tennessee, in a recent interview with Attorney Don Witherspoon, president of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, stated that he did not think that Tennessee should be called upon to select the location of a road in North Carolina, as eventually which ever one is designated by the Highway Commission of North Carolina would receive connection by the authorities in Tennessee.

Mr. Webster stated that neither of the routes had yet been put on the map of the state system of roads, due to a lack of funds, but would be put on Tennessee's system of roads as soon as funds were available. As between the two routes in Tennessee the Hot House and Beaverdam routes (North Carolina) he stated the highway authorities would not designate either, for the reason that they recognized that both sections had claims of equal rank, and to select one would be doing the other an injustice.

If Monroe County, Tennessee, would contribute \$100,000, Mr. Webster further stated, the state would take over and build the road to the North Carolina line at the old Unicoi Toll Gate, not upon this year's program but upon the program for the succeeding year. The Ramsey Highway, he declared, had not been designated as a state road, and would not be, but another route had already been designated and placed upon the state map, leading from Etowah to Copperhill, and construction will eventually be undertaken.

Mr. Webster said if the Highway Commission of North Carolina selected the Hot House route to the state line, Tennessee would connect with the road leading to Copperhill, but would not consider connection with the Coal Creek route practicable.

Statement from Stikeleather

In replying to letter from the Scout, J. G. Stikeleather, State Highway Commissioner for Western North Carolina, stated that the stretch of road across Nantahala would be finished early in the spring and that stone was now being crushed for use on the road from Almond to Bryson City. Work on No. 10 in this section is now being held up in account of unfavorable weather conditions, he stated.

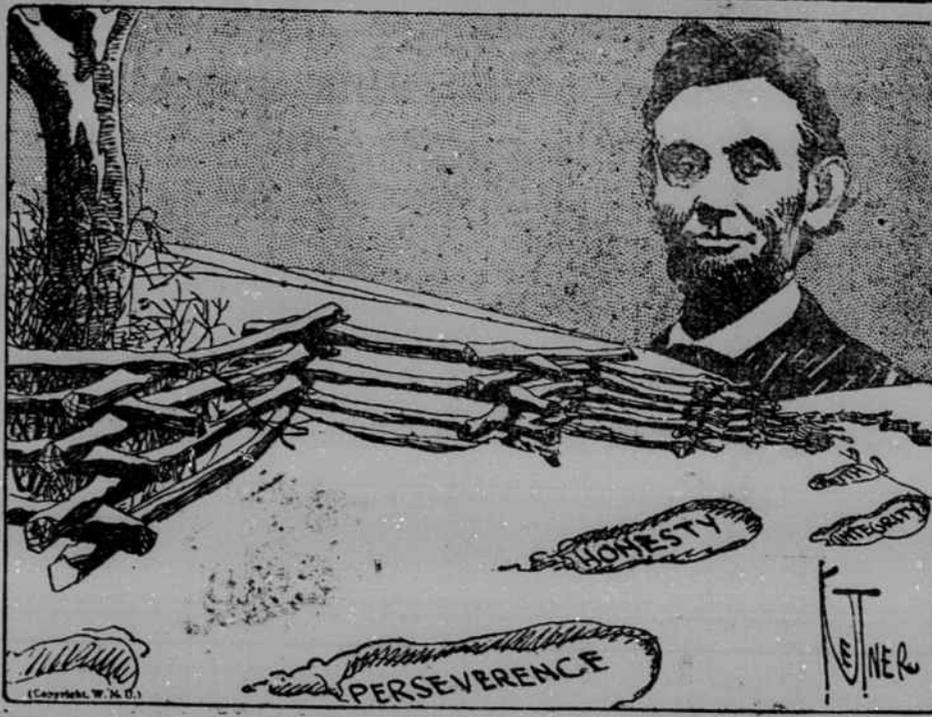
Mr. Stikeleather's letter is part follows:

"As to your query about No. 10, we are doing everything we can to finish this up. Nobody knows exactly when this will happen, as weather conditions largely affect it. I am very hopeful that it will be finished in the early summer of this year—certainly the Nantahala job ought to be finished early in the spring. There is only a short stretch to be completed and it would be completed now except for the fact that work cannot be completed satisfactorily in the winter.

"As to Tennessee's selection of a route, I have never heard anything from their Highway Commission relative to their choice of roads. If any decision has been made by them they have not notified me. As you know we are crushing stone at Almond to be used on the road from Almond to Bryson City. This has not been let yet but if we get a speedy contractor on this he ought to be able to finish early in the summer. This will probably take more time than anything else on No. 10. Mr. Walker would be able to give you more information on these questions than I am; however, the above is my best judgment and opinion."

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Footprints



Haywood Gets Third Of Park Fund Quota

Waynesville—One third of Haywood County's quota of \$30,000 for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park purchase fund was subscribed here in less than twenty minutes last Friday night at a mass meeting in the courthouse. After Judge T. D. Bryson and Commissioner Harlan P. Kelsey of the Southern Appalachian National Park Commission had explained the many benefits that would accrue to this county and Western North Carolina by the creation of this park, subscriptions were called for, and thirty persons joined in pledging the ten thousand dollars that was raised. The balance will be raised immediately, the committee announced following the meeting.

The initial success of the campaign in this county is particularly gratifying to the committee, because of the organized opposition of the companies in Haywood County to the proposed park. At a park meeting two weeks ago the opponents of the park plan met the park proponents in a spirited debate, and indicated their determination to fight for a national forest.

The campaign here is being directed by Bonner Ray, local merchant and president of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce.

Tennessee Towns In Vigorous Park Fund Drive This Week

Knoxville, Feb. 8 (Special)—More than half a dozen campaigns for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are under way or will be this week in East Tennessee. Special emphasis has been laid in the last fortnight on the northeastern section of the state, and a stream of money is coming from here at the present time.

Johnson City's campaign which started ten days ago has now produced nearly \$13,000.

Kingsport began its effort to raise its quota of \$12,000 last Friday.

Rogersville got under way last week.

Joneboro started its campaign on Monday.

Bristol, half in Tennessee and half in Virginia, and working both for the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks, is completing its organization for a powerful effort to be put on at the end of the month.

Greeneville started Tuesday at noon.

Morrisville is waiting for the return of the head of its Chamber of Commerce from the Florida booster trip, and plans to get under way this week.

The southeastern end of the state is also warming up, and is expected that many towns there will soon be under way.

FOREST FIRE PROTECTIVE ASS'N TO BE FORMED

District Forester Alexander Calls Organization Meeting at Andrews for March 6

Following the announcement which appeared in The Cherokee Scout in November regarding the possible forming of a Fire Protective Association in Cherokee and Clay Counties, detailed plans have been gone into and an organization meeting will be held the first Saturday in March, which is March 6th, at Andrews for the perfection of the organization. This announcement was made this week by Thomas W. Alexander, district forester for Western North Carolina.

All owners of timber in the association area, which embodies the forest lands of Tusquitee Creek, Shooting Creek, Buck Creek, Nantahala River and Valley north of the state line of Georgia, east of Valley River, west of the lands of the Nantahala National Forest on the Nantahala Mountain—are invited to be present at the meeting.

The association plan contemplates the erection of a lookout tower either on Tusquitee Bald or Vineyard Mountain, and the construction of a telephone line to connect with the lines and with those of the national forest in the Nantahala Mountains. The national forest lookout towers on Standing Indian Bald and Winespring Bald command a view of a large portion of the area and will be of material assistance in spotting and reporting fires within the association area.

It is expected that 100,000 acres of forested lands will be listed with the association at first, while the ultimate plan contemplates extending the protection area across Valley River and even into Graham County. Thus there will eventually be linked up the greater portion of all timber lands in Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties.

The State Forester of North Carolina, J. S. Holmes, and the assistant state forester, D. C. McCormick, are expected to attend the meeting at Andrews.

In addition to its fire protection work, the association will take the lead in all conservation work in this section, and will sponsor in the legislature more stringent forest fire laws and improved conservation measures.

The United States Forest Service is expected to cooperate fully with the association and to assist in an advisory capacity in its fire protective work. Officials of the forest service, having had wide experience in this kind of work, are able to be of material assistance in laying out the plans.

It is expected that R. W. Shields,

Prisoner Caught, Escapes Again

Grover Taylor, charged with violation of the prohibition law, and one of the six prisoners who escaped recently from the local jail, was apprehended Tuesday up in the edge of Clay County by Sheriff B. B. Morrow and Deputy P. C. Gentry. He was lodged in jail and made his second escape about an hour and a half later.

Sheriff Morrow states that he had just gone in to dinner and had left Deputy Cearley in charge of the front office. Taylor was placed in a separate compartment from the other prisoners and locked in a cage by himself. Willie Strange was up there at the time and came down and told Deputy Cearley that Taylor said he was cold and wanted an open window let down in the rear. Mr. Cearley opened the blind door and closed it behind him, but without locking, thinking that the cage in which Taylor was locked would hold him. Just as he let the window down, Mr. Cearley heard the blind door rattle and hurried back to the front. When he reached the door, Taylor's cage door was open and he was gone.

Willie Strange was standing outside the blind door, Mr. Cearley stated, and was searched to see if he had a key. It is believed that Taylor used a key from the old jail, which is said to be missing and would open the cages in the new jail, with which to make his escape. No key was found upon the Strange boy and he was allowed to go.

Immediate chase was given, but Taylor had eluded his pursuers and made good his escape.

Cliff Taylor and George Standridge two others who escaped, have been apprehended and are now back in jail.

JUDGE BRYSON NOT TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION

Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City, announces this week that he will not be a candidate for re-nomination for Judge of the Superior Court of the Twentieth Judicial district. He expresses his appreciation for the honor the people of this district have conferred upon him in the past. No reason is given for his decision.

Judge Bryson is one of the most able and popular jurists in this district, and one of the strongest advocates for the establishment of a Smoky Mountain National Park in North Carolina.

supervisor of the Nantahala Forest with headquarters at Franklin, and J. T. Siler, forest ranger in charge of the Nantahala area, will be present and take part in the meeting.

TOM LEWIS DIES AT YOUNG HARRIS HOME

Was Foreman of School Farm For Eighteen Years—Funeral Services Thursday

Tom Lewis, 50 years old, and foreman of the Young Harris school farm for more than eighteen years, died of pneumonia at his home at Young Harris, Ga., Wednesday morning at 5:25 o'clock, after an illness of about two weeks.

Mr. Lewis was a member of the Baptist Church, an Odd Fellow and Mason, and one of the leading men of the community. He is survived by his wife and four children, three boys—Frank, George and Jess, and one girl—Pearl.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Sharp, and the Rev. Nath Thompson, and interment was in Union Cemetery. Special Masonic rites were held, and the boys who worked on the farm in the summer paid a special tribute to their departed friend and counsellor. A three hour adjournment of school was taken in honor of Mr. Lewis, who had endeared himself to the faculty and the boys and girls of Young Harris College.

Clinic For Cripple Children To Be Held At Murphy Soon

Within the next month or thereabouts Dr. O. L. Miller, Surgeon-in-Chief of the State Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia, N. C., will be here to examine free of charge all cripple children sixteen years of age and under. If after examination Dr. Miller should find that the child could be benefited by an operation and with the parent's consent the child will be placed on the waiting list and taken to the hospital at Gastonia as soon as there is a vacancy. No child will be turned away because the parents are not able to pay for the operation. Of course, those parents who are able to pay some or all of the expenses will be expected to do so.

This Clinic is being held so that all cripple children of this County as well as the nearby Counties of Clay, Macon, Graham, etc can receive the benefits of this free examination by Dr. Miller, one of the leading Surgeons in this type of work in the South.

Anyone having a cripple child that they would like to have examined when Dr. Miller arrives, please write this Department and you will be notified by letter the date of the Clinic and just when to bring your child in. It will also be greatly appreciated if anyone reading this notice should know of a cripple child that the name be sent in so that information about the Clinic can be sent to the parent or guardian. Due to the recent loss of all records by the fire my list of cripple children of this County was lost, so I hope through this notice to get the names of every cripple child in his section of the country. The examination does in no way bind the parent to have the operation done should the Doctor advise it. This question will be left up to the parent. I hope that the people of this county as well as of the adjoining Counties will aid me in making it possible to offer this service to every single cripple child no matter how or in what manner he or she be crippled, for by so doing a lot of children might be greatly benefited.

ELIZABETH SMITH, Supt. Cherokee County Dept. of Public Welfare, Box, 203 Murphy, N. C.

Still, Beer And Whiskey Destroyed On Shoal Creek

A complete blockading outfit, including 800 gallons of beer and eight gallons of whiskey, were destroyed on lower Shoal Creek January 28 by Deputy Sheriff John Picklesimer. The outfit was in operation when officers found it, and evidently had been left but a few minutes before the officers arrived. It was of about thirty gallon capacity, and was located on the creek near Jim Rapew. No arrests were made.

COUNTY BAR ASKS FOR FIRE PROOF BUILDING

Suggest That Native Marble Be Used In Constructing New Court House if Possible

Urging that a county court house be erected "as nearly fireproof as modern building methods make possible," and that the present and future needs be taken into consideration, the Cherokee County Bar Association, in a petition to the county commissioners suggest that native marble be used in the construction if possible.

The petition was signed by twelve of the county's attorneys, as follows: Edmund B. Norvell, D. Witherspoon, J. H. McCall, W. M. Axley, M. W. Bell, John H. Dillard, F. S. Hill, J. N. Moody, Ralph Moody, J. D. Mallonee, F. O. Christopher and D. H. Tillitt.

The text of the petition follows: "To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County: "The undersigned members of the bar of Cherokee County take this occasion to urge you in the rebuilding of the Cherokee County Court House to erect a structure as nearly fire-proof as modern building methods make possible, and in preparing the estimates of size and cost that you take into consideration the needs of the future, and settle upon a design that will be sufficient in size to supply all present and coming demands, and of such appearance and construction that the building will become a matter of pride to the entire county. True economy along these lines will not view the matter of expense too closely, in our opinion."

"If possible, we would like to see Cherokee County marble used in the construction. Such material will be attractive to the eye, as well as an advertisement of much value to the community, and cause the expenditure of a considerable portion of the cost of the building to be made by home people."

WADE WRITES FAIR RELATIVE JORDAN'S REPORT

Mayor W. M. Fain has received a letter from Stacey W. Wade State Insurance Commissioner, relative to the report of the inspection of Murphy by Deputy Commissioner F. M. Jordan. The letter follows:

Raleigh, N. C. January 26, 1926. Hon. W. M. Fain, Mayor, Murphy, N. C.

Dear Sir: An Inspector from this department has recently visited your town and made an inspection of the fire district as to its condition with regard to fire prevention. He has submitted his report to me with the advice that copy was also forwarded you for your information. This report indicates that your town is in very good condition and practically free from unnecessary fire hazards. However, there are a few exceptions contained in this report which should be eliminated for the better protection of your business district, especially as to the elimination of excessive rubbish and trash around your business premises.

I desire to compliment you upon the good showing made at the time of this inspection and to assure you of my appreciation for your future cooperation in eliminating these few unnecessary dangers which destroy property and eventually increases the insurance rates of those towns who do not exert every effort to eliminate fire hazards.

Yours very truly, STACEY W. WADE, Insurance Commissioner.

NAVAL RECRUITING RESUMED AT ASHEVILLE

The U. S. Naval Recruiting Station, Asheville, has resumed the acceptance of enlistments. Places are open for young men of good character and satisfactory references the recruiting officer states. The enlistments are for four years. There are opportunities offered for travel and advancement. George F. Leavitt is recruiting officer in charge