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Guasili, Ancient Indian Village, Was Located Near Murphy, Dr. Swanton States

SCIENTISTS PAY VISIT TO MOUND; EXAMINE RELICS

Three Periods of Occupation Found To Exist in Mound—Sweat House Most Valuable Discovery

The long-controversial site of Guasili (pronounced Wass-ee-lee), an Indian village visited by Hernando De Soto nearly 400 years ago, has been "rather definitely" located at the site of the old Indian mound now being

NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Its Responsibilities, Activities and Needs

By Miss H. M. Berry, Secretary of The North Carolina Good Roads Association

The North Carolina Plan to construct and maintain a system of State Highways was based on the issuance of bonds financed by tax levies on motor vehicles and gasoline, the idea being to give the motorist service while paying for the roads. Other states, such as Georgia and Virginia, pursued a different policy of pay-as-you-go and building their roads piecemeal. We considered it unfair to the motorists to pay heavy taxes on their cars and gas and at the same time be subject to a heavy and tax. Scientists have shown us that the life of a car, its general up-keep and efficiency, as between a paved road and a poor road, is much more than offset by the taxes the motorists has to pay for the good road. So long as the policy of using this fund entirely for roads was followed, there has been practically no objection to this tax. With any thought of diversion to other purposes, however, the motorist becomes restive under his burden.

Since the passage of the Act of 1921 establishing the State Highway Commission, other legislatures of more recent years have added to the responsibilities and activities of the State Highway Commission, such as:

1. Taking over for maintenance and betterment 48,000 miles of county roads, thereby lifting a burden from the counties of \$9,000,000 per annum which was their cost to the counties at the time they were assumed by the State.
2. Taking over the burdens of our entire prison population, both State and county. Aside from the prisoners which can be used profitably on the highways, there are approximately 1,000 prisoners which must be supported and may be classified as "dead-ends."
3. Another duty imposed by the last legislature is for the Commission to manufacture and furnish lime at cost to farmers.

OUR INVESTMENT
We now have invested in the State Highway System:
Federal and state money \$200,000,000
County money 100,000,000

Total Investment \$300,000,000
Maintenance of Our Investment
Aside from the payment of our just and honest debts, the protection of our investment is a matter of paramount importance involving eternal vigilance and expenditure. Many of our best roads are ageing fast under the wear and tear of traffic as well as the ever deteriorating influence of the elements. Every rain that falls, every wind that blows, takes bit by bit the surface value of the road.

With the construction of the first 6,000 miles of all types of road, it was considered essential to have a maintenance fund of \$3,500,000 per annum. Since then we have added 4,300 miles of roads, making a total of 10,300 miles on our primary system. The Legislature of 1933 allocated for the maintenance of this greater mileage only \$3,000,000—less by \$500,000 than was considered essential for the maintenance of 6,000. This was below the danger point, as we now find many of our more costly types of road going backward in surface values. Like a tooth, if the cavity is not filled quickly, the tooth must go. The danger of a terrific loss is imminent.

For the county highways the 1933 Legislature allocated \$4,500,000, which is \$4,400,000 less than the counties spent. A special effort has been made to keep in order the roads travelled by school buses, mail routes, etc. There exists today, however, on this system many bridges which are unsafe for these buses. An increase in this fund or else tragedy!

Essential Needs
For maintenance of both State and county systems, safety devices, for extraordinary emergencies such as storms, floods, mountain slides, etc., and for absorbing additional cost of unusable prisoners; and maintenance of city streets over which State highways are routed, there should be a minimum fund of \$10,000,000 per year.

Excavation work at the Indian mound was completed Thursday and Mr. Jennings, Mr. Colburn and Mr. Parsons will leave today for Asheville, where the final reports will be written before being submitted to the Smithsonian Institution. After spending sometime in Asheville, they will return to their homes, Mr. Jennings going to Chicago, Mr. Colburn to Detroit, and Mr. Parsons to Saphire, N. C.

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SCHOOL NEWS

DOROTHY CARROLL IMPROVES SLOWLY

Dorothy Carroll, 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Carroll of Murphy who has been seriously ill for the past seven weeks is showing slight improvement this week. The cause of Dorothy's illness is complications resulted from measles. She has contracted neuritis and sinus trouble and is in a nervous condition. Dorothy will not be able to attend school for two or three weeks yet, pending an operation which may be necessary. After being in bed for some time she was forced to learn to walk again.

She is in Miss B. Mayfield's sixth grade and considered an honor student. She was not absent or tardy this year until this illness.

Miss Estell Mauney's seventh grade went to Murphy's water pumping and purifying station last week to observe the purification of water.

In the study of health and sanitation this proved to be of great interest to every student and especially to those that live in rural districts.

ATHLETIC BOX UPPER

Come one, come all and bring along your boxes Friday April 6 at 7:30 at High School auditorium. The High school girls, teachers and public are invited to bring boxes.

Other attractions of the evening will be a string band and buck dancing.

The proceeds will be turned to Athletic association.

MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST

There will be a music memory contest held in the school again this year, under the sponsorship of the Junior Woman's Club. This club will give the first prize, and the Woman's club will give the second prize. The date on which the contest will be held has not yet been decided upon but the music students have already studied thirty-five compositions in preparation for it, and they intend to study fifteen more before the contest is held. Of the fifty compositions that are being studied, twenty will be selected for the contest.

In relation to his work, the music students are making music scrap books. Prizes will be awarded for the two best of these. The Parent-Teacher Association will give the first prize, and the music department will give the second.

FRENCH STUDENTS PLAN PROJECT

In order to have advantage of a better French vocabulary, French students of Murphy High plan to correspond with students in France who study English. Those who desire to write are required to fill out a blank, giving the following facts: Name, age, sex, hobby, and sex of one to whom one wishes to write. This is sent to the National Bureau of Educational Correspondence, Peabody College for teachers, Nashville, Tennessee.

Eleven students of the local high school have sent in their qualifications. The Bureau will choose suitable persons for each of these to write.

SCHOOL REWARDED

After years of delay and an unceasing fight to obtain a basket ball court and gymnasium, the athletic group of the Murphy high school is at last to be awarded for its efforts to make such a thing possible.

The exhibit building is being remodeled, a floor for a basket-ball court is being laid by CWA workmen. The base-ball diamond is being leveled off, the fence repaired and shrubbery trimmed.

The school has long needed a gymnasium and ball-court, because the money spent each year for renting a building, has been a great drain upon the athletic fund, and limited the buying of uniforms and equipment, which in turn limited the athletic program or activities.

UNIQUE PROJECT

The seventh grade as a group under the supervision of Miss Hall has completed a unique project. Two friezes have been made; "The Boyhood Home of Lincoln," and "Mount Vernon," the home of George Washington.

The material used for this project was unbleached domestic. It was penciled first and then colored with crayolas. India ink was used to outline the frieze. The completed frieze

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LIONS HAVE GOOD MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

The Lions club met in the den at the Murphy Cafe Tuesday night, and a short business session followed the regular banquet.

Dr. Edw. E. Adams was designated to deliver the silver key, won by the late Harry Lahn for special meritorious work in Lionism, to Mrs. Lahn.

A letter was read from R. H. DeButt, of Asheville, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Railway, acknowledging petition and communication from the Lions club sent in behalf of the citizens of the town and section seeking to have the station extend the service on the Murphy branch with two trains daily. Mr. DeButt's letter, in part, said: "This matter is now being given consideration by our management and I am hopeful of being able to advise you more definitely and in a favorable way within the near future."

A communication from Mr. Markham, who was formerly in charge of the cannery for the Gillispie Company here, that if sufficient acreage of tomatoes could be secured he would be interested in operating the cannery this year. He stated, Mr. Fain said, that he only wanted tomatoes.

Mr. Fain also reported that he hoped to be able to announce something about the hosiery mill soon. He is in communication with some parties and said that things seemed to be ripe for favorable action.

A committee composed of Dr. Edw. E. Adams, George Ellis and R. W. Gray, was appointed to act for the club in accepting Mrs. E. G. White's invitation to meet with her on the next meeting, the second Tuesday night next month.

Cherokee Election Board Is Named

Lowry C. Hill, of Murphy, and Samuel H. Parker, of Andrews, Democrats, and B. B. Morrow, Republican, of Long Ridge, were named Saturday as the election Board for Cherokee county, according to news dispatches from Raleigh.

This board will have charge of the June 2nd primary and November 5 general election in Cherokee county, and will appoint registrars, Democratic and Republican judges and other precinct election officials for the 24 voting places of the county. These appointments will be made at an early date.

Notice to Those Wanting Crop Loans

All persons who wish to make application for crop loans are hereby notified that on no condition will we be able to assist in filling out same on Wednesday and Thursday of the week.

Since it is getting so late and the time for making applications will soon expire, it is suggested that all who contemplate making application for a loan do so this coming Friday and Saturday. Mr. Quay Ketner the county agent at the court house, and Miss Hattie Palmer, at the Scott Office, will assist in filling out applications, on Fridays and Saturdays.

MEETING OF THE MINISTERS MONDAY APRIL 2

The regular meeting of the Ministers Association of Cherokee and Clay counties will be held at the First Baptist church at Murphy on Monday April 2nd at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Program includes talks on "The Ministry of Comfort" by Rev. W. G. McFarland of the Methodist church of Andrews and "The Ministers Devotional Life" by Rev. J. L. Underwood of the Baptist church, Havesville. A discussion period will follow these talks.

All ministers of every denomination is cordially invited to come.

DR. WHITEFIELD JOINS STAFF OF PETRIE HOSPITAL

Dr. Junkins Resigns and Returns To Home In Elkins, West Virginia

Dr. Bryan W. Whitefield, of Montgomery, Ala., this week joined the staff of the Petrie Hospital as general surgeon, filling the vacancy made by the resignation of Dr. W. M. Junkins.

Dr. Whitefield, who is 30 years old, comes to Murphy highly recommended with 14 years experience in hospital work, general medicine and surgery. He holds a B. S. degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, with his M. D. from Tulane University. He served his internship at the Presbyterian Hospital, New Orleans, and has post graduate work and surgical training at the University Hospital of Pennsylvania; and the Orthopaedic Hospital of Harvard University. He was formerly resident surgeon of the Orthopaedic Strine Hospital at Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Junkins, who resigned on the 15th of the month, had been with the hospital since it opened last November. He and Mrs. Junkin returned to their home in Elkin, W. Va., where Dr. Junkin has accepted a position with the hospital there.

MURPHY WOMEN'S CLUB OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

With one exception the same officers who served the Murphy Woman's Club during the past year will serve another 12 months.

They are Mrs. C. W. Savage, president; Mrs. Ralph Moody, vice president; and Mrs. W. E. Sudstill, secretary. Mrs. W. M. Axley is the new treasurer, Miss Lula Fain having asked to be relieved.

D. Witherspoon, prominent Murphy attorney and garden enthusiast, was guest speaker at the club meeting Wednesday. The program was in charge of the garden department with Mrs. Ralph Moody as leader.

Mr. Witherspoon spoke on plants, shrubs, and gardening in general. He has a large collection of shrubs and plants and in his vegetable gardens grows a great variety of vegetables, fruits, berries, pecans—almost everything needed for a "live-at-home" program.

The club voted to sponsor a shrub and plant shower for the Petrie hospital here next week. A report on the quilt show last week. A report on the next meeting will be April 18, with Mrs. M. W. Bell as leader.

Ford Announces New Prices On V-8 Cars And Trucks

Ford Dealers throughout the South have announced substantially lower delivered prices on all Ford V-8 passenger cars, commercial cars and trucks, effective March 1.

"The announcement of new low delivered prices," said E. D. Bottom, manager of the Atlanta Ford Branch, "is in keeping with the Ford Motor Company policy to build a product to a standard of quality at the lowest possible cost and to pass on to the purchaser the benefit of any economic."

The new delivered prices on the Ford V-8 de luxe models include as standard equipment the following: thermostat, cigarette lighter, right rear tail light, right hand vizzor, parking lights, fenders painted in body color, and the all-important safety glass throughout the car.

Ford is able to make immediate deliveries, it was announced and this is an important reason why dealer enthusiasm is high—not only over future prospects but also because the current rate of sale is substantially faster than during the same period last year.

Public interest in the Ford V-8 for 1934 is exceptionally strong, it was stated, chiefly due to the more than 25 improvements assuring increased power, more economy, and a stylishness unsurpassed in cars in its price range. The new passenger cars have free action on all four wheels, providing unusual comfort to passengers. Clear-vision ventilation is another popular feature, distinctive because it involves but a single pane of glass nothing to obstruct vision. V-8 engine performance has been improved. Power has been stepped up 12 per cent yet with a decrease of fuel consumption. Henry Ford on the introduction of this new Ford V-8 for 1934 unhesitatingly termed it "The finest Ford car we have ever built."