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YOUR LIBRARY

The Scout has been with us for many years now. It has seen many men and women come and go. But it has never seen anyone amount to much who wasn't well-read. Lots of folks sport a homely philosophy that will get them by. But talkative or quiet, the fellow that goes to the top and has something to back up what he says, is the fellow who has read—conscientiously and constructively.

The Scout doesn't have to point them out to you. Look around and see if the man that people go to for advice isn't the man that can give a wealth of actual information on any subject.

Some contend that years of observance is an education. That's the fall-back-on story of the person who has done nothing else. Observance is about one-fifth of a well-rounded education. Some say travel is educational. But many people do not even have train fare to Andrews. An hour's reading in any one of many good books will take a person half way around the world. And still others think education can only come from college. That's a fatal thought. Those that have learned anything in college, got practically all of their education from books. And those that didn't have time to bother with books are worse off than those who never went.

There is a free education in Murphy for anybody that wants one. In the library next to the court house, there are thousands of books that are educational as well as entertaining.

Drop in the library sometime and sit there for a few minutes and watch the people come and go—mostly children. They are the leaders of tomorrow. If their reading is denied, something more than humanity itself is being robbed.

It takes money to run a library. The Murphy library is by no means down and out, but it has to have a small maintenance fee. It does not beg for funds; but any financial contribution is greatly appreciated and a dollar there means a thousand to other people.

But the library can use something everyone has besides money. That is books. Many people have interesting books lying around the house that have been read time and time again. Their contents have been devoured but to other people there is a source of knowledge and enlightenment in its pages. The book is worthless to those that have read it, but to those that have not read it, it contains a wealthy store of information.

In cooperation with Miss Heighway, the local librarian, the Murphy Boy Scouts, under the direction of Mr. K. C. Wright, are going to make a complete canvass of Murphy with the purpose of soliciting books. It is hoped that everyone who has a book which they can find no more use for will give it to the local library, so that those who can not afford to buy books may get the benefit from it.

The Scout is whole-heartedly behind the move to donate books and funds to the library. The appreciation, of course, would not come from us alone, but from humanity at large.

EVERY STATE BUT ONE

The latest returns from The Literary Digest's nationwide poll on the Roosevelt administration are convincing that the popular support behind the President and his policy is as strong as it was when he went into office. The returns indicate, indeed, that it is stronger than it was then.

With some votes reported from every State in the Union, it is revealed that every State but one is behind the Roosevelt program. The single exception is Vermont.

Out of a total of 875,373 votes tabulated up to this time, 534,804 have been cast in favor of the New Deal policies and 240,569 against those policies. That is a

DON'T GIVE UP THE FIGHT

It has been indeed gratifying to see the spirited reaction and receive the optimistic comments of residents of Murphy and Cherokee county relative to the building of a TVA dam at the Coleman dam site below here.

We can say this. Every comment has been favorable. Some broad-minded people have outlined both sides of the question. Judge for yourself—the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. More good will come to Cherokee county through the building of the dam here than harm.

The Scout has tried to be fair in reflecting public opinion. We solicited statements from people around here. Others sent us unsolicited messages. We are running more of them this week, and we still have some left over.

The picture built up is not our creation. It is the creation of the public. If we had received any unfavorable comments we would have published them, but we haven't. Some few people frankly admit they aren't interested. And they should not be condemned for that.

It is our misfortune to know a lot of things we can not publish. Not that we do not want to, but the time is not right—and more than that we cannot betray a confidence.

The Scout is fighting for this thing. It means as much to us as it does to you.

Considering what we have said above will you seriously regard what we have to say now?

If you want the dam here—DON'T GIVE UP THE FIGHT!

THE FARM HOME

The farm housing survey, a project of the Civil Works Administration, is producing significant facts about rural homes. Such factors as conditions of walls, chimneys, roofs, and so on, the age of the structure, number of rooms and occupants, and whether or not it has ordinary conveniences and comforts are dealt with.

The average urban dweller will be surprised to learn that a great number of the farm homes are entirely without plumbing of any sort. Most of the homes are in but fair condition, while many are classed as being poor. Only a comparative handful have electric or gas facilities.

In other words in our hurrying, complex, twentieth century, rural America is still to a great extent leading a life of primitive simplicity. It is healthy, hearty, has a high birthrate and produces a vigorous stock that too often drifts into the urban centers in search of more opportunities and more comforts and pleasures.

The country-side continues to furnish much of the brains and brawn of the land. But it is old-fashioned and in many cases backward in development. This in itself accounts to a considerable extent for the ceaseless urban movements.

If the rural districts are made more up-to-date, with more mechanical appliances to relieve the drudgery for farm work, and with more opportunities for comfort and recreation, the country population will be satisfied to stay at home.

Never was the opportunity for this greater. Automobile transportation is bringing city markets into closer touch with the countryside. Progressive farmers are better able to sell their produce and also enjoy metropolitan recreation while they live at home and have all the benefits and freedom of country life. This is true of the South as of all other sections of the country.

Likewise rural America constitutes a vast market for the sale of building materials and supplies of all sorts. In many states this market has been barely touched, while homes remain much as they were a generation or more ago. But many plans are now on foot to enable farmers to finance new building and effect improvements and alterations to old structures. This all should mean better farm life, more markets for manufactured goods of all sorts, as well as increased employment for men in construction projects and in the industries supplying materials.

Out of the welter of depression we may now be emerging into a new period in which the rural districts will be modernized, while town and country will be brought together. If so this will be one of the greatest accomplishments of the New Deal. It will produce a healthier and happier America with a better-balanced urban and rural population.

—The Asheville Citizen-Times.

A larger percentage for the New Deal than the percentage by which Mr. Roosevelt was elected to the Presidency.

North Carolina's vote is 6,066 for the New Deal, 1,642 against it. Mr. Roosevelt's vote in North Carolina in 1932 was 497,566 to 208,344 for Mr. Hoover.

The bankers of the country are unfriendly to the New Deal despite the fact that it saved the banking situation. But the people of the country are for the New Deal still. That is evident. There has been talk of its waning popularity, but the figures of The Literary Digest do not support this conversation.

—The Asheville Citizen-Times.

LET'S TURN BACK HISTORY'S PAGES...

10 YEARS AGO. (In The Cherokee Scout)

Mrs. R. C. Campbell and little son, Albert, are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brittain.

Mrs. I. Walter Estes, of Decatur, Ga. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brittain.

Mrs. Edyth Clark and daughter, Miss Edyth of Asheville, are spending several days with Mrs. Clarke's mother, Mrs. Nettie Dickey.

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Mrs. B. C. Bryant of Dalton, Ga. is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grace P. Cooper.

Miss Edith Dickey spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with friends in Andrews.

Postmaster A. B. Dickey and son, Charles, are visiting relatives and friends at Harlan and Middlesboro, Ky. Master Charles will spend the summer months with his grandmother while Mr. Dickey is expected to return shortly.

Col. L. E. Bayless spent several days the first of this week in Atlanta on business.

Mr. L. M. Shields of Culberson, was a business visitor in town Monday.

Misses Mary Jo McCombs and Addie Leatherwood left last week for Knoxville, Tenn., where they are attending the University of Tennessee.

Smith O. Baker and Miss L. M. Moody of Marble, N. C. were married Monday afternoon by Squire T. N. Bates at his office in Murphy.

20 YEARS AGO. (In The Cherokee Scout)

Dr. J. N. Hill went to Asheville Sunday, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Abernathy visited relatives at Marble Sunday.

L. E. Bayless went to Asheville for a few days business trip.

Mess. Oliver Kinsey and A. W. Ellis of Kinsey, were business visitors here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Christopher went to Union County, Ga. by auto and spent the day with relatives Sunday.

Mrs. H. S. Whiteheart of Mt. Airy is spending a few weeks here with friends and also at her old home at Grandview.

30 YEARS AGO. (In The Cherokee Scout)

Clifton Hyatt returned Saturday from Florida.

J. P. Whitaker of Andrews was in town Friday.

Mrs. George Hall of Atlanta, Ga., arrived Friday on a visit to her son, J. H. Hall.

Capt. J. P. Robinson, of Bristol, Va., Tenn. arrived Sunday to visit his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davidson went to Atlanta last week, where the latter will receive medical treatment.

M. C. King, wife and three children, of Copperhill, Tenn., arrived Sunday to spend a week or so with his mother.

Dr. S. C. Heighway went to Asheville Thursday to see his wife and little daughter, and reports the latter is improving.

Hayesville Courier: Geo. Abbott and sister, Mrs. James Vaughn, of Murphy, visited their sister, Mrs. R. L. Herbert, Saturday and Sunday.

Married Thursday night at the home of D. B. Ketron, near Hayesville, Miss Mattie Turnbull to Mr. Winslow Hall, both of Kinsey, this county. The bride is the charming daughter of W. A. Turnbull, and the groom is the son of J. B. Hall. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Curtis. We join in the many friends of this young couple in wishing them much happiness.

Attorney E. B. Norvell left on the noon train yesterday for Asheville where he will look after some business before attending the Democratic Convention Thursday at Greensboro. Others from here who also expect to attend the convention are: Col. Ben Posey, S. W. Davidson, J. T. Hayes, J. O. Scroggs and C. C. Standridge.

40 YEARS AGO (In The Cherokee Scout)

Capt. Richardson from the valley says the crops are in fine condition.

T. C. McDonald was elected and sworn in as a school trustee Friday.

Miss Bonnie Candler paid a visit to friends at Mineral Bluff, Ga., last Saturday.

Mrs. Dr. McCombs and her brother, Tom Butt, are visiting their parents at Blairsville.

Mrs. G. P. Axley and children of Kinsey were out at the closing exercises of the graded school Friday night.

W. L. Fain, daughters and little son, arrived here Saturday from Atlanta. We presume they will spend the hot weather here.

Mrs. W. A. Bryson and daughter, of Coalville, have gone to Maryville, Tenn. to pay a visit to her sister, Mrs. G. W. Jackson.

Col. Frank Haralson, of Atlanta after spending several days in town as the guest of Prof. L. E. Mauney leaves for his home today.

Albert Bell, of Cleveland, Ga. a teacher from the Young Harris Institute, we think has found sufficient attraction in Murphy to spend a month.

Messrs. H. B. and W. A. Elliott, returned Sunday afternoon from Gainesville, and report that their father is recovering from recent illness.

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, at the home of her father, J. B. Dickey, at Culberson, Miss Eva Dickey will be married to Mr. W. H. Griffith, Rev. T. L. Cordell officiating. A few friends from Murphy and the immediate family only will be present. They will leave on the 11:30 south bound train for Pennsylvania, where they will spend the honeymoon. The bride and groom-elect are well known in Murphy and have many friends who heartily join the Scout in wishing them a pleasant bridal tour, and then may life's burdens and sorrow fall lightly upon them in their journey here below, and finally, at a good old age, may they, hand in hand, enter into the joys of Him who died for us all. Upon their return to Murphy a grand reception will be tendered the happy couple by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. C. Dickey, of Drummer's Home. Mr. Griffiths is the well known and efficient locomotive engineer between this point and Blue Ridge, and Miss Eva's womanly graces and charms have endeared her to her acquaintances and many friends.

THE CANARY GETS THE CAT — FIRST

Tragedy overtook a prized canary named "Totsy" belonging to Mrs. J. E. Woodall recently when a curious cat climbed up to the cage and pulled the bottom out.

But Totsy's life had not been a bed of roses before then. She had no love for playful kittens. Totsy belonged to the late Mrs. W. H. McLarin mother of Mrs. Woodall and had brightened both homes with her musical notes.

One night a cat climbed up to Totsy's cage and turned it over and almost got Totsy that time, its terrible claws scratched her, and if it had not been for her loving mistress awakening at the fall of the cage it would have been all off.

Totsy suffered only a broken leg and Mrs. Woodall administered first aid and bound up and splinted the leg. However the leg refused to heal, and had to be removed, but Totsy didn't mind, not so much any way, as long as she had such a nice house, and it wasn't long before Totsy was singing again as if nothing had happened. She didn't miss the other leg as she never went any place, still she didn't care for cats and thought she might need an extra leg or two if the old cat came around any more.

Everything went along fine for Totsy, hopping around in the cage on one foot, singing and taking life easy, she was very happy. Then one day Totsy decided she needed some fresh air and her kind mistress placed the cage on the back porch where a cool fresh breeze could hit the little one-legged singer. Totsy was enjoying the green spring scenery and was listening to the wild birds sing and then along came her hated enemy—the big, bad cat.

Her mistress was not near enough to hear and had not dreamed that the cat could reach the cage. The hungry cat glared at Totsy and Totsy was frightened, she wished for stork legs and eagle wings. The cat jumped for the cage and his weight pulled off the bottom—and there was not a trace left of poor little one-legged Totsy.—Ehe Campbell News.