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TOWN MUST EITHER WAKE AND ACT OR PLAY SECOND FIDDLE

News from Andrews that the Town Board is planning to buy the old prison camp site and convert it into a playground should give Murphy food for thought, and should furnish the newly formed Murphy Chamber of Commerce with a mark to surpass.

The site which Andrews plans to acquire contains a little more than five acres. Highway Commissioner McKee has consented to sell the tract for \$100 an acre.

On it Andrews will build a playground and athletic field that will make the town outstanding to tourists.

A huge barracks, once used by prison guards, also may be acquired, and used as a recreation room by day—and for dances at might

The results will be that Andrews will be able to offer tourists their choice of golf, tennis, swimming, baseball, croquet and shuffle-board by day—or checkers and chess in the one-time barracks. And at night, the young folks will be offered a place to dance—a fine roomy place, sanctioned by the city fathers; a place that can bring no objection from the most watchful parent.

And what, meanwhile, will Murphy have to offer the tourists?

Not a thing in the world but climate, scenery—and the TVA

None of these, by themselves, worry Andrews much. Our sister city has scenery too. It has the identic climate. And the lake will be close enough for its tourists to reach by motor almost as quickly as from here.

It is high time that Murphy was waking up.

Mr. L. P. Dickie Southeastern Manager of the United States Chamber of Commerce, said some biting things to the business men of Murphy when he came here to help organize the local chamber.

He pointed out that the town was attractive enough to draw visitors—but that not one blessed thing was done to keep them.

"Your visitor has not a thing to do but look at the scenery—and he can see that driving away from town". Mr. Dickey said, "You dont offer him one thing that he cant find in a dozen other places—with many other attractions added.

"Tourists are on vacation. Unless they are very old, they want ammusement and entertainment. They cant find either here—and unless you supply that need, you are going to find the tourists stopping just one night—and then moving on."

Mr. Dickey's words were "bad medicine to take"—but they were sadly, all too true,

And the day when a town can sit back, pin its faith in its purely natural advantages, and wait for visitors to come and discover it has passed,

Instead of waiting, we mush go out and get them. And, once gotten, we must have what it takes to keep them.

From this desk it would seem that our sister, Andrews, is showing us the way. In Mayor Tillitt's office two girls are employed, six days a week, mailing out circulars which tell about the town, the nearby points of interest and—most essential— a list of all hotels and tourist homes, and exactly what they charge.

Murphy hasn't a folder to give out even if one is requested,—much less any to mail out by the thousand.

Andrews has a growing movement to paint up homes, trim lawns; make everything spic and span.

Murphy—well, Mr. Dickey, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce official declared bluntly that "if there is a paint salesman in Murphy, he must be asleep on his job."

Andrews is going after tourists in a big way, while Murphy seems to be sitting idly and saying: "Here we are—take us or leave us—and see if we care."

Of course, nobody really feels that way. But for heavens sake let's bestir ourselves, and DO SOMETHING.

Some famous philospher—was it Emerson?—once declared that "if you build a better mousetrap than your fellow man, though you live on a mountain top, the world will tread a beaten pathway, to your door."

Maybe that was true, when he said it; but in these days of high-powered advertising, it is different.

Nowadays, no matter what you have to offer, you have to tell the world about it over and over again—or you'll just about starve to death.

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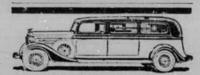
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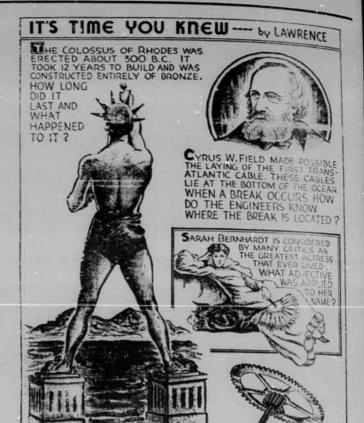
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