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Highway Project Began As Dream

(Editor's note: The Scout will publish a series of guest editorials written by leading citizens from Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee. The theme of the editorials will be "The Real Meaning of Wagon Train." The first is written by Senator W. Frank Forsyth, executive vice president of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Murphy, N. C.)

The Real Meaning Of Wagon Train

By W. FRANK FORSYTH

In the Fall and Winter months of 1957, a small group of civic minded people from Tellico Plains, Tennessee were working and planning a scenic route from their community to Murphy. To promote such a project they conceived the idea of the "Wagon Train."

This long range highway building project which started as a dream has now reached proportions that are really fantastic. The advertising value to Southwestern North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee is now valued in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

This unspoiled scenic wonderland is open, fresh, anxious to be developed, and will, when completed, be unsurpassed in scenic beauty any where in the United States.

This great spectacular "The Wagon Train" is more or less taken for granted by many of our citizens, as is the fast growing tourist industry. Most of these things have come to us without organized effort on our part. Now is the time to take stock, to examine ourselves in order to make this area a better place to live and a more prosperous section in which to rear our children.

We are now short on industry and short on many, many other things in which most sections take pride. We are not short on climate, high mountains, deep valleys, clear water streams, and perhaps the most picturesque section in the United States. We are just two days travel from every metropolitan area in Eastern America. Folks who have already seen the Smokies are now looking for other places to go and personally, I do not believe the Smokies have wilderness area or scenery comparable to this Western North Carolina - Eastern Tennessee area.

We now have a grand opportunity, working together, to promote and enlarge a project that has meant much to us and could be worth much more in the years to come. May I say, in all sincerity, that it will take work on the part of everyone and it will take some money; but work and cooperation is the mainstay of this "Wagon Train" project.

The real success of the "Wagon Train" is the participants. These people who have a rich heritage in this mountain region and who still possess that hardy pioneer spirit. Our genuine appreciation is extended to each and everyone of the people who were in the "Wagon Train."

Roads are built with gasoline tax money, so roads built in Western North Carolina to make accessible tourists from the West, Middle West and East, would in reality be an investment for North Carolina. A large expenditure, yes; but the money would come back to North Carolina in the form of gasoline purchased the taxes from which would pay the bill in the years to come. Roads, of course, would bring a tremendous influx of tourist travel to this area. A prosperous section helps a growing and progressive state.

The time is now for the folks of Southwestern North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee — working together for better living.

Your Chamber Of Commerce Needs Your Help & Support

The support of everyone in Murphy is needed by your Chamber of Commerce. Some of the important accomplishments of the group that effect the whole community are the location of industry and new businesses in this area. An example of this has been the location of Margaret Studios and Rimco Mfg. Co. To continue this work the Chamber of Commerce must have your support.

With the help of Dick Mauney down in Raleigh, the Chamber of Commerce has been highly successful in locating reputable industries in this area. The trend toward industrialization of Far Western North Carolina has just started. To keep the ball rolling, the whole hearted support of your Chamber of Commerce is needed.

This business of locating an industry in our home town is as competitive a business as can be found nowadays.

When the Industrial committee, gets a lead please don't think that Murphy is the only community that has a chance. Not only is the competition keen among cities, counties and areas of a state but states maintain groups such as the Conservation and Development Department of North Carolina.

To get into this business of industry hunting, it takes backing. And we don't just mean financial backing. The housewife, the waitress, the clerk can help. How? Its easy.

The other day a group of officials of a prospective new industry for Murphy were looking the town over. Getting the feel of things down here. They walked the streets of Murphy. Did they see happy, friendly people? Let's hope so. Did they see well kept lawns and clean streets that indicate a strong sense of community pride? Let's hope so. Did they hear on the street corner rumbling of discontent? Let's hope not.

Let's hope they saw a community that has community spirit and pride. One that is progressive in its thinking. One that wants to grow.

The report from Mr. Townson's committee indicated that it is exactly what was seen and the folks who saw it liked what they saw. It will pay off in the long run.

Congratulations Drivers

We were lucky of course. But a hardy Congratulations is in order to all the folks of this area in the fine record Cherokee County compiled over the Fourth of July week-end. While the rest of the country compiled staggering new records for accidents and deaths on the highways over the Fourth of July week-end, Cherokee County reported no deaths from highway accidents or from water sports.

Outside of two automobile accidents reported no other accidents involving injury or death were reported. Two persons were injured Sunday, July 3 in a three car collision near Tooton. Another automobile accident occurred on the Joe Brown Highway Monday, July 4. No one was injured in this accident.

The North Carolina Highway Patrol did an outstanding job in handling the traffic in and around Murphy during the Wagon Train. Sgt Sandlin out of the District Highway office in Sylva had nine patrolmen stationed in this county to handle the traffic. By routing through traffic around Murphy by way of Marble-Peachtree-Murphy, tourists were able to maintain schedules and avoid that old stigma of the highways—being delayed and speeding up to make up for lost time.

During a conversation with Patrolman R. H. Ensley of Murphy, he said, "I want to extend my congratulations to all for making July 4, 1960 a safe and happy occasion."



Wagon Train — More Than A Fourth Of July Celebration

Kidd Brewer's Raleigh Roundup

INTO FALL . . . Now we have passed the longest days of the summer, most offices here are understaffed, and 60 days from now we will be well into another football season.

For many a politico, it has been, is, and will be a long and hazardous summer.

Despite the fact that most State quarters here are fully air-conditioned, there is just a whole lot of sweating going on these days. It isn't all because of the weather.

He who lives by the sword must die by the sword . . . and no amount of machine cooling can completely eliminate that political disease known hereabout as the Quadrennial Sweat.

This time 12 years ago — that would be 1948 — that sweat came on around here (K. Scott had just been nominated governor) and lasted for months. Some of the victims never recovered.

Seriously, if you think there isn't a lot of suffering — the deep, dark mental type of suffering — going on around know Raleigh, then you just don't know Raleigh. Only Dr. Sanford carries the cure.

STARTING EARLY . . . Speaking of football, signs point to the largest crowds ever this fall at the Big Four games. This is partly due to the balanced strength of the four teams. Also, each school is going after the big attendance — starting early with various promotions. Duke is offering family plans at greatly reduced rates. Write Duke Athletic Office early if interested.

One of the first games of the season will be between Clemson and Wake Forest at Winston-Salem. The score last year was 33-31. Coach Frank Howard of Clemson has said he could fill every seat at Bowman Gray Stadium with Clemson College alumni clamoring to see this one.

All of which is to say you should begin making definite plans now — including purchase of tickets — for the games you plan to see this autumn.

POPULAR . . . Know the most popular speaker in North Carolina? You are right, Terry Sanford.

Even folks who voted — yea, worked — against him now want to clasp him to their bosoms. It comes to us on good authority that Governor Sanford has received enough speaking invitations to run him through hog-killing time and smack dab into Christmas if he were able to accept all of them.

So . . . don't rush . . . Terry Sanford is young, he has a lot of speaking to do for the part in September and October, and it looks as if he is going to be around for a good long while.

DID YOU KNOW . . . Now that the shooting is over, the captains and the kings have departed (to California), let's indulge in a bit of midsummer musing on some facts that may surprise you as they did us at

our house: Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River. Chicago is the same distance north as Rome, Italy. Four countries in the world — Brazil, Soviet Union, Canada, China — are larger than the United States. London, England, is farther north than any point in the United States. New York City has a larger population than all of Australia. Japan has 90 million people, but is smaller in area than California. Tampa, Fla., is west of the entire continent of South America. Ninety-five per cent of the people of the world live north of the equator. Moscow is closer to New York than is Buenos Aires, Argentina.

FATHER'S DAY . . . A friend of ours here received a \$50 check from his son in the service in Dallas, Texas, as a Father's Day present. He was deeply pleased — not that he needed the money so much, but that his son had at least come of age and recognized the value of money around the old home.

Three days later he got a wire from his son asking him to rush him \$50.00 by wire to make the check good, he had overspent. My friend wired the money. All told, the Father's Day present cost him about \$4.00.

"Looking back on it now," he told me yesterday, "I'd much preferred my boy had just written me a letter."

NOTES . . . This is written on Sunday, July 10, and we don't know definitely whom the Democrats will nominate in California. As of this date, it looks definitely like Kennedy. Our prediction is that anybody nominated will defeat the Republican nominee in November . . .

We don't know whether it's their blond full head of hair or their just - washed - look of solid honesty — but Terry Sanford and John F. Kennedy could pass for members of the same family — not brothers, but perhaps first cousins. Not that we agreed with him, but our opinion is that Sanford did the right thing in coming out flat - footedly for Kennedy in pre-convention conversation. He followed his conscience — and neither he nor N. Carolina will regret it — in time to come.

A passing thought: not since J. M. Broughton succeeded Clyde R. Hoey as Governor in 1941 has been much deeper love between outgoing and incoming administrators here: the Gregg Cherry leaders cared not much for the Broughton boys in 1955 . . . and Keer Scott went in with a show of his own in 1949. William B. Umstead forces had defeated the Scott administration's Hubert Olive . . . Luther Hodges steered clear of Umstead's inner guard . . . and Sanford's tub stands on its own bottom.

Letter To The Editor

Purpose Of Wagon Train To Promote Modern Highway

Dear Editor:

The Wagon Train Executive Committee wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation for the splendid publicity received from the CHEROKEE SCOUT, the local radio stations, WCVP and WKRC covering the Wagon Train.

We also wish to convey a great big THANK YOU to the many committees who labored many hours in making the July fourth celebration the tremendous success it was. Too, our appreciation goes to the following who worked on the bridge on the route, and constructed the platform at the fairgrounds without remuneration.

Ronnie Killian, Harry Killian, Ben Killian, Maynard Killian, Lewis Mulkey, W. S. Dickey, Abe Gentry, Hal Gentry, Cecil Gentry, Dickey Davis, Jim Hughes, Paul Ledford, Red Schuyler, Charles Johnson, Bob Penland, Will Rogers, Billy Odell, Don Carter, Holland McSwain and Kenneth Davis.

The committee would also like to thank P. J. Henn for the use of the sound system used at the fairgrounds.

We must also state that we are deeply grateful to the Executive Committee from Tellico Plains composed of Charlie Hall, Sam Williams, James Hooper, Harold Rice and Ray Frye. They really did an amazing amount of planning and work for the Wagon Train trek across the mountains, and they are definitely masters at planning such an event.

We sincerely appreciate all the hours the people mentioned above gave toward the celebration. As everybody knows, the purpose of the occasion is to promote a modern highway from Tellico Plains, Tennessee, to Murphy, which will pass through some of the most beautiful mountain land in the Nantahala and Cherokee National Forests. We feel that a step forward toward securing that road has been made possible through the untiring efforts of all these people.

Sincerely yours,
WAGON TRAIN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
By LOREN DAVIS
Chairman

Two Will Attend Farm Home Week Meeting In Raleigh

By THELMA WHEELER
Home Demonstration Agent
Cherokee County

Mrs. B. M. Gibbs of the Valletown home demonstration club and Miss Thelma M. Wheeler, home economics agent, will spend this week at State College, Raleigh, attending the 52nd Annual meeting of Farm Home Week.

Mrs. Gibbs will represent Cherokee County as their voting delegate having been previously instructed by the home demonstration council.

Some of the highlights of the program will be classes conducted in the following areas:

"Frame your Pictures — Frame them Right", Miss Pauline Gordon, specialist in housing and house furnishings, N. C. State College.

Tour of John Harris' garden, John H. Harris, extension horticulturist, State College.

"The Art of the Potter", Mrs. Slater E. Newman, Raleigh.

"The Nervous Woman", Dr. Hugh A. Matthews, Midway Medical Center, Canton, N. C.

"The Hope of Research in Cancer and what we can do about it", Dr. H. Max Schiebel, Watts

Hospital, Durham, N. C.

"The Wonder World of Modern Fabrics", William R. Martin, Jr., head of applied chemical research, School of Textiles, N. C. State College.

"Understanding among Family Members", Dr. Albert Edwards, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh.

"A World of Good Eating", Nancy Carter, director of home economics, Colonial Stores, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

And so — the agenda goes on and on! There are tours and teas arranged and group singing conducted by Dr. Arnold E. Hoffman, State Supervisor of Music Education, Department of public in-

struction, Raleigh and recreation under the direction of the N. C. Recreation Commission.

COUNTY GRAFTS WORKSHOP JULY 8.

Leaders of their respective home demonstration club throughout Cherokee County attended the county workshop on Friday, July 8 at Murphy Power Board Building.

Although "Flower Arrangement" is not classified as a craft this was scheduled in order to get this information to club members well in advance of the county fair in September.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Sr., of the Valletown Home Demonstration Club graciously shared her talents for flower arrangement with club members.

She pitched her demonstration at the level of one who has a little or no instruction in the art.

Her simple flower arrangements and visual aids made the demonstration appear so simplified and interesting that there was no hesitancy in each one trying her hand at one or more arrangements.

At the conclusion of the workshop all arrangements were studied and evaluated.

Mrs. Chandler also discussed arrangements suitable for churches.

The newly formed Cherokee County Rescue Squad proved its worth and reason for being Monday night, July 11, in the recovery of the drowned man in Appalachia Lake.

Our local squad and the Cleveland, Tenn., Rescue Squad were called into action late Monday night. The Cherokee County Squad located the body of the drowned man early Tuesday morning.

This group of volunteers calling themselves the Cherokee County Rescue Squad has for the second time in as many weeks proved the need for such an organization.

The appeal for funds to support this group week before last fell way short of the bare minimum needed to operate. Groups of this type exist for the public good and need the public's support.

Answer the appeal next time and support the Cherokee County Rescue Squad.

July Jury List Announced By Clerk Of Court

Following is the list of persons drawn to serve on the jury during the one week criminal term of Superior Court, July 25.

Thomas Edgar Leatherwood, Murphy, N. C., Kirk Ladd, Marble N. C., Dillard Griffith, Route 1, Murphy, N. C., George W. Wilson, Route 1, Murphy, N. C., Jack B. Palmer, Marble, N. C., R. J. Wilson, (Excused), Pitt W. Almond, Andrews, N. C., Frank W. Swan, Andrews, N. C., Earnest Harding, (Excused), J. E. Grant, Andrews, N. C., J. H. Brown, Route 2, Murphy, N. C., and Jewell Payne, Route 1, Andrews, N. C.

Also John Harper, Route 1, Murphy, N. C., John Edward Johnson, Route 2, Murphy, N. C., R. L. Craig, Route 4, Letitia, N. C., Kenneth Davis, Murphy, N. C., L. A. McClure, Route 4, Murphy, N. C., Fred W. Kilpatrick, Route 2, Murphy, N. C., Gene W. Trammell, Andrews, N. C., Graydy Garrett, Andrews, N. C., George Washington Huskins, Marble, N. C., Garland Hogan, Andrews, N. C., Lawrence Davis, Marble, N. C.

Also Otis McClean, Tooton, N. C., S. L. Hatchett, Route 2, Murphy, N. C., Tommy Wright, Route 4, Murphy, N. C., W. A. Boyd, Route 1, Murphy, N. C., J. M. Donley, Route 1, Marble, N. C., Lloyd James Gregory, Andrews, N. C., Charlie C. Morris, Route 1, Murphy, N. C., J. R. Klingensmith, Andrews, N. C., Robert Arthur Wilson, Marble, N. C., W. H. Montgomery, Route 2, Murphy, N. C., Fred McDonald, Route 3, Murphy, N. C., Wesley Keenum, Route 4, Murphy, N. C., and Kay Jump, Route 3, Murphy, N. C.

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