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Wagon Train Most Enjoyable

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of guest editorials written for publication in the Scout by leading citizens from WNC. The theme of the editorials is "The Real Meaning of Wagon Train". The third article is written by Mr. Joe E. Ray, Postmaster, Murphy, N.C. and a participant in this year's Wagon Train trek.)

The Wagon Train and Its Value to Murphy and Cherokee County

By JOE E. RAY

Having been raised on a farm, horses and wagons mean a lot more to me than present day mechanical equipment. For this reason, I might lean too far to the left when I attempt to express my feelings in regard to the Wagon Train.

Ever since the beginning of this annual event, I had wanted to take a part, and by taking a part, I mean riding a horse or driving a wagon and team from across the mountain into Murphy. I was never able to do this until this year when my friends got together enough stock and equipment for me to make the trip. I was riding a horse which belongs to Allen Howell and the bridle and saddle were the property of patrolman Hooper. The gun and holster I was wearing belonged to Robert McKeever and the big hat belonged to Ed Gibbs. The only thing that was almost mine was the big piece of foam rubber that was in the seat of my saddle, and this I had borrowed from my wife. To them I am thankful, for I have not spent such an enjoyable day in years.

I left Murphy on Sunday afternoon, July 3, with Mr. Bruce in his truck and rode to the Camp Ground at the Tellico River Ford. After we arrived at the camp, I spent the balance exercising our horses and giving them a bath in the Tellico River. After eating supper which had been prepared by Bob Bruce and Ted Howell, we had watermelon for dessert which had been cooled in the Tellico River. After supper, I enjoyed a short walk down to the Tennessee line with John Smith and Claude Monteith, where we bought milk and orange juice from some of the stands which had been set up to sell food.

All along the road and in every open place were horseback riders and men with wagons and teams feeding and watering their horses and getting ready to bed down for the night. Later we returned to our camp where I went to bed under a wagon and slept until about 4:00 o'clock the next morning when I was awakened by the wagons and horses and the shouts of the drivers as they were fording the river and starting out on the last leg of the trip to Murphy. As for my experiences along the road on this trip, I will have to give you these in a future article.

Tellico Plains and Murphy, in my opinion, can justly be called the Wagon Train Capitals of the World. I do not think I have ever experienced anything quite so thrilling and overpowering as riding into Murphy as part of the Wagon Train.

What is needed, in my opinion, if we expect to keep the Wagon Train coming to Murphy each year is more interest and participation from the people of this area and especially Murphy.

Why not arrange some excursions from Murphy to Tellico by bus and to the camp ground by wagons and trucks? There are many things each of us can do to make this celebration bigger and assure its continuance for years to come, regardless of when the new road is completed.

Another way would be to have plenty of feed on hand for the horses when they arrive and give this feed to anyone who participates in the Wagon Train.

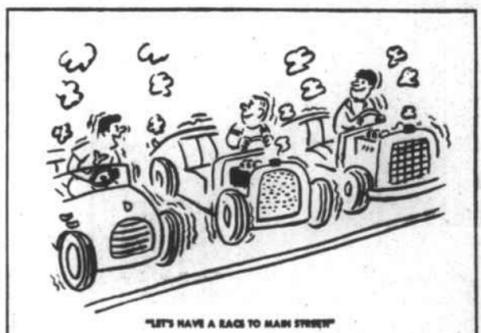
Everyone I have talked with is in favor of the Wagon Train and would like to see it grow and continue year after year. My personal opinion is that the Wagon Train is worth more to this county in advertisement than all the money that has been spent in various other ways to advertise in the past twenty-five years. Send your suggestions in regard to the Wagon Train to the Cherokee Scout and be sure and make your plans to participate both in time and money next year.

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Go To Church Sunday :-

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The Dishonor Roll by Jerry Marcus



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Kidd Brewer's Raleigh Roundup

NEVER WORSE . . . With all this wild talk about a Republican upsurge in North Carolina come the general elections about three months hence, it is interesting to note that the GOP never did worse in off - years runs than the last time they went to bat in 1958. Out of 50 members in the 1959 State Senate, the Republican had one (1). Well, now you can't do much worse than that. Of the 120 representatives over in the House, the Republicans had four. Not even in the greatest days of FDR did they do worse. You can see what a change the State will have to undergo on its political outlook for it to go Republican this fall. THE SIX . . . Now it is no particular news that Bob Gavin, the man who is to oppose Good Democrat Terry Sanford this fall has been contacted by "six outstanding Democrats" pledging their support, etc. in November. For 25 years now we have had "outstanding Democrats" voting the Republican ticket on the national level, State level, or both. But even in 1928 when the State went Republican Presidentialy, O. Max Gardner whipped H. F. Seawell (father of Chub of Carriage and now regarded as a Republican - turned - Democrat) by

72,594 votes. Of course, that year there was no Primary Democratic squabble since Gardner had no opposition. In 1932, the Democrats couldn't pronounce J. C. B. Ehringhaus name, but he beat one Clifford Frazier by 285,096 votes. In 1936, the Democrats went through a bitter pill in the McDonald-Hoey smell, but Hoey took Gilliam Grissom, a truly outstanding man, by 271,296 votes. J. M. Broughton beat Bob McNeil in 1940 by 413,342 votes. Gregg Cherry defeated Frank Patton, 364,829 votes. Bill Umstead in 1952 downed H. F. (Chub) Seawell, Jr. by 412,977 ballots. It is interesting to note that the Republican cast more votes (383,329) in 1952 than the Democrats did in 1928 (362,009). But the Democrats in 1952 cast their largest vote of the century for Umstead - 796,306 votes. In 1952, also, with the nation swinging strongly Republican, N. C. voters for the first time cast over one million votes. Luther Hodges defeated Kyle Hayes, nephew of Johnson J. Hayes, now a retired Federal Court judge, in 1956 by 385,101 votes. Again the two parties' voters cast over a million votes. SANFORD FIGURE . . . Terry

don't believe we could live through another one just like that one. I'm referring now to that great exciting debate of several weeks ago between Terry Sanford and Dr. I. Beverly Lake. What prompts the impromptu bringing up of the matter once again was a headline we saw last week reading something like this: "Kennedy Eager For Debates". Frankly, friends, it left us cold. Jim Reid of radio and television fame, who was master of ceremonies and referee on the Sanford - Lake debate, came directly from that stormy event to a meeting in Raleigh, arriving somewhat tardily. Square - jawed Ted Davis, Employment Security Commission publicist, was presiding and cracked nary a smile as he said: "Glad to see Jim made it. He looks all tuckered out after holding those tigers apart over in Charlotte last evening." So if the debates Kennedy has in mind bear any relationship to the one engaged in by him and Lyndon Johnson during the convention or is a distant cousin to that one in Charlotte, then a long, hard drink of lukewarm water would prove more exciting. THE ANSWERS . . . There is an elderly minister in Raleigh who usually asks the children he meets - and gives candy to - the same questions over and over and always in the same order: "What's your name? How old are you? What do you want to be when you grow up?" This certain young mother wanted to make a good impression on the preacher . . . and so to make him feel good, she rehearsed her six-year-old son for several days. But when the minister met him out in front of the church a couple of Sundays later, the

Soil Conservation News

By JOHN S. SMITH

The application for assistance from the Federal Government on the Little Brasstown Creek Watershed has been completed and sent to Raleigh along with the application from Clay County on Big Brasstown Creek. The State Soil Conservation Committee will meet early in August and at that time should take action on these applications. If approved in Raleigh, the applications will be sent on to Washington for final action. These small watershed projects, which are authorized by a bill known as Public Law 566, are being planned and carried out in part by the state line in the Union. Georgia leads the nation in the number of such projects authorized and North Carolina is second. Several projects in this state and several in Georgia are well on the way to completion. Work in the Hightower creek project just over the state line in Towns and Union Counties, Georgia is progressing rapidly. The June Issue of Land and Water Conservation, a magazine devoted to the interests of conservation contractors, Soil Conservation and Watershed District chairmen and supervisors, has a picture which very forcefully shows the effects of a watershed project on the flooding which may occur before and after completion of engineering works in the watershed. The picture shows a portion of the Saer Creek Watershed in northwest Washington State. This creek flows north out of Washington into the Canadian Province of British Columbia. All

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Guild Officers Installed By Candlelight
The Wesleyan Service Guild of floors were installed by candle light service at the home of Misses Kate and Lella Hayes at Tonolla. Following business session the newly elected officer stood in front of the worship center to be installed by Mrs. Florence Houts. Different colored candles representing their offices were lighted by Mrs. Edwina Shelton, president; Mrs. Louise Bayless, vice-president; Miss Addie Leatherwood, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Ellis, treasurer; and Mrs. Emily Davidson, representing committee chairman. After prayer of dedication by Mrs. Houts, a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served to 30 members present.

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