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Rev. Roland J. Whitmore, Jr.

Cherokee Co. History Visited In Scout Anniversary Edition

In the southwestern corner of the state of North Carolina the Cherokee Lands secured by the New Echota treaty were organized into Cherokee County by an act of the North Carolina Legislature in 1839. From the time of the treaty until the formation of Cherokee County, this territory had remained under the jurisdiction of Macon County.

The pioneers who settled the mountains of this state were men of character and courage, and women of faith and culture, amid the hardships and hazards of an untamed wilderness. Their lives were shaped by the rough environment in which they lived. The men

were strong of muscle, good hunters, and bold Indian fighters. Brave women shared their hard lot, kept house in the cabins, made the clothing for the family, reared their children to carry on the fight against the wilderness.

In 1540, Desota and his men supposedly used an old Indian Trail to pass through our county and prospect for gold enroute. One of our townships called Tomotla, is the location of an old mining shaft from which were recovered ancient tools, a cannon barrel and coin molds of Spanish make.

Upon reaching Cherokee County you will be near the southern end of the Great Smoky

Mountains, as our county is Carolina's southwestern entrance to the world famous Great Smoky Mountains Park.

If you enter the county from the east you will pass through the Nantahala Gorge, with its roaring Nantahala River and rugged mountains. The Cherokee Indian Reservation of Qualla is just to the north and the Indians hold several thousand acres of land in Cherokee County. Many full-blooded Cherokees and other natives of varying percentages of Indian blood live in our county.

Murphy is the county seat of Cherokee County, land of rich and fertile valleys with well-kept farms, beautiful gardens, waving meadows, and modern homes.

Murphy, which is the county seat of Cherokee County, is at the confluence of the clear, blue Hiwassee and Valley rivers, and its elevation is approximately 1,600 feet. The town is one of the oldest settlements in the extreme western section of the state.

The center of the town is crossed by three federal highways, U. S. 64 east and west, and U. S. 19 and 129 north and south.

When first established in 1838, as an Indian trading post, the settlement was known as Huntersville for the founder, Col. A.R.S. Hunter from Virginia. The town later was renamed in honor of Archibald D. Murphey, statesman and champion of popular education. The difference in spelling is the result of a typographical error.

Archibald DeBow Murphey was born in Caswell County, N. C. in 1777 and died Feb. 1, 1832. A jurist and pioneer in social and economic reforms, a REPORT ON EDUCATION to the General Assembly of North



THE NEW SCOUT OFFICE, above, located on Church Street in Murphy, was occupied January 16th of this year. The new building has 5,000 square feet of floor space and houses The Cherokee Scout and Clay County Progress Newspaper, a modern offset commercial printing plant and Scout Studio, a commercial photography addition.

McKeever—Edwards Appointed To Defend Gibson

MURPHY—The law firm of McKeever and Edwards has been appointed by Judge William K. McLean to defend Seth Gibson, Jr., in the November term of Superior Court here in Murphy. The Order of Appointment of Counsel by Judge McLean was delivered to the office of McKeever and Edwards by S.B.I. Agent M. G. Crawford.

Gibson is charged in two warrants for the capital crime of rape and one warrant for the felony of an assault with intent to commit rape. The warrants were issued by Lloyd Ramsey, a Justice of the Peace in Cherokee County.

Gibson is now being held in Cherokee County jail awaiting a preliminary hearing. Date for the hearing has not yet been set.

Murphy Native Drowns At Dalton

MURPHY—Samuel Homer Sneed, Jr., 4, drowned about 4 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, in a lake near the home in Dalton, Georgia.

Samuel, a native of Murphy who had been living in Dalton for one month, was playing with a boat in the company of a friend when the accident occurred.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sneed, two sisters, Maxine and Merrilee Ann, of the home; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sneed of Murphy. Services were held at 2 p.m. at the Snow Hill Baptist Church, Murphy.

The Rev. Calvin Thompson officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dairy Meeting Set For Oct. 6

MURPHY—There will be a special meeting for Dairywomen from Cherokee and Clay Counties at the Murphy Power Board Building, Tuesday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Guy Parsons will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Feeding and Housing of Dairy Cattle."

Episcopal Preaching Mission Begins October 4

MURPHY—A preaching mission will begin Sunday, October 4, at the Murphy Episcopal Church in Murphy with Rev. Roland J. Whitmore, Jr., of Shelby, N. C. as visiting priest.

Rev. Whitmore is a graduate of Clemson College and St. Luke's Hall, University of the South.

He has served as Rector of the Church of the Redeemer in Shelby, N. C. for the past ten years. Previously, he served as Priest in charge of St. Francis', Cherokee, St. John's, Sylva and Chaplain to the Episcopal students at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee.

The public is cordially invited to hear this preaching mission. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. and will continue through Thursday, October 8.

Rainfall Welcome To Area Farmers

Needed moisture descended on the tri-state area this week bringing relief to crop and grass lands.

Up until 7 o'clock Tuesday morning .30 inches had been recorded in Murphy Monday night and early Tuesday morning. After dawn however, rain fell harder and precipitation had mounted considerably by noon-day Tuesday (press-time.)

To the east the fall was greater, with Hayesville reporting an inch-and-a-quarter and Titus, Georgia, beyond Hiwassee, being pounded with a four-and-one-half inch assault.

Rainfall in the area will be beneficial for grasslands, and notably those on which fertilizer has been laid, according to James Stewart, Cherokee County Agent.

Precipitation would also be helpful, he said, for late trellised tomatoes, newly-seeded ground, cover crops, and for further plowing. Mr. Stewart thought it was the first sizable rain the area for about six weeks.

New Junaluska Highway To Be Dedicated October 6

ANDREWS—Mayor P. B. Ferebee invites the public to the dedication and ribbon cutting for the opening of new Junaluska Highway on Tuesday, October 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the entrance of the new road at Junaluska.

Honorable Melvin Broughton, Jr., former Chairman of State Highway Commission and presently chairman of State Democratic Executive Committee will attend along with State Chairman of Highway Division, Merrill Evans, Chief State Highway Engineer Cameron Lee and Director of Highway, William Babcock, all of Raleigh.

Highway Commissioner Ted Jordan of Robbinsville, Highway Engineers and employees of this immediate area will also be present.

These guests will fly to Andrews airport, arriving at 10:00 a.m. and leave Tuesday afternoon following the ceremony.

In addition to the above guests, Mayor Ferebee states that State Senator Frank Forsyth, State Representative Herman West and other local state officers and candidates to state offices have been invited.

The committees in charge of the program are: Arrangements, W. D. Whitaker, chairman, Jeff Brooks and John Boring, Entertainment, Lee Nichols, chairman, S. J. Gerner and Joe Elkhouri.

Final inspection and acceptance of this road was made on September 21.

Canton Youth Fatally Hurt Near Warne

HAYESVILLE—A Canton youth visiting his uncle was fatally injured Saturday afternoon near here when a farm tractor overturned on him.

David Reid Green, 15, son of Mrs. Ocie Gregg Green of Canton, was pronounced dead on arrival at a Hiwassee, Ga., hospital.

State Highway Patrolman Don Reavis, who investigated, said the youth was riding the tractor along a rural paved road about a fourth of a mile from Warne when the tractor went off the road and overturned crushing him.

Death was attributed to a broken neck and internal injuries.

The youth had gone to Murphy Thursday night to attend a football game between Canton and Murphy teams. He had remained with his uncle, Johnny Lewis of Warne, and was planning to spend the night Saturday.

Surviving in addition to the mother are two brothers, Michael of the U. S. Navy, San Diego, Calif., and Stephen of the home; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Allen Gregg of Canton.

Methodist District Workshop To Be Oct. 6

ANDREWS—A District Mission Workshop for Methodist Churches of Clay, Cherokee and Graham Counties will be held Tuesday evening, October 6, from 7:30 to 9:30 at the First Methodist Church in Andrews.

Teachers and leaders for each of the age groups should attend the class they will teach in the church-wide School of Missions.

Gun Shot Fractures
Shoulder Of Woman

MURPHY—Mrs. Lloyd Ramsey was admitted to Providence Hospital at 4:45 a.m. Sunday morning suffering a gun-shot wound of the left shoulder. The bullet, believed to be a .38 caliber, fractured the shoulder bone.

Mrs. Ramsey was transferred to Kennesaw Hospital in Marietta, Georgia at 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Her condition was listed as good.

Wildcat Club Holds
Membership Drive

ANDREWS—The Wildcat Club, organized for the specific purpose of supporting Andrews High School athletics, is conducting its annual membership drive this week.

Membership dues are \$5.00. The club meets the second Monday of each month at the Town Hall. Members enjoy watching films of games, hearing coaches comments and occasionally have a guest speaker.

One of the top efforts of the club this year will be to assist in raising funds for seats for the new gymnasium which is now nearing completion.

If not contacted, those desiring membership are asked to see Cliff Huls, membership chairman, or John Slagle, club president.

License School
Begins October 21

A Provisional License School will begin Wednesday, October 21 at the Power Board Building here in Murphy. Hours will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Classes will run consecutively each Wednesday for four weeks.

The school is a driver education program offered by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. Minimum age for the course is 15 years plus 9 months.

planning commissions, to help get a program started, and to help arrange for contracts for specific studies. One of these commissions is the Georgia Mountain of which Towns and Union Counties are included. The Office of Tributary Area Development of TVA works with organized watershed groups on the whole range of development opportunities available in each area.

The Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the further development of the natural and human resources of the five-county area of Fannin, Towns, and Union Counties in Georgia, and Cherokee and Clay Counties in North Carolina. Present trustees are Merle Davis, Murphy, N. C.; Phillip Howell, Hayesville, N. C.; H.J. Spence, Blue Ridge, Ga.; Claude Kimsey, Hiwassee, Ga.; and T. E. Swartz, Blairsville, Ga.

For almost a year the association with assistance from TVA and other agencies, has concentrated on making an exhaustive inventory study of the area's resources. Surveys are nearing completion on human resources, business and industry, recreation, forestry, minerals, water, agriculture, and governmental services and finances.

Mr. Davis said many local citizens have worked on the inventory, which should be published early next year. It will provide the information necessary to make sound decisions leading to specific plans and programs for economic progress. Mr. Davis said all community, industrial, agricultural, and civic groups will benefit from the results of the study and the programs to follow.

He has asked that all these groups, as well as city and county officials, utility groups and citizens, attend the October 8 meeting and join in this common effort to help take advantage of some of the opportunities this area offers for economic progress.

Hiwassee Watershed Development Association To Meet October 8

MURPHY—The Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association will sponsor a meeting Thursday, October 8, at the Blue Ridge Electric Association, Young Harris, Georgia. W. Merle Davis, chairman of the association announced today.

Expected to take part in the meeting are: J. W. Fanning, Director, Institute of Community and Area Development, University of Georgia; Dr. Hugh Masters, Director, Center for Continuing Education, University of Georgia; Oliver Terribery, Director, Georgia Mountain Planning and Development Commission; Richard Kilbourne, Director, Office of Tributary Area Development, Tennessee Valley Authority.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Trustees of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association the role these agencies and groups can play in helping accelerate the economic progress of the Upper Hiwassee area. Also, methods will be explored of how these agencies and groups can work together.

The function of the Institute of Community and Area Development of the University of Georgia, in general, is to promote and assist in the organization of area development and

Marble PTA To Hold Harvest Sale

MURPHY—Last Thursday night, the Marble PTA Co-Captains for the game were Randy Thompson and Harry Little.

The Marble PTA will play Robbinsville in Murphy just prior to the JV game on Thursday (tonight) October 1 at 8:00 p.m.

Wayne Holland, right end, David Cole, right tackle, and Harry Little, Center, were standouts for Murphy. Doug Stevens, who ran the offense for the entire game at quarterback, scored three times on long runs and threw touchdown passes to Benny Scott,

Our 75th Anniversary

The history of a town or country, state or nation can be found recorded as spot news in the files of the newspaper serving that area.

The files of this newspaper, founded in July 1889 as the Cherokee Scout are filled with spot news reports of the events which have influenced the growth of Murphy, Cherokee County, and Western North Carolina.

This week as this newspaper observes the anniversary of over 75 years of continuous publishing, The Scout brings to you spot news stories of the last 75 years reproduced exactly as they were published years ago by this newspaper.

By way of explanation, you may find some of the pages smudged in places and on other occasions the type small, faded and difficult to read. This is particularly true of the pages reproduced from papers published before 1900. This is no fault of The Scout's modern offset printing methods and equipment. Rather it is a reflection of the inadequacies of early printing methods and the mellowing with age of many of these old pages. Your Anniversary Edition pages have been reproduced through the photo-offset process, the best known method for exact reproduction of copy.

We especially wish to recognize Mrs. Ann Ward, Miss Addie May Cook and Mrs. Tom Mauney for their cooperation in making available to us documents to aid us in our history.

Also we would like to thank Miss Hattie Palmer Mrs. D. Witherspoon, Fred Scroggs, Mrs. Hamer Davidson, Mrs. W.M. Fain and Mrs. Louise Bayless for their cooperation in connection with this edition.

We also wish to recognize the large number of businesses participating in this edition. Many of these firms have records of long years of service to the people of Murphy, Cherokee County, and this section.

We of The Scout staff have enjoyed our trip into the past in preparing this edition. We hope that you enjoy yours as you read, as did your parents and grandparents, history as reported to them as spot news.

Murphy Midgets Swamp Blairsville Eleven 38-7

MURPHY—Last Thursday night, the Murphy Midgets Football Team rolled over the Blairsville Eleven by the lopsided score 38-7. This was the first game for both teams, and the first game played in recent years between the Murphy Team and a team from out of State.

Wayne Holland, right end, David Cole, right tackle, and Harry Little, Center, were standouts for Murphy. Doug Stevens, who ran the offense for the entire game at quarterback, scored three times on long runs and threw touchdown passes to Benny Scott,

left end, and Holland. Co-Captains for the game were Randy Thompson and Harry Little.

The Murphy team will play Robbinsville in Murphy just prior to the JV game on Thursday (tonight) October 1 at 8:00 p.m.

The Marble Parent Teachers Association will hold a Harvest Sale at the Marble Elementary School Saturday night October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

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