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## TAEY WALK ON LIVE COALS:

North China Herald.

When a Tamil Hindu recovers from a serious illness he sometimes makes a vow to do some thing entailing discomfort and pain to himself as a sort of manifestation of gratitude and self-abasement. These vows take different forms, such as rolling over and over on a hard-matted road, lashing himself or being lashed on the back or wearing a hair shirt, but walking over live coals is the means most commonly chosen by the devotees, this being very often accompanied by other forms of self-torture.

The particular day of the year reserved for the paying of these vows is the occasion of a religious ceremonial which is known to outsiders as the Fire Walking Festival.

Tuesday, July 19, was festival day this year and the Hindu temple was crowded. The Tamils present were not those of the coolie class only. There were shopkeepers, traders, merchants, clerks and the number of cars outside testified to the wealth and position of some of those present.

A little after 5 o'clock in the afternoon the images of goddesses to whom these vows are paid were brought to the temple in procession, those who had vows to pay being among the immediate escort. Place was for these as the procession entered the temple grounds and approached the "fire." The fire consisted of a bed of live coals about eighteen feet long and six feet broad. Although it was not glowing—water having been thrown over it from a little trench at the end—still one felt the heat some feet away.

The first man to get over carried a "pagoda" on his head weighing about twenty pounds. He danced over the glowing coals in slow, measured steps. This method was followed by others, also. There was no stepping over the coals gingerly. Each foot came down as if its owner trod on a cement floor. The "fire" was not walked over once but three times.

As each person left the coals he made a circuit of the temple and then entered it. The first man to get through the ceremony dropped at the temple door as he gave up his "pagoda."

## CALDWELL'S BIG CONTRACT.

Charlotte Observer.

At the three-county road meeting in Lenoir it developed that Caldwell county would be called upon to carry the elephantine proportion of the burden of road construction between Hickory and Boone. The prospect was one that was calculated to appal, but Caldwell did not wince. All she wanted was to be shown how. This several of the visiting delegations undertook to do, quite effectively so by Mr. J. W. Shuford, of Hickory, who braced the Caldwell people with the thought that the Hickory Chamber of Commerce is back of them in continuous and consistent co-operation, and he told of a personal incident of how, by everlastingly asking for what seemed the impossible, he finally got it. Mr. A. J. Moretz told of State and Federal aid, and while the talk was going on Mr. George E. Ivey got a telegram from Mr. J. D. Elliott, who was in Charlotte, and who had interviewed Commissioner Wilkinson, securing the assurance of the early hard surfacing of Catawba's stretch

## Senator Simmons Sends Message of Congratulations to Tuberculosis Association.

Notwithstanding the many cares and duties confronting him every day, Senator Simmons finds time to send a message pledging his support to the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and wishing great success for the seal sale. The following telegram was received from the Senator.

Washington, D. C.  
December 1, 1921

Dr. L. B. McBrayer,  
Managing Director,  
Sanatorium, N. C.

I am pleased to note significant decline in tuberculosis death rate in North Carolina from 154 in 1915 to 115 in 1920 and congratulate North Carolina Tuberculosis Association on its share in this result. Strongly commend your work and sincerely hope that the 14th Annual Christmas Seal Sale will greatly increased revenue for the Association. You may count on my support.

(Signed) F. M. SIMMONS.

From the high and from the lowly come messages commending the program of the Association in its fight against tuberculosis, better still the people are giving to the work according to their ability, for which the association wishes to express its thanks and make assurance that each penny invested in Christmas Seal will be used to help those suffering from tuberculosis. —Press Bulletin.

## A BIG JOB AND A WORTHY ONE.

Says The Lenoir News-Topic: The Boone-Blowing Rock-Charlotte Highway Association, organized here a few days ago, has picked out a big job as its purpose. But it has picked a job that is eminently worthy and one that would come of its own necessity in the course of time. This association would bring it much quicker. A hard surfaced road from Boone to Charlotte has been a thing dreamed of in the past. Today it is a thing that is being worked for, and a definite plan is being laid out for carrying out this work to an early realization.

The State has only recently begun to realize the importance of the "Lost Provinces" as a part of North Carolina. There is a growing feeling among the people of the State that the counties west of the Blue Ridge should be reached.

of one highway from Hickory to the river. To understand the gameness of Caldwell it should be born in mind that this county will have to build 43 miles, and this is against three in Catawba and 12 in Watauga.

The organization formed to push the road matter is known as the Boone-Blowing Rock-Charlotte Highway Association, and it is working a lever for immediate results. Mr. George F. Lyster's suggestion that by advancing the State funds on a three-year term, as has been done by other counties in the State, the entire project from Hickory to Boone could be arranged for "and the road to the top of the mountain completed in 1922," developed tremendously encouraging prospect. The character of the men now behind the project is a good promise for its fulfillment.

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## COUNTY EXHIBIT

(Continued from last week.)

A W Smith 34 86; W W Mast for burial expenses of Reese 38 80; James Todd plumbing work on court house 300 00; E M Harmon clerk to board, wood, and registering reports 31 30; Frank Robbins, Jr., for janitor for court house 4 00; N L Mast agent for Elva church 4 50.

March 7, 1921.

G L story agent for W E Robbins, 3 00; Z B Brown agent for Millie Walker 6 00; W L Holshouser agent for Maud Hodges 18 00; A Harmon agent for Fannie Harmon 13 50; J H Mast agent for N and E Wilson 3 00; T A Cox agent for L D Watson 6 00; T L Mast agent for Nancy Bentley 12 00; N L Mast agent for Elva church 4 50; W R Gagg, agent for Elbert Horton 18 00; John Watson agent for Chanie Sanders 4 50; Jerre Watson agent for John Greer 3 00; J P Thomas agent for Henry Ward 4 50; T A Cox agent for Avery Watson 6 00; I W E Snyder agent for Bettie Martin 12 00; L M Hodges agent for Chas. Aldridge 7 50; C D Taylor agent for Emaline Farthing 6 00; W J Farthing agent for Lou Ward 9 00; Frank Vines ag't for Julia Glenn 9 00; Duke Ward agent for Riley Presnell 6 00; W L Holshouser agent for Millard Hodges children 12 00; J B Miller agent for Carmiller Reese 15 00; Joseph Presnell agent for Rebecca Presnell 15 00; W T Vandyke agent for Anderson Danner 4 50; W S Carroll agent for Mary Carlton 4 50; Mrs. J A Woodie agent for Sarah Shull 6 00; W L Holshouser agent for N E Hodges 18 00; E A Dyer agent for J W Dyer 3 00; Eller McNeill, agent for Calvin Watson 6 00; Addie Fox county aid 6 00; Katie Varber county aid 12 00; David Hodges county aid 18 00; Hardie Hix county aid 3 00; Carolina and Martha Barnes county aid 6 00.

April 4, 1921.

S R Brown keeping county home 168; N J Wagne for sheep killed by dogs 40 00; O L Coffey county welfare officer 50 00; E W Moretz for sheep killed by dogs, 40 00; W R Gagg supplies for Elbert Horton 31 95; W H McShee for work on court house 38 75; Sallie Brown agent for Sarah Kerbey 20 00; A W Smith juvenile court, work and stamps 51 00; James Todd for work on court house \$200; Boone Hardware Co. plumbing for county home 53 68; J B Ragan damage by new road 10 00; N C Greene keeping county jail 144 40; Simmons and Brown lumber for county barn 123 00; Manufacturers Record, for advertising sale of road bonds for Watauga county 21 00; Mulligan and Roach estimate project No 41 for Watauga county, 1,123.13; E M Harman clerking to Board, etc., 30 50; A G Wilson, Treas., for vital statistics claims 80 50; M C May witness, 75; A G Wilson treasurer, commission, 265 81; M P Critcher lodging for Flossie Guyn 2 00; N C Green for burial expenses for John Harris 64 90; Frank Jr., court house janitor 4 00.

County Home Fund.

McGhee Bros. paid on Home, 1,000.00; Simmons and Brown paid on brn 123 00; J W McGhee for plans for county home 125 00; S R Brown for building county barn 314 50; G D Reague digging water ditch for county home 25 80; McGhee Bros. work on county home 1,000 00; G H Hayes pipe loading for county home 2 00; McGhee Bros. funds for county home 1,000 00; McGhee Bros. funds for county home 405.86; McGhee Bros. funds

funds for county home 594 64; McGhee Bros. funds for county home 2,500 00; J R shore hauling dirt from around the county home 100 00; McGhee Bros. work on county home 603 20; McGhee Bros. work on county home 900 00; C C Farthing plumbing material for county home 173 14; J R shore, hauling dirt from county home 75 00; McGhee Bros. on plastering on county home 500 00; C C Farthing for material and work on county home 145 70; McGhee Bros. for work on county home 500 00; McGhee Bros. work on county home 500 00; McGhee Bros. work on county home 50 00.

S R Brown for keeping county home 168 00; John Earp for services as court house janitor 12 50; C C Triplett capturing a still 20 00; O L Coffey services as welfare officer 50 00; J C Mast for sheep killed by dogs 29 00; Joe Wagner for sheep killed by dogs 72 00; Miss Jane Bingham for the burial expenses of Mrs. Roxana Bingham, P F., 20 00; N J Loe for burial expenses of Mrs. Emeline Love P T, 20 00; A W Smith holding juvenile court, etc. 58 80; The Watauga Printing Co. court calendar 8 00; W E Holshouser for chairs for court house 12 50; Dr. Jones county physician and quarantine officer 58 00; Jason Moretz for sheep killed by dogs 10 00; C D Edmisten for sheep killed by dogs 10 00; J B Cannon, judge of election 3 00; R J Coffey for capturing a still 20 00; Bingham and Hollar supplies for county home 3 78; New River Light and Power Co for lights for court house 4 50. Mrs. N C Greene keeping prisoners 94 90; C A Ellis supplies for court house 6 95; Frank Robbins Jr. for sweeping court house 4 00; Dr. J W Jones county physician 27 50; D S Wilcox for damage done to sheep by dogs 8 00; S B Brown keeping county home 168 00; Thomas Eller for burial expenses of A P Eller 20 00; M B Blackburn for supplies furnished county 66 71; M Stella McCartney, county nurse 257 00; Bray Bros. for interest on \$25 000 road bonds, 875 00.

May 2, 1921.

O L Coffey public welfare officer 50 00; A G Hamby for the burial expenses of H Triplett 20 00; L F Campbell for burial expenses of Rufus Campbell 20 00; A S John son, witness 3 15; Mrs. N C Green keeping county jail 146 60; A W Smith for juvenile work etc 58 85; John Hodges for sheep killed by dogs 20 00; E M Harmon clerk to board county coms. 36 00; J W Todd work on pipe line 50 63; S R Brown for fencing on co home 13 50; J D Council pole iron 6 50; A W Smith hall fees 89 65; J W Jones witness fee in Penley case 20 00; J C Warren jury spring term 13 70; P M Auton treas jury sp. term 8 00; D C Brown 8 80; J R Brown 8 80; A N Brown 13 70; P Hodges 8 30; A V Culler 8 30; W Presnell 13 60; R F Williams 12 55; P M Winkler 6 60; M D Moretz 12 50; J E Stims 13 70; W Y Farthing 3 10; W H Miller 13 70; John Lewis 12 40; E R Eggers 12 30; Bill May 13 30; A T Parker 13 00; Charles Meyers 12 10; L M Frye 12 70; N M Church 9 50; J M Matheson 13 10; C M Yates Oakes Venire 3 00; Ed Johnson 3 30; Jesse F. Robbins 2 90; M G Carroll 2 70; W C Danner 2 30; W Hardin Brown 3 10; W F Brown 2 50; Green Miller 3 70; J L Miller 3 40; Ed S Williams 3 40; G A Thomas 3 40; G H Norris 3 40.

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