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PUBLIC WELFARE WORK IN COUNTY TO BEGIN SOON

Cherokee one of four Counties chosen for Rockefeller Memorial Public Welfare Demonstration Work

Miss Lilly E. Mitchell, supervisor of the case work under the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial grant arrived in the county last Friday night and preparations have been completed and the county welfare work put in operation in Cherokee.

Miss Mitchell is a trained social worker, and will supervise the work under the Rockefeller Memorial grant in the counties of Cherokee, Orange, Chatham and Wake. Miss Mitchell, as supervisor, will remain in the county until the work is on a firm basis.

Miss Anne Ruth Medcalf will arrive as soon as she can leave her mother, who is ill at this time, and she and Miss Mitchell will work together organizing the work in the county and thoroughly familiarizing themselves of the work to be done.

The welfare work in the county is being inaugurated by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare under the grant of \$30,000 to that institution and \$30,000 to the School of Public Welfare at the University of North Carolina from the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial, and Cherokee is indeed fortunate in being one of the counties chosen in which this work will be demonstrated.

The announcement of the decision to show in these four Counties, including Cherokee, the effectiveness and value of public welfare work when it is well organized and adequately financed was made last fall by officials of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, and the beginning of the work in Cherokee was postponed until this spring on account of the condition of the roads and the difficulties of traveling over the county during the winter season.

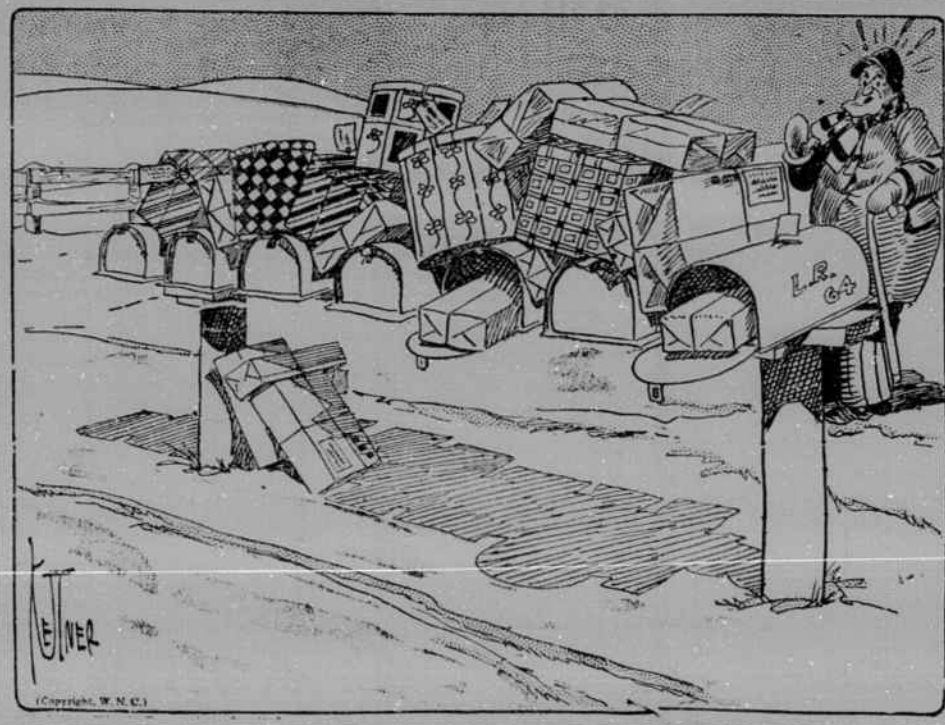
At a call meeting Monday, March 23 held jointly by County Board of Education, composed of J. F. Palmer, Chairman; T. T. Johnson, and Mrs. W. E. Fisher; and the County Board of Commissioners composed of T. W. Axley, chairman; W. T. Holland; and W. J. Martin, a resolution was passed accepting the proposition of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare whereby the welfare work in the county will be effective for a period of three years. The county's part in the matter is the furnishing of an office and equipment and transportation expenses, and the State will pay the salary of a full time welfare worker for a period of three years. It is understood that the office of the welfare worker here will be located in the court house.

Miss Anne Ruth Medcalf, who will be in charge of the welfare work in Cherokee, comes to the county highly recommended. She is taking a course in the School of Public Welfare at the University of North Carolina this year. In addition to this, she is a graduate nurse, and has about two years experience in rural social work in the mountain sections of Kentucky, and is well acquainted with the problems of the people among whom she will work. The fact that she is a graduate nurse is a great asset, especially in Cherokee County where, it is understood, little public health work has been done heretofore.

Rev. E. G. Clary, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, is in receipt of a letter from Samuel E. Leonard, director of the Bureau of County Organization of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, in which Mr. Leonard highly commends Miss Mitchell and Miss Medcalf. He says in part: "They are both well educated and well trained; ladies of culture and refinement. In fact, I feel that Murphy is to be congratulated in having them join her citizenship."

Mr. Leonard expressed the hope of visiting the county soon in the interest of the work. He and Mr. Clary were privileged to work together in Wilson county during the years 1922 and 1923, when Mr. Clary was doing outpost school work in that county, and Mr. Leonard was there in the public welfare work. Cherokee County and the other counties mentioned, is being done as a sort of demonstration to show counties the value of having such an officer in the county. Many

The Easter-Tide



Murphy Graded School Honor Roll For Month of March

In announcing the honor roll for March, Prof. D. W. Kanoy said that it was very important that every child be in school every day possible in order that there may be no doubt about the work being done by the pupil.

"Many children," said Mr. Kanoy, "are endangering their chance of promotion and the standing of the school by non-attendance. Especially is it important that the high school pupils attend every day because almost perfect attendance for the next seven weeks is necessary if the school is guaranteed on the basis of the six month average."

The honor roll follows: Grade 1-A—Grady Carringer, Harry Decker, Roy Gilbert, Charles Pendley, Frank Holdman, Troy Hampton, Martha Akin, Blanche Coleman, Johnnie Mae McJunkin, Jennie Lee Spivia.

Grade 1-B—Thurman Cearley, Jetter Cearley, Quentine Townson, Fain Weaver, Tom Axley, Jr., Frances Dickey, Evelyn Sneed, Ruth Dewese, Eliza Dewese, Allen Hampton, Mary Gibson.

Grade 2-A—Ben Gartrell, Chloe Falls, Gerlie Gibson.

Grade 2-B—Hubert Wilson, Paul Englemann, Roane Hampton.

Grade 3-B—Mary Witherspoon, Grace Wills Pell, Ivey Graves, Margie Campbell, Lois Sneed, Jerry Davidson.

Grade 4-A—Marcella Hampton, Jennie Decker.

Grade 4-B—Nola Dewese Sue Beth Lloyd, Nettie Wise.

Grade 5—Edna Patton, Annie M. Candler.

Grade 9—Blain Haney, Carl Hendrix, Loyd Hendrix, Rilla Belle Palmer, James Williamson.

Other counties of the state have their own welfare agent, and as a result of these demonstrations it is hoped that many more counties will employ such workers.

Cherokee County is indeed fortunate to be singled out by state Board of Charities and Public Welfare for special demonstrations. It will mean much to the county. There are many conditions in the county that a full-time welfare worker will doubtless be able to correct and remedy. Such matters as the enforcement of the public school law and the child labor law will be under the administration of the welfare worker. Undoubtedly many unsanitary conditions, undernourished and needy cases will come to the attention of the worker, and steps taken to remedy them. It will also mean that the county will be brought to the forefront in welfare work, and that State welfare officials will watch the work here with interest, and that the attention of other counties will be called to the work being done in Cherokee from time to time.

City Election To Be Held May 5th

The regular election for the election of a mayor and six members of the board of commissioners has recently been called for Tuesday, May 5th. Richard Meroney has been appointed Registrar and will keep the registration books open from the 18th to the 25th of April, both inclusive, for the registration of all voters entitled to vote, and Messrs. Sid Pendley and Will Savage have been appointed judges of said election.

A. C. Franklin Dies In Indiana

News reached here several days ago of the death of Mr. Albert C. Franklin, who died at his home in Marion, Indiana, on March 30th. Mr. Franklin's parents formerly lived in the county and he has many friends and relatives here who are saddened by his passing.

Mr. Franklin was thirty-five years and ten months of age, unmarried, and a consistent member of the Baptist church for the past two years. He was a World War veteran, having volunteered into the service in August, 1917. He served faithfully and well from the date of his enlistment until the Armistice was signed, Nov. 11, 1918. He saw active service on six different battle fronts and left a record for noble, brave, unselfish service to his country.

His death was a result of his devotion to his country as he was shell-shocked and gassed and never recovered from the effects of this injury.

He leaves four brothers and two sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. He was laid to rest beside his father in Estelle cemetery at Shaw, Ga., April 1st.

Escaped Prisoner Caught After Chase

Some little excitement was created in North Georgia last week when one of the prisoners escaped and while at large entered several stores in order to secure a change of clothing and other articles to aid him in making his get-away effective. However, he was overtaken by officers and carried back to the camps.

The prisoner escaped from near Young Harris on last Thursday. On Thursday night he entered the store of Mr. T. J. Lloyd near by, where he secured among other things, a pair of rubber bottom shoes, which proved his undoing, for it was the shoes that enabled guards and officers to trail him. On Friday night the escaped convict entered W. H. Herbert's store at Warne, where a hat was secured, but on the following Saturday he was captured and carried back to Georgia to finish his sentence on the roads. When this is finished he probably will face another court for his store-breaking and be given another road sentence.

Commissioners Make Appropriation For Fire Prevention

The Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County at their regular monthly meeting the first of this week made an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the next year for fire prevention work. This appropriation will be matched by the state and federal departments of Forestry and the entire amount spent in the county. Mr. C. I. Peterson, district forester of the North Carolina Forestry Department, was here in behalf of the state to request the appropriation and the co-operation of the board of commissioners. The appropriation represents a substantial increase over the amount appropriated last year for this work. Many of the counties in Western North Carolina are increasing their appropriations for this work this coming year, Mr. Peterson stated.

Every year the importance of fire prevention becomes more and more apparent in the various counties, Mr. Peterson stated, as the supply of timber is gradually diminishing and the demand for lumber and other forest products is increasing all the time. Thus the people are coming to realize the great need for conserving what timber is now growing and of making preparations for reforesting cut over and burned over waste lands. Much of the land in Western North Carolina is suited better to timber growing than anything else and will become absolutely waste land if the timber is destroyed. Realizing this fact, the state and the various boards of county commissioners are putting forth greater efforts all the time to preventing forest fires, which are the great enemy of young forest growth.

With the larger appropriation this year, it is expected that much more effective work can be done in Cherokee County than in the past. The year just closing has been an unusually hazardous one on account of the dry weather that has prevailed much of the time. This has made it extremely difficult to handle the forest fire situation not only in Cherokee, but throughout the state.

During the next month District Forester Peterson expects to visit all the wardens in the county with a view to instructing them in their duties so as to bolster up the weaker points in the organization. By thus tightening up the patrol system and putting on an effective educational campaign both state and county officials believe that much more effective work can be done during the coming year than during the past year. A stricter enforcement of the forest fire laws will be adhered to and greater efficiency in actual fire fighting will be made possible with the larger appropriations.

Mr. Roy Solesbee, printer for the Scout, is confined to his room this week with the mumps.

Contractor Moore Brings Good News From Georgia

Contractor John H. Moore, of Union County, brought cheering news to Murphy last Saturday in regard to the road situation in Georgia, while paying this section a short visit. Mr. Moore has the contract for putting the water bound macadam surface on seven miles of road from the Union County line to the foot of the mountain in Lumpkin County. Mr. Moore expects to have this link completed by August. It is now open to traffic.

Contractor Wright has a three mile surfacing job in White County, which is in the same route as the Moore job, which he expects to have finished by July 1st. The road from this three mile section to Atlanta is already finished.

Contractor Lyle has a 7 mile section from the Union County line toward Blairsville, which will probably be completed by the first of August.

The section from the North Carolina line to Blairsville will have the surface completed by July 1st, it is thought, and the section from Blairsville toward the Union County line, being surfaced by Scott and Law will probably be completed by the middle of July. Thus by the latter part of summer the road from the Georgia line to Atlanta will be completely surfaced and open to through traffic.

This link will mean much not only to North Georgia but also to Murphy and Western North Carolina, as it will give this section an outlet to the South and will give the North Georgia people a good road into Murphy, which is their railroad point. Everybody in this entire section seems pleased with the prospects of having this road opened. It is also hoped that No. 10, from Murphy to Asheville, can be completed by the fall, thus completing the Asheville-Murphy-Atlanta highway.

Sam Tilson Wins First Prize In Local Essay Contest

Checks were mailed out this week by District Forester C. I. Peterson from his office in Asheville to winners in the forestry fire prevention essay contest which was conducted in Cherokee County schools during March. The first prize of \$5.00 goes to Sam Tilson, of Murphy; the second, \$3.00, to Evelyn Warren, Murphy; and the third, \$2.00, to Dollie Gladson, of the Mt. Pleasant school near Culberson. The name of the donor of the prizes is withheld at his request.

Announcement of the essay contest was sent to all grammar schools in the county early in February. Essays entitled "The Red Enemy," were prepared by grammar grade pupils from the various schools and sent to the contest committee in Asheville for the selection of the three best essays. The committee, composed of C. I. Peterson, district forester, and Messrs. Clarence F. Korstian, C. F. McCarthy, E. H. Frothingham and F. Haasis of the Southern Appalachian Forestry Experiment Station in Asheville, made the announcement of the winners Thursday and immediately mailed out checks. The essays were judged according to the following scale: Subject matter, 60 per cent; neatness, legibility, punctuation, etc., 10 percent; and spelling, arrangement, paragraphing, etc., 30 per cent. The winners of the first and second prizes are pupils in the grammar grades of the Murphy school.

The committee expressed itself as well pleased with the character of essays written by the children of the various schools. In many cases, they showed remarkable comprehension of the subject, stated members of the committee who were in the county this week. The contest was conducted in order to educate the people, especially the children, as to the need for and value of forest fire prevention by showing them the damage done by fires. The winning essays will be published a little later.

Among those here from Young Harris this week were Mrs. J. A. Sharp, Misses Louise Lindheart, Isabel Neese, Julia Gilmer and Lucile Johnson.

County Agent W. R. Gray spent one day in Andrews this week.

GA. GOOD ROADS PARTY TO PASS THROUGH CITY

Rome Scout Car To Reach Here Next Thursday—Mass Meeting Expected To Be Called

Mayor W. M. Fain is in receipt of a letter from the Rome, Ga., Chamber of Commerce, signed by Mr. W. H. Foster as secretary, in which Mr. Foster stated that the Rome Chamber of Commerce was interested in a good highway between Rome, Ga., and Asheville, and with this object in view a tour would be put on from Rome to Asheville on May 19th, which party would be composed of twenty-five automobiles and about 100 people, and would pass through Murphy on its itinerary.

Mr. Foster also stated that a scout car would leave Rome on next Wednesday, and perhaps reach Murphy sometime Thursday, and that the party would be glad to meet the citizens of the town and discuss the proposition briefly together. It is expected that a mass meeting will be called for that day, it not yet being known just what hour, announcement of which will be made later.

The text of Mr. Foster's letter follows:

"Rome, Ga., April 9th, 1925.
To the Mayor, Murphy, N. C.
Gentlemen: The Rome Chamber of Commerce is very much interested in a good highway between Rome and Asheville, N. C. believing that it will be the means of attracting tourists over this route on account of the beautiful scenery and believe that it will be a means of attracting numerous settlers.

"With this in view we expect to put on a tour from Rome to Asheville on May 19th, and expect to have twenty-five automobile and one hundred people in the party. Our scout car will leave Rome Wednesday, of next week, reaching Calhoun, about nine o'clock, Jasper about 11:30, Elkhay about 2:30, Blue Ridge about 4:30, and spend the night at either Blue Ridge or Blairsville.

"We expect to go through Murphy on the second day and spend the second night at Asheville, returning over the route by Gainesville, Dacula, Cumming, Canton and Waleska. We would like to meet the citizens of your town and discuss with them for a few minutes the possibilities of the several routes and getting your co-operation in our efforts.

"We would be glad for you to call this to the attention of your newspaper and endeavor to interest your citizens in a proposed route through North Georgia.

"Yours very truly,
"W. H. Foster, Secretary."

Road Commissioners Met Here Monday

The Cherokee County Road Commission, composed of A. Rice, Chairman, D. S. Russell, Secretary, H. D. Smith, Engineer, J. U. Brown, T. S. Evans, W. F. Hill, and N. E. Dockery met in regular session here this week. A number of important matters related to the road situation in Cherokee County were transacted, besides the regular routine of business. The commission adjourned Wednesday, but Secretary Russell and Mr. Brown remained several days longer compiling reports and records of the commission and entering them on the books. The commission plans to keep one of the most efficient and up to date record systems in the county so that every penny expended can be readily accounted for.

This commission will expend something like \$250,000.00 of bond money on the roads of Cherokee County in the near future, and are planning a county system of roads which, when completed, will outrank any county system of roads in Western North Carolina.

The Farmers Federation, of Asheville, will load another car of poultry here next Tuesday and Wednesday, the local wholesale poultry dealers furnishing the poultry. Cash will be paid for all poultry delivered before Wednesday, it was stated.