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# Analysis Shows Water Pure

## SAMPLES SENT TO STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

"Shows No Evidence of Pollution," Says State Laboratory Of Hygiene

In consequence of numerous complaints about the peculiar taste of the city's water for the past week, Mr. J. L. Hall, city water superintendent, stated to a representative of the Scout the other day, that last week he sent several samples of water at different times to the State Board of Health at Raleigh, for the purpose of having it tested for impurities, and that every analysis made had shown it to be pure. A telegram received last Friday from the State Laboratory of Hygiene states that the water "shows no evidence of pollution," after having been examined and analyzed. Four samples have been sent to the State Board of Health in all, one received and tested on the first day of June and one on the 6th of June, and the telegram Friday was in response to their findings.

Numerous rumors have also been circulating about town as to the unsanitary condition of the water at the reservoir, which Mr. Hall says are absolutely false and without foundation. When asked whether or not the rumor that two sheep had been found dead in the reservoir, and that someone had used dynamite in an effort to fish the reservoir, Mr. Hall replied:

"There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that two sheep were found in the reservoir, as there are no sheep in the immediate neighborhood and I have not been able to find anyone who have ever seen any about there. This is false from the fact that the reservoir is under fence, and as the dynamiting, I do not believe that anyone has shot dynamite there because of they had it would have started up the settlements in the bottom of reservoir and this would have been evident for several days. These rumors are all false and without foundation. They were idently started by someone who had a grudge at me because they had been cut off from using the water with a purpose of placing me in an embarrassing position. I make a trip to the reservoir daily for inspection and if anything out of the ordinary opens, I am sure to take note of it."

"Well, why does the water taste peculiar and what is the cause of it?" he was asked.

"The only reason that I can give is that when the water was cut off a week or two ago to allow the putting of a 'T' for an extension in the Campbell street section. The water remained off for about 18 hours, and as a consequence pressure was taken off of about four or five hundred feet of dead ends, that is, ends of pipe which are not in use, and the water which has probably been in them for several years was allowed to flow back into the system that is in use. When the pressure was turned on again, all this dead water being

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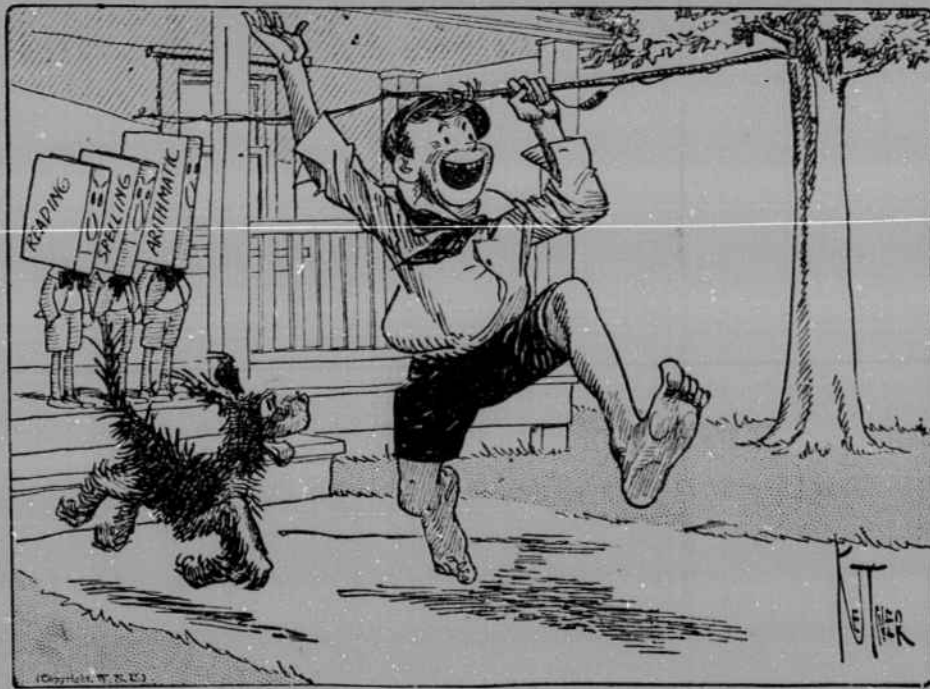
## Congressman Weaver Here This Week

Hon. Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, representative of the ninth district Western North Carolina in the United States Congress, spent several days here this week, shaking hands with his friends and renewing acquaintances and repairing his politeness for the coming campaign in the district. He will be opposed in the next nomination by Hon. Dix Alley, of Waynesville. Both are democrats.

Mr. Weaver has represented this district in the national congress for past several years and has made enviable record during his tenure office.

He left Wednesday for his home in Asheville.

## Deserted



## TO HAVE A COUNTY FAIR THIS YEAR

Officers of Association Elected at Call Meeting At Court House Monday

Last week some five or six hundred letters were mailed out to as many farmers and business men of the county calling a meeting at the court house here for Friday, June 12th, for the purpose of deciding whether or not Cherokee County should have a fair this fall. As there were only a few present at this meeting, a postponed meeting was called for Monday of this week at the court house, at which some fifty farmers and business men of the county were present.

County Agent R. W. Gray acted as chairman and called the meeting to order, and called on Mr. B. W. Sipe, secretary of the association last year, who explained the object of the meeting. Mr. Sipe enumerated the advantages of county fair and stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the people of the county wanted a fair this fall and also to get suggestions as to financing one in the event it was decided to have one.

After considerable discussion, a motion carried that a county fair be held this fall, and officers elected to work out plans for financing, selecting of dates, etc. Mr. W. M. Fain, mayor of Murphy, was elected president; Mr. Frank S. Hill, vice-president; B. W. Sipe, Secretary; and F. O. Christopher, treasurer. On motion, Mr. A. J. Martin was delegated the power of selecting an executive committee to have supervision over the rules and conduct of the fair, and the motion carried the suggestion that the committee be selected from the different sections of communities of the county.

The executive committee, which will have general supervision and oversight of the fair, as selected by Mr. Martin, is as follows: Murphy Township, J. L. Fain, Murphy; A. E. Snodderth, Peachtree; Notts Township, B. L. Fox, Cullbrison; Hothouse Township, T. H. Cole, Cullbrison; Shoal Creek Township, G. W. Jones, Postell; Beaverdam Township, J. W. Shackelford, Unaka; Valleytown Township, J. F. Palmer, Marble.

## Mrs. W. F. Hill Accidentally Shot At Wehuttys Home

Mrs. W. F. Hill, wife of a member of the Cherokee County Road Commission, was accidentally shot early Saturday morning by her son, Fred, who had taken the gun down from its rack for the purpose of unloading and cleaning it, according to information reaching here this week. The gun was an automatic shot gun, and it is understood that the shot struck Mrs. Hill a glancing blow in the black below the shoulder blades, several scattering shots entering her arm. The wound was painful and serious, but it is understood that she will recover.

The Hills had risen early Saturday morning, and Mr. Hill had left for Chattanooga just about thirty minutes before the accident occurred which was about 6:15, and did not hear of the accident until he reached Chattanooga about eleven o'clock o'clock Saturday night. He immediately returned, arriving home about 5:30 Sunday morning.

## Cherokee Club At Cullowhee Has 26 Members

The Students of the Cullowhee State Normal School have organized into county and section clubs, of which the Cherokee County Club is one of the most important. These clubs have been formed in order to make the campus life more varied. Besides strictly social functions, the clubs will serve several purposes, such as conducting chapel exercises, staging athletic meets, etc. The Cherokee Club met recently and elected as its president, Miss Loucine Wells, Murphy, N. C.

The members of the Club are as follows: Louise Cooper, Helen Hamilton, Fannie McGuire, Carrie Robinson, Bennie Moody, Gladys Cody, Annie Stewart, Vesta Whitaker, J. H. Thompson, Margaret Green, T. Fulton Thompson, Mrs. F. E. Fry, Mrs. W. F. Coward, Margaret Taylor, Bertha McQuire, Iva Fish, Flora Mae Holland, Mrs. Tillitt, Clara McCombs, Mary Joe McCombs, Emily Swerd, Cynthia Brooks, Mrs. Wynne Conley, Lena Hamilton, Vaud Quinn, Loucine Wells.

## PERMANENT WELFARE SUPT. ARRIVED TUES.

Miss Smith To Take Charge of Work For Period of Three Years in Cherokee

Miss Elizabeth Gibson Smith arrived in Murphy, Tuesday June 16th to assume her duties as Superintendent of the Cherokee County Department of Public Welfare. Miss Smith will have charge of Public Welfare work in Cherokee county in a three-year program or demonstration under the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Grant from the Rockefeller Foundation in which the North Carolina State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education of Cherokee county are co-operating.

The work which is a part of a four county program began in this county in April 1925 when Miss Lily E. Mitchell, Supervisor of Casework in the four counties, and Miss Anne Ruth Medcalf who took charge as Superintendent of the Cherokee County Department of Public Welfare temporarily arrived. Since then a comfortable office has been equipped for the department in the court house by the County Commissioners and the County Board of Education. The work of the Department has been well-organized and many important cases of relief juvenile court, Mothers' Aid, family welfare, etc. have been handled.

Miss Smith who is to carry on the work of the three year period of the program or demonstration could not be in Cherokee county for the initial work of the Department as she was finishing her studies for a degree of Master of Science, School of Public Welfare, University of North Carolina, at Chappel Hill. This degree is equivalent to a diploma from the School of Public Welfare. Miss Smith has been highly complimented by officials of the University for her work there.

Miss Smith is a graduate of Converse College, Spartanburg South Carolina in the class of 1922. After graduation from Converse, she did welfare work in Marlboro County, South Carolina under the local chapter of the Red Cross and the county board of Education for one year. Then for a year and a half, Miss Smith was a worker in the educational, industrial and recreational ac-

## CHEROKEE CO. RANKS SIXTH IN SCHOOL COST

Regular attendance said to be factor - cost per pupil in County Placed at \$13.39

Only six other counties in the State had a less per capita cost of public school instruction than did Cherokee in 1924, according to statistics issued by the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. There was a time when such a statement would have been reflected on any county but now that the salaries of teachers have been somewhat standardized by the State, it speaks rather well for the county. Many of the larger counties, which had higher per capita costs than did Cherokee, ran up expenses by supplementing the salaries allowed teachers by the State. That has not been the policy in Cherokee.

One of the factors that helps to keep costs per pupil down in the County or in any school is regular attendance. In so far as the low cost in Cherokee is due to regular attendance, the County schools are to be commended and the parents and children are to be commended. Here is a factor that cannot be stressed too much namely, regular attendance. It not only cuts down the cost per pupil, but it makes possible better training and better facilities not only for the child who refrains from staying out, but also for the child who attends regularly.

The cost of the Cherokee Schools per pupil in average daily attendance was \$12.30 for the term. New Harvor County had the highest per capita cost, namely \$39.59. The average for the state was \$24.07. The average for the 24 largest cities was \$30.91, and the average for the 15 smallest cities was \$30.80.

## Town Asking For Bids For Resurfacing Business Section Sts.

The Town of Murphy is advertising for bids to resurface the penetration macadam streets comprising Peachtree, Tennessee, Hiawasse and Valley River Avenue, in the business section of the town. Sealed bids are called for and will be received until 10 o'clock of the morning of June 24th.

Bids for two kinds of pavement are asked for, one for a two inch coating of asphalt, and one for a two inch penetration macadam.

## A. F. Cunningham Loses Barn By Fire

On Friday, May 29th, last, the barn belonging to Mr. A. F. Cunningham, of Murphy, route 2, was destroyed by fire, together with all its contents. Mr. Cunningham stated that, with the help of his neighbors, he managed to save all stock and his crib, which stood just a few feet away.

The fire started or was discovered about ten o'clock in the morning and had gained such headway that extinguishing it was an impossibility. The loss is estimated at about four or five hundred dollars. No insurance was carried.

Mr. Cunningham contemplates replacing the destroyed building with a temporary structure, for the time being, and later will perhaps rebuild.

Mr. Dolph Carringer, bookkeeper in the City National Bank at Knoxville, spent last week end here with relatives.

Activities of the Line Fork Settlement in Letcher County, Kentucky. Miss Smith comes to Cherokee county most highly recommended by organizations with which she has worked as well as most highly recommended by the officials of Public Welfare of the University.

## TO CELEBRATE ROAD OPENING ON JULY FOURTH

Event At Neel Gap, Ga.—Fireworks At Murphy Night Of Fourth

The several county chairmen, in charge of the plans for the Fourth of July celebration of the Nacoochee-Hiawasse Road and Recreation Association, met June 11 near the Neel Gap on the mountain divide, as the guests of the executive committee of the association. Detail plans were worked out and agreed upon for the great Independence Day occasion, when the Murphy-Cleveland link in the Appalachian Scenic Highway will be officially opened. Careful investigations were made on the ground for the mammoth barbecue, arrangements were made for automobile parking space, special committees were appointed to complete the plans and program for the association's annual meeting on July 3rd and 4th.

At a conference of some of the business men of Murphy and Blairsville Saturday, it was decided to cooperate with the Nacoochee-Hiawasse Road and Recreation Association in putting on a barbecue at Neel Gap, Ga., on July 4th and then give a fireworks display at Murphy on the night of July 4th, to which the Georgia people will all be invited. The Georgia Association will celebrate with the barbecue the opening of the road from Murphy to Cleveland, Ga., and will be a cooperative celebration. Neel Gap is about 15 miles below Blairsville on top of the mountain, which has acted as a barrier to this mountain territory for years. The road has surmounted it and made it passable, an achievement that is well worthy of a celebration.

It is understood that a fund of \$2,000 is being raised for the purpose of making the barbecue a free occasion, and Cherokee county is co-operating in the raising of this fund. However, it was agreed in the conference held here Saturday that the funds raised here would go toward defraying the expenses of the fireworks display here on the night of the Fourth.

All Murphy people are asked to cooperate with the local committee in raising funds for the purchase of fireworks for the display here. It is expected that several thousands visitors will be here for the occasion and it is desired to put on a display worth while.

The barbecue at Neel Gap, Ga., a few miles beyond Blairsville, on the Fourth is free, and the people in all the adjoining counties of Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee, are cordially invited not only to the barbecue at Neel Gap, but also to the fireworks display at Murphy on the night of the Fourth. Both events are destined to be history making and worth traveling miles to see, according to tentative plans of the committee in charge.

It is requested that those who

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## Town Having Survey Made For More Water

The town placed a survey party in the field this week to survey a level line from Marble Creek to Colvert's Creek. This is a preliminary step toward securing additional water for the town. This survey will reveal whether or not Colvert's Creek can be brought into Marble Creek and how high up on Colvert's Creek the dam will have to be built to bring the water to Marble Creek dam by quantity flow. It is expected that if the survey indicates that Colvert's creek can successfully and profitably be brought into Marble Creek, the town will take steps to lay the pipe line. Mr. Will Adams is making the survey. Lucius Witherspoon, Herbert McCall and Robert Wells are the other members of the survey party.