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FIREWORKS AT MURPHY ON JULY THE FOURTH

Murphy Expected To Be Host To Members Of Georgia Legislature On the Occasion

A telephone message from Mr. B. H. Stone, secretary of the Nacoochee-Hiwassee Road and Recreation Association, to Mayor Fain the other day stated that Murphy was expected on the evening of the Fourth to entertain those members of the Georgia Legislature who would be in attendance upon the big celebration at Neel Gap, Ga., and it is expected that most of the Georgia solons will find it difficult to refuse to be participants in the barbecued festivities that are being offered down in Union County of our sister state. It is understood that the entire Georgia Legislature has been invited and that the Atlanta Automobile Association has tendered transportation for them free of charge, and the sweet aroma of barbecued veal and mutton, and bountiful spread of fried chicken, cakes and pies, together with other appetizing delicacies, will likely be more than any law-maker or law-breaker can withstand.

On the night of the Fourth, a fireworks display on the Fair Grounds in Murphy will mark the end of one of the greatest celebrations which this section has witnessed in quite awhile, when several hundred gallons of fireworks will be shot. The committee has been busy this week raising funds for the purchase of the fireworks, and it is understood that they have been met with a hearty response by all the citizens of the town and section.

Mr. W. D. Townson and Mr. E. P. Hawkins are the committee in charge of shooting the fireworks, and it is understood that several extra policemen will be on duty that night to help handle traffic and otherwise perform the duties of a policeman.

It is expected that one of the largest crowds ever assembled in Murphy will be here for the display of fireworks, and efforts are being put forth to make the display one of the most magnificent demonstrations ever witnessed in this section.

Board Health Passes Rules Governing Dogs

The County Board of Health met at the office of Dr. J. N. Hill on Thursday and adopted measures looking toward the confining of all dogs within the county until on and after January 1st, 1926. The meeting was held and the order passed calling attention to the state law in the case as a result of a dog supposedly afflicted with rabies, and which passed through this section the other day, biting Miss Addie Leatherwood, of this city, and several dogs of the community. The dog was finally killed and its head sent to Raleigh for inspection and examination for rabies.

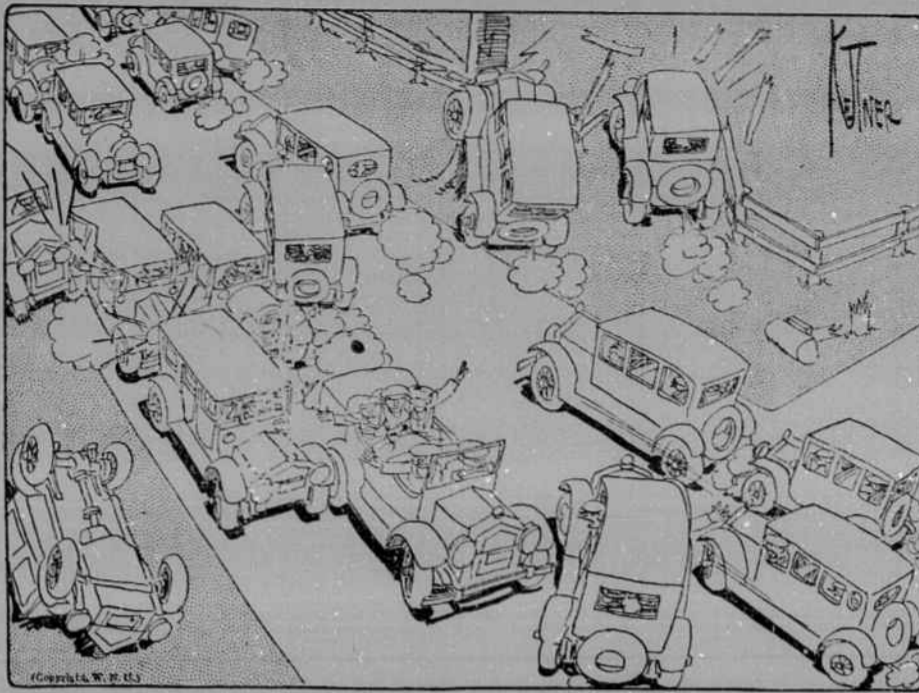
The order passed requires that all dogs be confined, according to state statute, and owners failing to comply with same will be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, the restraining order explains. It is signed by T. W. Axley, chairman, and A. L. Martin, secretary, of the Board of Health.

Colored Folks Plan To Celebrate July Fourth

A Fourth of July celebration that promises to eclipse anything of its kind ever held in this section is planned by the colored people to be held at Texana on the coming Fourth. A sumptuous barbecue is scheduled for the day, besides a number of speakers and other features. The Hayesville colored choir is expected to be present, and the committee in charge has announced that Rev. E. G. Clary, pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church and Attorney John H. Dillan, have been invited to make addresses on the occasion.

The colored people of this entire section are invited to meet with the people of Texana on that day, says the committee. The committee on arrangements is composed of George Latham, Chairman; A. M. Willey; John Carter, and Adeline Whitaker. The barbecue is being given under

June Bugs



Orphanage Class To Be Here July 6th

According to information received here this week, the singing class of the Masonic Orphanage, Oxford, N. C., will be here on the night of July 6th. The class is composed of fourteen members of the children of the orphanage this year, ten girls and four boys, and the teacher and manager. They will appear in recital at the school auditorium.

These entertainments are always good, and not only the people of Murphy, but of this entire section, are invited and urged to come out and help this great cause.

These children every year help raise thousands of dollars in this way which is used in the work of the orphanage.

Rural Carriers Held Meeting Last Saturday

The Rural Carriers Association of Clay and Cherokee Counties held its regular business meeting here last Saturday night. Practically the entire membership of the two Counties was present. A number of important matters were transacted, including election of officers for the coming year and the election of delegates to the state Association which meets at Salisbury August 6th.

The officers elected were: Ed. Curtis, of Hayesville, president; and A. F. Padgett, Hayesville, secretary; Mr. John Odell, of Murphy, and Mr. H. L. Mulkey, of Andrews, were elected to represent the association at the state meeting in Salisbury next August.

Appalachian Scenic Highway Officials To Visit This Section

Mr. Roscoe A. Marvel, President, and Mr. C. V. Orr, field organizer of the Appalachian Scenic Highway, which passes through Murphy, have made known their intention of attending the Barbecue at Neel Gap which is to be given on July 4th under the Nacoochee-Hiwassee Road and Recreation Association, according to information reaching here this week.

The plan to be in attendance upon the occasion at Neel Gap in the morning and returning to Murphy for the fireworks display in the evening, at which time they expect to meet local officers of the association and citizens of the town.

Signs and markers of the Appalachian Scenic Highway route were received by local officers here this week, and it is understood that an effort will be made to have them posted from Murphy to Cleveland and Gainesville, Ga., by the Fourth, for the information to tourist travel.

the auspices of the Texana Christian Charitable and Missionary churches jointly.

Inquiries Coming In About Conditions Of Roads In This Section

As the tourist season opens up, many tourists and pleasure seekers are looking toward Murphy. Every week now several inquiries are received by the mayor and Chamber of Commerce relative to the conditions of the roads in and out of Murphy and from the number that have been received to date it appears that Murphy has had some good advertising in the past.

It has been suggested that right now Murphy should create an advertising fund and "Go after" some of the tourist business. It is a little late in the season, but not too late to get busy. Attention is called to the editorial in another column of this issue taken from the Asheville Citizen relative to the things the little town of Brevard is doing.

Below is reproduced a sample letter from those being received. It was addressed to the Mayor of Murphy, and was written on stationery of the Treasury Department of the United States, Washington, and was signed by W. B. King. It follows: The Honorable Mayor, Murphy, N. C.

Dear Sir: I am arranging for an automobile trip from here to Atlanta, Ga., and would like to go from Asheville through your town, provided the roads will permit. My self and family are natives of Georgia, and more than twenty years ago, I drove a horse and buggy over the greater portion of the Northern part of the State, and would like to go through some of the same section again.

Will you kindly tell me what I may expect in the way of roads from Asheville to your town and from there into Atlanta, with the approximate distances.

Thanking you sincerely for your kindness in the matter, I am, Very truly yours, W. B. KING

Pension Checks Are Being Given Out

According to announcement the other day by Clerk of Superior Court E. E. Davis, the checks of the Confederate pensioners or their widows, have been received and a number have already been called for. Mr. Davis states that those who were on the pension list should call in person if possible or send a representative to his office in the court house and receive checks. He states that about one hundred checks in all have been received, most of which have already been called for.

Mr. Zed McClure is teaching a singing school at Marble.

Mr. Fred Green of Atlanta is spending several weeks with home folks.

M. E. Bible Students Meet At Junaluska

The seventh annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference Wesley Bible Class Federation to be held at Lake Junaluska July 13, 14, 15 promises the best line of discussions and the largest attendance in the history of the Federation, according to O. V. Woosley, superintendent of Sunday School Work in the Western North Carolina Conference. The initial session of the Federation will be held in the large auditorium at Lake Junaluska Monday evening, July 13. The leading speakers for this session will be Dr. Thomas Clyde R. Hoey, president of the Federation.

In addition to the regular Conference officers, the work is headed up in each presiding elders' district by directors, and Mr. J. M. Boone, of Andrews, is director for the Waynesville District.

Local Masonic Lodge Installs Officers

The Cherokee Lodge No. 136, A. F. & A. M. installed new officers at a meeting Wednesday night for the ensuing Masonic year. The officers installed Wednesday night were elected at a special meeting of the lodge on June 19, which meeting was largely attended. All new members were elected with the exception of the secretary, Mr. W. S. Green, who was re-elected to succeed himself for the 28th consecutive time. This means that Mr. Green has been secretary of the local lodge for the past 28 years, during which time he has served successfully and well.

The officers installed Wednesday night were as follows: Lawrence Hall, Worshipful Master; R. E. Beal, Senior Warden; J. W. Axley, Junior Warden; Jack Roberts, Senior Deacon; Ben Gartrell, Junior Deacon; Porter Axley, Treasurer; W. S. Green, Secretary; A. J. Burns and John McClure, Stewards; T. L. Sasser, Chaplin; and T. J. Gilbert, Tyler.

The local Masonic lodge is something like one hundred strong, and the outlook is said to be splendid for a good Masonic year.

Baptist Bible Class Workers Are Busy

The Mens Bible Class of the Baptist Sunday School has a large list of workers in the field inviting the men of Baptist preference to come to Sunday school Sunday. Last Sunday the class set as its goal 75 present for that day, and the goal was surpassed by one. An effort is being made this week to

BREVARD POINTS THE WAY

Brevard a little town of twenty-five hundred people, the capital of Transylvania County, is setting an example which might well be emulated by every town in Western North Carolina, large and small. Through its Chamber of Commerce—one of the most active of such organizations in this section—Brevard has undertaken to provide for its summer tourists ample facilities for healthful, enjoyable recreation, while at the same time the commercial organization has stimulated the town authorities to issue bonds for paving some six miles of streets, and to install in the business section of the town a modern ornamental white way system.

Realizing that, without facilities for recreation, summer tourists would soon tire of even the superb scenery and climate with which Brevard is blessed, the Chamber of Commerce Directors appointed a Sports Council, and appropriated a sum of money, which with a like sum appropriated by the Town of Brevard, has been used to lease and equip a large city block right in the heart of the town as a public recreation ground. Here the Chamber of Commerce and the town, acting jointly, are now completing a number of tennis courts; horseshoe pitching courses are being laid out; several tables on which are painted checker boards are being installed; croquet and roque equipment is to be installed and benches placed about under the trees. Just a block away is a green meadow in which an archery course is placed, together with an adequate equipment of bows and arrows, and all for the use and enjoyment of the visitors.

Co-operating with local liverymen, the Council has caused to be made large maps of the territory surrounding the town, and on these maps are marked a number of lovely trails and bridle paths for horseback riding. Parties are being organized among the summer visitors for horseback rides under the direction of competent guides to various points of interest nearby.

Brevard has gone even further. The Sports Council of the Chamber of Commerce there has arranged, and will stage during the season, from June 26 to September 5, no less than ten tournament events, including contests in every form of outdoor sports from tennis to checkers. Not a week will go by in Brevard this summer, from June 26 to September 5, without some kind of tournament, or contest of skill, in which the visitors of the town will be the chief contestants.

One of the outstanding events of the schedule will be an old-fashioned Tilted Tournament to be held on the morning of July 25, and a horse show to be held in the afternoon of the same day. A number of entries for the horse show have already been made by Asheville, Hendersonville and Greenville people, and this show bids fair to be one of the outstanding events of the summer season in Western North Carolina.

Brevard's municipal band, a volunteer organization of some thirty-six pieces, led by a director whose salary is paid from the town treasury, gives three public concerts weekly in a handsome bandstand erected by the county on the court-house lawn.

All of these things are being done with the sole idea of making the stay of each visitor to Brevard just as enjoyable as possible. It is going to cost some money to do all these things, but it will be money well spent, money which will undoubtedly pay big dividends to Brevard, for tourists are quick to realize and appreciate the things which are done for their comfort and pleasure, and when the summer season is over, we have no doubt but what those who sojourn in the pleasant little capital of Transylvania County will go home thoroughly "satisfied customers."—Asheville Citizen.

have 100 present Sunday, June 28 and an army of workers are busy in the field. The class has been organized on the army style, with one colonel and a number of majors and cap-

CHEROKEE FARM PROPERTY SHOWS HEAVY INCREASE

Over 2000 Farmers Are Operated in County By White People

Farm values in Cherokee County increased from \$2,563,726 on January 1, 1920 to \$3,967,984 on January 1, 1925. The total number of farms increased from 1903 to 2227 during the same period, it is shown by a press summary released by the Department of Commerce at Washington.

The number of farms operated by white farmers increased from 1894 to 2205 and the number operated by negro farmers from 9 to 22 during the five-year period. The number of farms operated by white owners increased from 1497 to 1769 and the number operated by negro owners from 406 to 458. None was found to be operated on the managerial basis.

All land in Cherokee on January 1, 1920, amounted to 175,518 acres. By January 1, 1925, the average had increased to 212,855.

There also was a general increase in livestock on farms, as shown by the following table of comparison between January 1, 1920 and January 1, 1925:

	1920	1925
Horses	967	1342
Mules	1327	2030
Cattle	7527	8543
Swine	668	4889

There was a sharp decline in the number of swine, but at the same time a substantial increase in the number of cattle. Of the 8543 cattle total as of January 1, 1925, 3917 were beef cattle, 2475 dairy cows and other dairy cattle, 2151.

The value of farm lands increased from \$1,948,348, and of buildings from \$614,892 to \$946,133.

Principal Cherokee County crops were compared as follows:

	1924	1910
CORN—	1924	1910
Acres	2,424	18,370
Bushels	362,182	311,303

	1924	1910
RYE—	1924 <td>1910</td>	1910
Acres	2,064	2,628
Bushels	16,035	14,863

	1924	1910
HAY—	1924 <td>1910</td>	1910
Acres	4,604	23,257
Tons	6,778	49,426

	1924	1910
APPLES—	1924 <td>1910</td>	1910
Young Trees	21,618	23,257
Trees bearing	57,572	49,426
Bushels	90,836	8,672

BAPTIST ARE BUILDING LARGE TABERNACLE

Work has begun in earnest at Franklin on the tabernacle for the meeting in August when Drs. Geo. W. Truett and F. C. McConnell will preach for ten days. A beautiful grove known as the fair grounds has been chosen for the site of the building. The contour of the ground furnishes a natural amphitheater and the building will be in the midst of a beautiful grove covering ten acres.

The building will be a rustic roof covering over 18000 square foot of space. It will be open on all sides furnishing cool breezes for the vast throng of people seated beneath its shelter. It is estimated that 3760 people can be comfortably seated under the roof.

Rising gently on two sides and the rear of the tabernacle the hill side stretches away beneath cooling shade and will furnish ample room for added thousands who will hear these two peerless preachers of the Gospel.

The meeting will begin on the 14th of August and continue through the 23rd. Dr. F. C. McConnell, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist church, Atlanta, will preach at the morning services while Dr. Geo. W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church, Dallas, Tex., will preach each night.—Franklin Press.

tains. Mr. C. M. Wofford is heading the organization as Colonel.

Several Sundays ago the class launched a campaign to have 100 men in actual attendance by July 12th, and officers are highly enthusiastic, and well pleased with results thus far obtained.

Master David F. Chastain, Jr. of Knoxville, Tenn. is spending some time here with his cousin, Ben Gartrell, Jr.