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## MURPHY HOST TO GEORGIA GOVERNOR AND SOLONS

### Governor Walker Principal Speaker at Formal Opening Asheville-Atlanta Highway

Approximately Seven Thousand Visitors Attend Closing of Celebration at Murphy

LEADING GEORGIA CITIZENS PRESENT

Beauty of The Mountains Praised By Speakers—Fireworks Display Feature Program

Murphy was host to the Governor of Georgia and the Georgia Legislature Saturday evening at the concluding portion of the celebration of the opening of the highway from Murphy by way of Blairsville, Gainesville, Stone Mountain to Atlanta, which marks the breaking down of the mountain barrier below Blairsville which has been bottling up this whole mountain region for years and years. Following the exchange of felicitations between Murphy's leading citizens and Georgia's Governor and members of her Legislature and Atlanta's Chamber of Commerce, executives, one of the most beautiful fireworks display ever witnessed in this section was put off in Cherokee Park, to the delight of the seven thousand or more people who had gathered for the occasion.

Welcomed President Don Witherspoon of the local Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the Georgia delegation here pointing out in the course of his remarks the close ties between Western North Carolina and Georgia, ties not only of kinship through descent from a common Anglo-Saxon ancestry but also of trade and commerce. Mr. Witherspoon also mentioned the great benefits that will accrue to this whole Southern Appalachian section due to the opening of this artery of travel to the public. The fact that this road from Asheville by way of Murphy, Blairsville, Neels Gap, Gainesville and Stone Mountain to Atlanta had already been made part of a great national highway from the St. Lawrence river to the Gulf of Mexico was considered of great significance by the speaker in welcoming the throngs from the neighboring state of Georgia to the Old North State. Governor Clifford Walker, of Georgia responded to the address of welcome in a happy discourse, during which he praised highly North Carolina's highway and educational progress and ventured the remark that the Legislature of this own state, many members of which present, would follow North Carolina's lead during the present session. Governor Walker took occasion to remark on the beauty and grandeur of this entire mountain country and admonished the people of Murphy and other towns along the line to get in readiness to care for the stream of traffic that is going to start pouring through this section as a result of the road. In particular the Governor told the people of Murphy that a great summer hotel should be built to accommodate the tourists that will want to stop over in this beautiful country. The governor expressed delight at the way Murphy had received the Georgians. Similar notes were struck by the executive secretary of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives and several other prominent Georgians in the legislative party, among whom were John N. Holder, chairman of the Georgia Highway Commission, and Fred Houser, president of the Atlanta Convention Bureau; C. V. Orr, of the Appalachian scenic highway, stretching through this mountain region from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, told of the great benefits that would accrue to this section due to the opening and marking of this road, which is now under way and will be fully open for traffic from one end to the other by early fall. Atlanta's commerce secretary gave notice that his tourist travel bureau would start a throng of tourists.

### SAYS METHODS OF STIKELEATHER ARE AUTOCRATIC

Wants Section Between Nantahala And Wesser of Highway No. 10 Completed Soon As Possible

The Scout is this week in receipt of a letter from Mr. John H. Dillard in which he refers to the methods of Commissioner Stikeleather with reference to the highway situation in the ninth district as "autocratic and even dictatorial." Mr. Dillard points out the fact that there is a section of State Highway No. 10, which extends across the entire state, between Nantahala and Wesser that is not yet completed. He says this section might have been finished long ago, but for some reason or other it had not. Mr. Dillard's letter follows in full:

Will you please allow me space in your paper that I may call the attention of our people to what appears to me to be an intolerable situation, created by the representative of the ninth district, on the State Highway Commission? His autocratic and even dictatorial methods will inevitably result in what we call a "raw deal," unless our people get busy. Whether we accomplish anything or not, we can at least protest, and I am utterly mistaken in my estimate of the temper and good sense of our people. If it should turn out that they are willing to allow Mr. Stikeleather to continue to "put things over" on them.

No. 10 is the main highway through North Carolina, its Western terminus being the West, or Southwestern line of Cherokee County. Some years ago, most of No. 10, between Bryson City and Murphy, was completed, so far as grading is concerned, to the point where people could get over it. There was a short section between Nantahala Station and Wesser that was not graded—the contractor having "gone broke." The Highway Commission might have had that section finished long ago, but for some reason, it did not suit Mr. Stikeleather's plans to permit it. Work on the grading from Sylva, across the Cove, to Franklin was pushed, and for a time travel has gone through by that route. Recently, work was again begun by way of grading this section on the Nantahala River, and this part of the work is now completed, or about so. Now a contract has been let for a concrete road from Sylva to Franklin, and a little "water bound" macadam is being put down on this main highway. Why? Manifestly in order that all travel coming into the mountains of Western North Carolina from the South, Asheville being the objective of most of them, may be diverted by way of Clayton, Ga., and Franklin—Leaving Bryson City and Murphy altogether on the main highway "out in the cold." The argument that Macon County is loaning the money will not do. Pay day comes, and it is public money that must replace the cash.

Again, our people have strained

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### Tourists Already Entering Murphy

According to those who have been observing, tourist travelers are already beginning to pass through Murphy. One observer said that he counted more than fifteen tourist cars entering the city in one day, this week and that quite a number can be counted every day. The hotels report that they are taking care of from five to eight cars of tourists every day.

The secretary of the Atlanta Convention and Tourist Travel Bureau told the people of Murphy here Saturday night that he was going to route more tourists over the Appalachian Scenic Highway through Murphy, and verily it appears that he is keeping his word.

### Summer Arrives



### Cherokee County Welfare Board Held Meeting

On July 6th the Cherokee County Board of Charities and Public Welfare held its regular monthly meeting Mrs. W. B. Johnson and Mr. R. H. King being present. The greater part of the time was devoted to the discussion of problem cases which had come to the attention of the Department. These cases dealt with a delinquent girl and a neglected and dependant baby, sickness requiring temporary care, Mothers' Aid, dependent children and mother, and delinquent children. Plans for the handling of these cases in the future were made.

The report of the Department for the month of June was submitted to the Board. It is as follows: Cases handled through Juvenile Court ..... 6 Cases investigated for poor relief... 3 Conferences or Interviews made 63 Board Meetings ..... 1 General Meetings ..... 2 Home Visits Made ..... 31 Office Calls Received ..... 42 Letters Mailed ..... 46 Phone Calls (Long distance) ..... 5 Telegrams Sent ..... 2 Miles Traveled ..... 250 Signed

ELIZABETH G. SMITH, Supt. Cherokee County Dept. of Charities and Public Welfare.

### Moody & Moody Move Offices

The firm of Moody & Moody, composed of J. N. Moody and son, Ralph M. Moody, lawyers, this week moved their offices from the court house to the second floor of the Davidson Building, and are occupying the office rooms formerly occupied by Dr. E. E. Smith, chiropractor. The Messrs. Moody stated the other day that the Cherokee County Road Commission had requested an office in the court house, and that they were moving to make way for the commission. They request their clients and friends to take notice that they have moved and govern themselves accordingly.

Miss Lily E. Mitchell, Case Supervisor for the Rockefeller Grant, under State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, returned to Murphy the early part of the week after having attended the North Carolina State conference for Social Service which met in Asheville, on July 1st and 2nd and 3rd. This Conference which dealt with the subject of "Rural Life in North Carolina" was a most interesting one. Miss Mitchell reports.

### HEAVE HO! WATERMELON CUTTING

Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock there will be a watermelon cutting on Riverside Park, formally opening the park for the season. Mayor W. M. Fain is donating the melons. Mr. Carl Townson is furnishing the storage space at the ice plant to hold them, so that they will be in fine shape for Friday. The children and their parents, especially, are asked to this official opening of Riverside Park on Friday afternoon. Everybody is welcome.

### Colvart's Creek Survey Completed

A public meeting of citizens of the town was called by the city council for Thursday night at 7:30 to discuss the water extension to Colvart's creek and the street paving program contemplated by the city.

It is understood that Mr. W. A. Adams, made the survey of an extension to Colvart's creek with a view of securing more water for the city under direction of the city council, completed the survey last week and made his report to the council Tuesday morning.

Mr. Adams stated the other day that he found an abundance of water and believes there will be enough when connected up with the present main to last the city for from fifteen to forty years. According to Mr. Adams' statement the water from Colvart's Creek can be turned in at the present intake on Marble creek by the laying of approximately three and one-half miles of pipe to a point about three quarters of a mile above the mouth of what is known as Wagon Timber Creek. He also stated that Wagon Timber Creek could be reached without a great cost which stream would supply about five times the amount of the present water supply.

Sometime ago the city council advertised for bids for the placing of a two inch water bound macadam and an asphalt paving to be placed on the streets in the business section of the town and over the present pavement, which is getting in bad condition in numerous places, but on account of the bids being considered too high all were rejected. It is understood that both of these questions were discussed at the meeting Thursday night, which meeting was too late to be reported in this Week's issue.

Mr. Charles Barlow of Charlotte was a visitor in Murphy during the Fourth.

### Two To Face Federal Court For Violation Prohi Law

J. V. Matheson and Lon Radford are under \$500.00 bond each for their appearance at the next term of federal court in Asheville for alleged violation of the prohibition laws.

On July 1st J. V. Matheson was brought before United States Commissioner W. Christopher charged with the transporting of whiskey, and was bound over to the federal court under \$500.00 bond.

On July 7th, Lon Radford was tried before Commissioner Christopher for the alleged transporting and retailing intoxicating liquors. The commissioner's court found him guilty and placed his bond at \$500.00 for appearance in federal court.

The trial of Leonard Walker, charged with illicit distilling, is set for hearing before Commissioner Christopher next Saturday, July 11

### Rehabilitation Officer In County

H. C. Corpening of the division of civilian rehabilitation of the Department of Education was here this week in the interest of the work in Cherokee County.

Farris Bryson, of Unaka, who lost a limb below the knee some years ago, applied to Mr. Corpening for aid in purchasing a limb and in training for some employment that would prove profitable and put him on a self-supporting basis. Mr. Corpening agreed to purchase a temporary limb for the applicant and train him for shoe repairing, the State providing funds until he is trained. After Mr. Bryson gets on an earning basis, the state plans to buy him a permanent limb.

A visit was paid to Mr. A. H. Harris, who resides down below Unaka. He has four small children, the youngest only 20 months old and the oldest only about ten years old. Mrs. Harris is dead and Mr. Harris has heart affection which prevents his working at farm work, his usual occupation. The state is making arrangements to train him for some other occupation and care for the children while he is in training. The County Welfare Department will find places for the children.

This rehabilitation work is of much value to the county and state. During the three years it has been in effect, nearly one thousand people in the state have been put on a self-supporting basis. Five or six in Cherokee County have been aided. Four are now at work in Murphy who were trained for profitable employment and provided with artificial limbs.

### HOMES THROWN OPEN TO VISITORS FROM GEORGIA

Murphy's Hospitality Again Proves When Georgia Governor And Legislators Are Entertained

### Powelson Gives \$100 To Fireworks Fund

On June 29th, Mayor W. M. Fain received a telegram from Mr. W. V. N. Powelson, of New York, stating that he would subscribe \$100.00 personally to the fireworks fund. Mr. Powelson is president of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company, and this is concrete evidence of Mr. Powelson's personal interest in the growth and development of Murphy and this section. The telegram follows:

New York, June 29, 1925.

Mayor W. M. Fain, Murphy, N. C.

Am pleased to note in last Friday's Cherokee Scout that arrangements are being made for large fireworks display at big Fourth of July celebration at Murphy. Such celebrations help the town but they require money. Please subscribe for me personally one hundred dollars for fireworks fund. Am sending check.

W. V. N. POWELSON.

Citizens of Murphy last Saturday lived up to their reputation as being a hospitable people when they threw open their homes to the visiting Governor and members of the Legislature and other Guests from Georgia and elsewhere. It was an occasion that demanded self-sacrifice and the people gladly made it to accommodate their visitors. Many people chose to receive the guests right in to their own homes. Some families gave up their own rooms and sacrificed their own comfort and convenience to care for visitors; many others who for various reasons found it impossible to entertain guests in their homes sent one or more to the various hotels at their expense.

Because of the rain at Neel's Gap there were not as many visitors here as were anticipated. Consequently guests were not sent to all homes which were rendered. Members of the entertainment committee stated this week that it was a matter of regret that some people who had tendered their homes were disappointed and inconvenienced by not having guests assigned to them. This was a situation that could not be avoided, they explained, nor was it possible to notify such homes that there would not be any guests for them.

The way the people of Murphy rallied to the occasion Saturday is indicative of the hospitality of the community, and such hospitality has borne and will bear fruit.

Following is a list of those who contributed to the fireworks display and other expenses incident to the entertainment of Saturday afternoon and evening; also list of the homes tendered together with those who paid for the lodging of guests at the hotels and boarding houses; also a partial list of guests and the homes in which they were entertained. An effort was made to secure the name and address of every visitor and host or hostess, but the task was such a difficult one that the Scout only secured a part of them. If your name and the guest you entertained does not appear, please hand them in for publication next week.

### SUBSCRIPTION FOR FIREWORKS

W. V. N. Powelson	\$100.00
Wofford-Terrill Co.	25.00
W. M. Fain	10.00
J. W. McMillan	10.00
W. W. Hyde	10.00
C. W. Bailey	10.00
D. Witherspoon	10.00
E. P. Hawkins	10.00
B. W. Sipe	10.00
Cherokee Hdwe. Co.	10.00
J. W. Davidson	5.00

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