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## FAIR SECRETARY MAKES STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Contract With Carnival Company  
Prohibited Gambling Devices  
And Games of Chance

In a letter this week from B. W. Sipe secretary of the Cherokee County Fair Association, relative to discontinuing the county agent work in the county, Mr. Sipe states that "It was specifically stated in the contract with the carnival company that no gambling devices or games of chance were to be permitted on the fair grounds."

The letter of Mr. Sipe follows the announcement last week that the County Commissioners had voted to discontinue the county agent work and naming the conduct of the recent fair, together with threats from losers at the gambling machines that they would sue the county for the money lost, as reasons for the action.

As a result, The Scout was asked to call a meeting to be held the first Monday in December at the court house at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of those interested in continuing or discontinuing the work in the county. The commissioners have expressed a desire that the people turn out and settle the matter one way or the other and for all time.

According to information reaching The Scout, many are against the work and many are for it, and very few people like to see their opinions expressed in print. However, all indications are that practically the entire county expects to turn out at the court house on the first Monday in December next, at 1 o'clock, at which time some settlement of the question will be made.

The text of Mr. Sipe's letter follows in full.

From the letter of Commissioner Holland in last week's issue of the Scout, I gather that the chief reason why the County Commissioners are planning to let the County Agent go is on account of the operation of Roulette Wheels on the fair grounds by Rice Brothers Shows during the fair.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Fair I wish to say it was specifically stated in the contract with the carnival company that no gambling devices or games of chance were to be permitted on the fair grounds. These roulette wheels were put in operation without the knowledge of the executive committee of the fair and as soon as it was learned that they were being operated, the writer and two other members of the executive committee went to Mr. Rice and had them stopped. At this time Mr. Rice admitted that he had no right to operate them under his contract with the Fair.

On behalf of Mr. Gray I wish to say that he was not responsible for anything the show people did and should not be held responsible by the people.

No member of the executive committee favors any kind of gambling or games of chance and they regret that such games were surreptitiously introduced on the fair grounds.

No fair can be successfully operated without shows on the grounds. The State Fair lost more than \$50,000 when it tried to operate four years ago without shows on the grounds.

The county agent many times over earns the salary the county pays him. His salary costs the tax payers of the county only 1 and 3/4 cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property. The State puts nearly twice this amount into the county because of the agent work. A perusal of the report of the county agent will show that he has saved the county many dollars.

Agriculture is the biggest single business in the county. It certainly deserves to have a head-namely the county agent.

The experimental school that is being established in the Peachtree Brasstown section will greatly need the cooperation of the county agent in the operation of their experimental farm. This school will be worth untold sums to the people economically and socially and deserves the wholehearted cooperation of every person in the county.

It is not a large majority of the citizens of the county will favor the continuation of the county

## Distinguished Visitor



PHOTO SHOWS TWO POSES OF TY COBB, famous baseball player, who was a Murphy visitor this week. He spent several days with his aunt, Mrs. Nora Cobb White, who is a teacher in the local high school, and his son, Ty, Jr., who is spending the winter with Mrs. White and attending school here. He was the luncheon guest of D. S. C. Highway at the Regal Hotel Monday.

## COUNTY UNIT PLAN EDUCATION ADOPTED BY BOARDS AT MEETING

First Building of a Series of Consolidated Schools to Be Erected in Martins Creek Section

At a joint meeting of the County Board of Education and the Cherokee County Commissioners Monday a motion was carried to accept the county-wide plan of organization for Cherokee County, and to erect a modern brick school building in the Martin's Creek district, consolidating the Bellevue, Brasstown and Harshaw schools.

School authorities of both the county and state have been working on the county wide plan for the past three years, gathering data, preparing maps, etc., and the plan is looked upon in educational circles as one of the most progressive forward steps in the county in some years.

The first building of a series to be erected in the county will cost approximately \$35,000, which sum will be loaned the county from the special public school building fund of the State, to be repaid over a period of twenty years. It is understood that state authorities will have supervision of construction, all detail work, advertising and letting of contract, etc., being handled from the Raleigh office. It will be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications of the state architect.

The Board of Education is composed of J. F. Palmer, chairman; Mrs. W. B. Fisher, and T. T. Johnson, and A. L. Martin, is County Superintendent; and the Board of County Commissioners is composed of T. W. Axley, chairman; W. T. Holland and W. J. Martin.

## BRITTAINE & AXLEY TO BUILD ON CORNER LOT

Announcement was made this week that Mr. L. W. Brittain and T. W. Axley will begin at once the construction of a modern two-story brick structure on their property on the corner next to W. Christopher's store. The building will be about 22 feet by ninety, and contain a basement. The second story, it is contemplated, will be cut up for offices, and it is not known just yet what sort of business will occupy the first floor.

agent work and it is hoped that they will come to the public meeting to be held in the courthouse the first Monday in December at one o'clock and tell the commissioners that they want this work continued.

B. W. SIPE, Secretary  
Cherokee County Fair Association

## LAST CHANCE TO VOTE FOR POWELSON GIFT

On another page of this issue will be found list of books from which the gift of Mr. W. V. N. Powelson will be selected. You have a chance—and this is the last one—of helping select that gift. Select the 100 books of your choice, mark them thus: (X) and sign your name where indicated and turn the ballot over to the Librarian Saturday! Don't delay, but act at once!

The list this week contains 100 more books, as the list put in nomination by the Librarian was inadvertently omitted from the ballot last week.

Again you are urged to vote without delay. The list must be turned over to Mr. Powelson as soon as possible so that he will have time to purchase the books and give them to Old Santa to be delivered by Xmas!

## ASHEVILLE-MURPHY-ATLANTA LINK A. S. H. APPROVED AS NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Selection Will Mean Much to Sections Traversed by This Already Widely Advertised Scenic Route

Announcement reached here this week that the Asheville-Murphy-Atlanta link of the Appalachian Scenic highway had been selected as Route No. 270 of a system of roads to be known as the United States Highways. This announcement will mean much to the sections traversed by this already widely advertised highway, and will have a tendency to turn a still larger stream of tourist traffic through Murphy.

The system of roads to be known as United States highways, selected by the joint board of interstate highways, has been approved by secretary of Agriculture, Jardine. The report of the board designating 75,884 miles of road, each route of which has been given a number, and including designs for standard direction and warning signs to be erected on all routes, was recently submitted to the Secretary. This report he has approved and forwarded to the American Association of State Highway Officials now holding their annual meeting in Detroit.

This action completes the work of the board of 24 State and Federal highway officials appointed last March by Secretary Gore at the request of the Association of State Highway officials.

## FIRE ASSOCIATION TO BE ORGANIZED IN CLAY AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

District Forester Alexander Here This Week—To Return Sometime in January

Announcement was made this week by District Forester T. W. Alexander that a protective forest fire association would be organized in Cherokee and Clay Counties soon. The organization is the outgrowth of the discontinuance of co-operation with the State Forest Service by the counties of Cherokee and Clay sometime ago.

While here Mr. Alexander sought the co-operation of lumber and timber companies and other holders of large timber acreages in an effort to give the forests of the two counties some protection from fires. It is understood that such large holders of timber acreage as Cover Brothers, Andrews Manufacturing Co., Savage Brothers, Hiwassee Lumber Co., M. E. Cozad, and others have agreed to enter the association. The U. S. Government has also agreed to enter the large forest reserve above Andrews.

The plan as outlined by Mr. Alexander is to acquire approximately 100,000 acres of forest lands in the two counties and perhaps some in Macon, which county is co-operating with the State. The cost to the forest land owners will be one cent an acre, and the State has agreed to match this sum, cent for cent. This will give the association something like \$2,000.00 to be used in the prevention and fighting of forest fires.

It is contemplated to erect a lookout tower on top of Tusquitee Bald or some other point of vantage, for the purpose of keeping a lookout for fire and reporting as quickly as possible any that might break out.

Mr. Alexander succeeded Carl I. Peterson as district forester for Western North Carolina on Aug. 1st, Mr. Peterson going to Tennessee as assistant state forester. Before coming to North Carolina, Mr. Alexander was in charge of the holdings of the Southern Lumber and Timber Co. of Hawkinsville, Ga. He was with the U. S. Forest Service for some three years before going to the Georgia concern.

Mr. Alexander expects to return to this section about the first of the year, at which time the organization of a forest fire protective association will be completed.

One farm in Edgecombe County is so badly affected with wilt that County Agent Zeno Moore advised the owner to either abandon cotton growing or else plant a wilt resistant variety.

## TY COBB, FAMOUS BASEBALL PLAYER, VISITS MURPHY

Visits Aunt and Little Son—Speaks to Local School At Chapel Exercises

Tyrus Raymond Cobb, better known as Ty Cobb, the brilliant Georgia peach of Baseballdom, and hailed by critics and sport writers the country over as the greatest baseball player of his time, spent sometime in Murphy this week, visiting his aunt, Mrs. Nora Cobb White, teacher in the local high school, and his son, Ty Jr., who is spending the winter with Mrs. White and who is a student in the Murphy Graded School.

"I would rather be at the bat facing Walter Johnson on a real dark day any time than to make a public speech," said Ty in the course of his remarks at chapel exercises of the local school Monday morning. A breathless silence fell upon the crowded auditorium of some five hundred pupils as the famous baseball player and idol of many an ambitious youth, rose to speak.

Ty Cobb was introduced by Superintendent B. W. Sipe, after a song and scripture reading and a few remarks on success as the world terms it and the outstanding characters that have gone out of this section and attained success.

Ty began by saying that he had never gone in for public speaking and it was a trying proposition indeed to get up before so many eager faces and make a talk, but if he were on the ball field he might do something entertaining in his line.

He admonished boys and girls to get an education. "One of the regrets of my life is that I did not continue my studies after high school and get a college education," he said. "If I had my life to live over, I would forego baseball for an education."

He told aspiring young athletes that health was a great advantage, in any realm of life and urged them to train the brain as well as the body. He told the boys not to use tobacco in any form until after they became 21, and in all likelihood they would not use it then. Smoking he said had great effect on one's growth and development and admonished boys to refrain from the habit.

"I did not smoke until after I was past twenty-one, and I like to inspire boys to let it alone until they are past that age."

Ty Cobb stated that he believed the progress of North Carolina and the pace being set by this state was due to good roads and good schools. "Good roads and good schools go hand in hand with progress," he said "and naturally they attract big business into your state."

He expressed himself as being much impressed with Murphy and the outlook for the future growth and development of the town. Ty recalled his visit to Murphy when a boy, having played ball with the team here on the site of the present fair grounds and baseball park.

## STANDARD OIL CO. TO PUT FILLING STATION ON WELLS CORNER

The Standard Oil Co., has recently acquired the corner known as the Wells property from Dr. H. N. Wells. It is understood that a modern filling and service station will be constructed soon.

## RED CROSS DRIVE NETS 50 MEMBERS FOR MURPHY

The Red Cross Roll Call, which began on Armistice Day, November 11th, had netted slightly more than fifty membership for Murphy by Thursday of this week. The drive will continue until Thanksgiving day and it is the hope of workers that still others may be received. One half the funds collected will be used locally and the other will go to the National Red Cross Organization, which will be used in relieving suffering and distress all over the country. In recent years large sums have been spent by the Red Cross Organization in the South and Southeast to relieve suffering and want following floods, storms, etc.

The Scout regrets that a number of articles had to be omitted this week from lack of space.

## FOLK SCHOOL LOCATED IN BRASSTOWN SECTION OF THE COUNTY

Decision Announced Monday Night At Meeting By Miss Butler And Mrs. Campbell

At a meeting of the Citizens of the Brasstown and Peachtree communities in the Brasstown Church Monday night of this week, Mrs. John C. Campbell and Miss Marguerite Butler announced that they had decided to locate an experimental folk school in the locality. Mrs. Campbell and Miss Butler have been looking for a location for such a school for several months throughout the Appalachian Region and the people of this section account themselves very fortunate in that the school is to be located here. The Brasstown section possesses the physical and economic factors for which these workers were looking and the unusually high type of citizenship of the section and their ardent desire for the school were influential factors in deciding the location of the school here.

Miss Butler came to this section about six or eight weeks ago and was impressed with the conditions she found and accordingly invited Mrs. Campbell to come here at once for further investigation. Mrs. Campbell could not come at that time. However, about two weeks ago, both Mrs. Campbell and Miss Butler returned and have been going over parts of Cherokee and Clay counties during this time talking with the people about the school, visiting in their homes, and weighing the various factors that enter into the successful operation of the school. The decision was announced Monday night following addresses by both Miss Butler and Mrs. Campbell and talks by local people. Mr. J. H. Dillard president at the meeting. The people of the community were jubilant over the announcement. A number of Citizens from Murphy and Hayesville were present at the meeting. Mr. Witherspoon and Mr. Clary talked after the announcement of the location of the school was made, and the entire group sang one verse of America before being dismissed.

This school is to be modeled after the Danish Folk High Schools. Mrs. Campbell and Miss Butler spent nearly a year in the Scandinavian countries studying these schools under the auspices of the Russell Sage Foundation. This section was selected for the school over the entire Southern Appalachian Region. The people of (Continued on page 6)

## ENTHUSIASTIC ROAD MEETING HELD TUESDAY NIGHT AT UNAKA

Beaverdam Citizens Raise \$100 to Help Advance New Connection With Tennessee

Unaka, Nov. 18.—One of the most enthusiastic road meetings ever held in Unaka was held last night, and was attended by citizens from all over Beaverdam Township.

Sometime ago citizens of Monroe County Tennessee asked the citizens of Beaverdam Township and Cherokee County to raise \$100 to supplement the fund of \$300 raised by them for the purpose of advertising the new highway connection between the two counties and States. A discussion was led by U. S. G. Phillips, J. H. Crawford, S. W. Evans, W. D. Burrell and others. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and it took only about ten minutes to raise the \$100 asked.

The road in question leads from Murphy through Beaverdam Township into Tennessee at Unicoi Gap, and on to Tellico Plains, Madisonville, and into the Lee Highway at Sweetwater, constituting the most direct route from Murphy to Knoxville, Tenn.

The Tennessee portion of the new highway is completed, and all but about four miles in North Carolina is completed. J. H. Crawford has the contract for the unfinished portion, which lies from the Burrell place to the foot of Hammond Mountain west of Unaka, and it is expected that it will be finished soon. However, it is open to travel at all times.

The opening of this new highway in to Tennessee is the occasion for great rejoicing by the people of this entire section.