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## DOCKERY FAVORS AN EQUAL CHANCE FOR SHOAL CREEK

Request That Townships Send Delegates to Murphy First Monday in May To Urge Commissioners to Call Election

"I certainly approve of a legalized election," states J. T. Dockery in a letter to The Scout this week. Mr. Dockery also states that he is in favor of giving Shoal Creek an equal chance with the other proposed routes.

A mass meeting of the people of Beaverdam Township is to be held April 10th, to select representatives to come to Murphy on the first Monday in May to urge the Commissioners to call an election that the matter might be settled by a legally called vote on the matter, and urges the other townships to take similar steps.

**Committee to wait on Stikeleather**

It was stated by members of the County road Commission that at the last meeting of the commission on the first Monday in March a committee was appointed by that body, composed of A. Rice and D. S. Russell, to take the matter up with Mr. Stikeleather to the end that a definite selection be made and official approval given. Mr. Stikeleather has been out of Asheville for several weeks on the goal will tour sponsored by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce and the committee could not meet with him. However, he returned to Asheville the first of the week, and when he is to see the committee was not learned.

**Dockery's Letter**

Mr. Dockery's letter, with a number of others, follows:

GRANDVIEW, N. C.  
March 29, 1926.

Editor Cherokee Scout:

I certainly approve of a legalized election in lieu of a straw ballot in voting on the State Highway problem connecting us with the State of Tennessee and feel sure this is the sentiment of my Township, since it has had the approval of the other contending Townships. Will say that I was in conference at Unaka Saturday, the 27 of this month with a number of citizens relative to this last plan of voting and it has their hearty approval and we are perfectly willing for the Shoal Creek route to have equal chance with the other Townships in this election. I want our friends Mr. McNabb with the other good citizens of that Township to know that we have no unkind feeling against their Township. It was purely from the statement of Mr. Webster that the former proposition was stated as it was.

We have three graded roads leading west into Tennessee, but we can't get but one of these taken over at a time, so let's look for the most practical route and so cast our ballot.

Beaverdam Township will meet in a mass meeting Saturday, April 10th to send representatives to Murphy the first Monday in May to ask our County Commissioners to order that this election come in connection with the primary in June. We request that our neighboring Townships do likewise and let's get this all important question settled.

J. T. DOCKERY.

Editor The Scout:

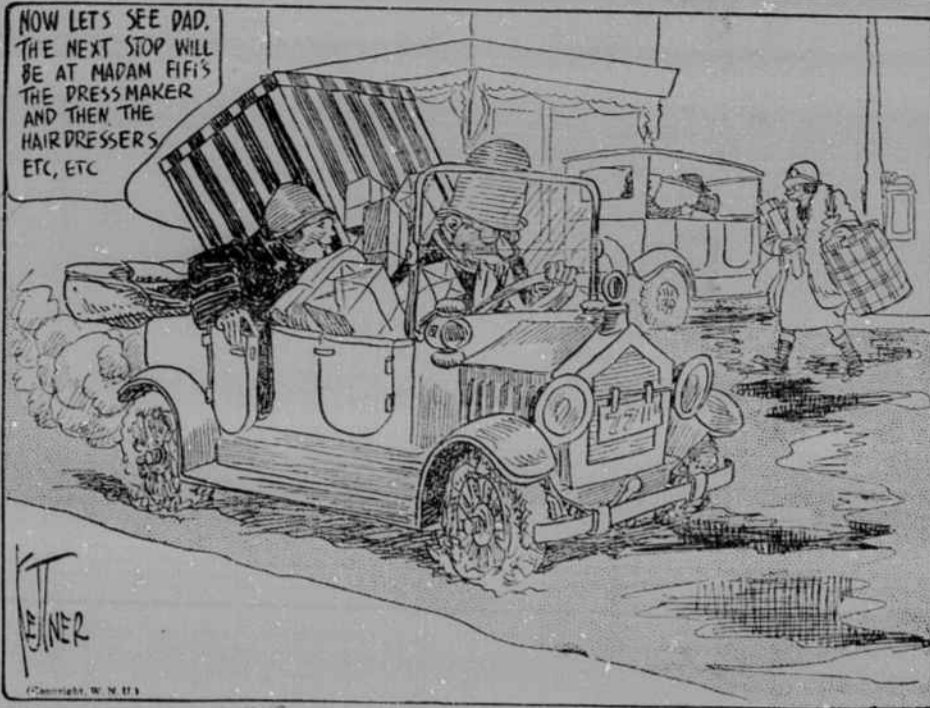
I read with much interest Mr. Dockery's plan for locating the State Highway from Murphy, to the Tennessee State line. While there is that about it to commend it, still it has its weak places. We are all more or less selfish and would be considered fools if we didn't vote for the road to pass through our community, which no doubt each of us will do, regardless of the cost to build and hard surface.

If I remember correctly, our locating Engineer, several months ago, after making a careful survey of the then three proposed routes, recommended the Hothouse route as being the shortest, easiest to our people as a whole. Now, if all our citizens knew this to be a fact, or believed it to be so, then they would roll up a great majority for the Hothouse route.

In studying the locating Engineer's argument for the Hothouse route, I find every point sound, with still others not mentioned in his recommendation, which have since developed.

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## The Pre-Easter Tour



## 'PEG O' MY HEART' TO BE PRESENTED BY LOCAL TALENT

Play Will Be Given Friday Night, April 2nd, for Benefit of Local School

"Peg O' My Heart," is the title of the play to be given at the school auditorium Friday night, April 2nd at 7:30, by local talent. The story centers around a little Irish girl, descended from a prominent old English family, who is the heroine of the play.

The play is full of action and dramatic situations. The scene is laid in London, and all three acts take place in the living room of Regal Villa, the Chichester home in Scarborough. It is a very popular play, and had a long successful run abroad before coming to this country, where it met with instant favor. It was only recently that owners of the comedy released it to amateur players.

It is being directed by Mrs. L. P. Kinsey, and the proceeds will go to the benefit of the school.

## MOTION PICTURES FOR ALL OF CLAY COUNTY

Through the service rendered by the United States Department of Agriculture and the co-operation of the Deleo Lighting Co., Clay County will get the advantage of two weeks motion pictures. The U. S. D. A. is furnishing the films and the Deleo Lighting Co. is furnishing the power for the County Agent to run these pictures.

The pictures will be at the following places at the named dates:

- Curtis Community—Wednesday Night, March 31, 1926; Elf Community—Thursday night, April 1, 1926; Hayesville Community—Friday night, April 2, 1926; Sweetwater Community—Saturday night, April 3, 1926; Chigger Hill Community—Monday night, April 5, 1926; Upper Tusquitee Community—Tuesday night, April 6, 1926; Shooting Creek Community—Wednesday night, April 7, 1926; Ogden Community—Thursday night, April 8, 1926; Brasstown Community—Friday night April 9, 1926.

Signed—WILLARD R. ANDERSON, County Agent.

## Exam For Blue Ridge Postoffice Here Sat.

A civil service examination was held here Saturday under the direction of the local postoffice for the postoffice at Blue Ridge, Ga. Only two applicants stood the examination for the place, Miss Floy D. Stiles and F. W. Padgett. C. W. McAfee is the present incumbent, and it is understood that he went to Atlanta for examination.

## REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE HELD MEET

Endorse National Platform and Brownlow Jackson for State Chairman

Asheville, Mar. 27.—(Special) Much enthusiasm featured the meeting of the Republican Executive Committee for the 10th North Carolina Congressional District which met in Asheville on this date to discuss the coming campaign and political matters in general. One of the first actions taken by the Committee was the endorsement of the Republican National platform.

The Committee also went on record as unanimously approving the management of the affairs of the Republican party in North Carolina by the state organization and especially commending State Chairman W. C. Braham for his efficient service to the party. To fill the vacancy which will occur upon his retirement, the Committee went on record as being unanimously in favor of Hon. Brownlow Jackson of Hendersonville as the Republican State Chairman.

Although the Committee took no definite action regarding the coming Congressional Convention, it was unanimously conceded that Captain R. Kenneth Smathers, native of Canton and a practicing attorney in Asheville, whose candidacy has met with approval throughout the District, would receive the nomination without opposition.

Just when a District Convention will be called was not decided, but it is thought that no convention will be held until early fall, at which time a General Mass Meeting and Convention will be held and the campaign will be launched. It is rumored that Gen. Chas. G. Dawes, Vice-President of the United States, will be invited to be present to sound the keynote of the occasion.

## Work on Dr. Hill's Residence Progressing

Work is progressing rapidly on the residence of Dr. J. N. Hill, which is being erected on his property in Bealtown adjacent that of J. A. Richardson. The exterior of it is just about completed. This handsome residence will be one among the finest in Murphy and will cost around \$12,000.

## Walls Brittain-Axley Building Completed

The walls of the Brittain-Axley building on the corner of Tennessee and Hiwassee streets were completed last week and the roof is being finished up this week. Work on this building is nearing completion.

## Young Harris Woman's Club To Build Club House

Unique and interesting Program Carried Out At Recent Meeting

Young Harris, Ga., March 30.—The Young Harris Woman's Club is planning to erect a long cabin club house on the campus of Young Harris College in the immediate future, officers of the club announced this week. Meetings have heretofore been held in the parsonage, and the announcement that a permanent club house is to be built is hailed with enthusiasm by club workers here.

The club recently held a meeting at which a rather unique and interesting program was carried out, an account of which is taken from The Enotah Echoes, the semi-monthly organ of the Young Harris College student body, as follows:

"At the previous meeting four members were appointed to prepare a program for the next meeting, each one keeping her own stunt a secret until that time. Consequently the numbers were very different. They were: an old field school recitation, by Mrs. Ozborn; a fancy wand drill, by Mrs. Bruce; a reading from Schreiner, by Mrs. Mann; and concluding the program, Mrs. J. P. Hampton, assisted by Mrs. Harvey Caldwell as hostess, introduced a 'topic conversation' during which every one was to exhaust her power of speech. Next came a 'menu contest,' Mrs. J. W. Sharp winning the prize, a large beautiful valentine. Then followed a 'mum supper' which included the refreshments for the evening, a delicious fruit salad course, carrying out the valentine motif. After which cake and coffee were served, when the restriction of speech was removed. 'The evening was so much enjoyed by all present that the same idea for the program will be carried out at the next meeting.'—Mrs. W. S. Mann, Chairman of Publicity."

Officers of the club are: Mrs. S. B. Tolar, President; Mrs. Harvey Caldwell, Vice-President; Mrs. Maude Potts, Secretary; and Mrs. W. S. Mann, Chairman of Publicity.

## Contract Let For Filling Station On Wells Corner

It is learned this week that contract was let for the erection of a filling station on the Wells corner by the Standard Oil Company, the building and equipment to cost approximately \$20,000. The building which now stands on the property has been sold to John H. Hall and will be removed at once. It was not learned who the contractor was.

## OLMSTED'S NOVEL 'AT TOP OF TOBIN,' READY FOR SALE

Latest Book of Former Murphy Boy's Pen Depicts Many Scenes of Childhood Home

"At Top of Tobin" is the title of the latest creation from the pen of Stanley Olmsted, former Murphy boy and author and writer of wide renown. Many of the scenes of Mr. Olmsted's novel are laid in and around Murphy and his friends here will scan its pages with keen interest.

Mr. Olmsted visited in Murphy last summer at which time he announced that the book was in the hands of the printer. It was published at New York by Lincoln Mac Veach of the Dial Press. A descriptive folder sent out by the publisher for advanced publicity purposes gives the price at \$2.50, which includes a wood cut showing the likeness of the old Methodist church building upon the hill. The book contains 497 pages.

The short description given in the folder follows:

"At top of Tobin," by Stanley Olmsted, Author of 'The Nonchalante,' 'The Emotionalist,' etc., A novel of the North Carolina mountains which combines the most modern photographic realism with a pronounced and abiding sentimental appeal. Mr. Olmsted preserves a whole country side and a whole county full of people from the change that modern life has brought to the land of his boyhood. He has written an American novel on a grand scale.

The peculiar charm of Stanley Olmsted's 'At Top of Tobin,' the big novel of the North Carolina mountains, comes in part, at least, from the fact that the novel is autobiographical. Chester is Mr. Olmsted, of course. He never grows up in the novel, but ahead of him lies Mr. Olmsted's varied career. Pa Nat is the elder Olmsted, who started as a government clerk at \$60 a month and became director of the Cuban census first statistician of his time in America and honorary Brigadier General in the Army. In the novel we see Molly, Chester's mother, insisting that Pa Nat go to Washington to begin his career. Molly is the central character of the story. To her is largely due the charm of the novel, which radiates to all the characters and scenes. She is a definite creation in American fiction, an individual and a type, the lovely, canny, tenacious, ambitious, dominating Scotch-Irish woman of the hills whose husband and children are inevitably moulded to her aim of bettering themselves.

"Tobin Mr. Olmsted insists is no particular town, but let it stand for Murphy, N. C., of which it is undoubtedly the type. The Tobinities of the book are the dwellers or the Murphy hills a generation or so ago, before the coming of the railroad. The society recorded is that of an older America surviving quietly in an isolated spot while most of the continent resounds with the clamor of progress.

As the story tells, the family moved to Jacksonville, Florida, when Chester was six years old, returning for happy interludes at home. Thereafter, Chester steps out of the novel—is no longer the character, but the author. Two years at George Washington University, four years music study in Europe, Director of Piano Department at Ithaca conservatory Professor of Piano at Syracuse University, author of two novels published by Holt and Appleton and of short stories in twenty-five magazines, actor on Broadway writer on the Morning Telegraph and the Evening Mail, Moving Picture Title Writer for the Vitagraph and the Scenario Editor, author of 'The Posturer,' a novelette published by Mencken in the Smart Set, and finally retired to his native hills to write the story of Tobin,—such is the story of Stanley Olmsted.

"At Top of Tobin" will appeal to all who love the memories of childhood and all who delight in perceiving new aspects of the American scene, as yet so far from exhausted in our literature. It is pleasant to note the American novel turning away from the drab cynicism of the recent years. The disillusion which experience has brought to Mr. Olmsted does not extend to fundamentals. There is no bitterness in the tang of his irony. He knows life does not have to be prosopetous to be sweet."

## FRAUDULENT BOOK AGENT IN MURPHY

Had samples and literature that Appeared Genuine—Several Murphy People Victims

A letter received last week from J. A. Richards, Inc., prominent publisher of New York, confirmed the growing fears of several Murphy people that they had been taken in by a fraudulent book agent who passed through here on Jan. 20th purporting to be an agent of the above named company. The man traveled under the name of J. L. Mason, although he endorsed checks made out to the J. A. Richards Company as J. A. Richards and cashed them at local banks.

Mason had all the paraphanelia of an agent. He displayed large prospectus sheets to likely customers, showed the bindings and titles under the books would be bound, possessed a supply of printed contracts in the Richards name, and when his right to represent the company was questioned, he readily showed letters addressed to him from the company. This all tended to disarm those who were inclined to be suspicious.

Mason was in Murphy on January 20th and is known to have taken orders for several sets of the books and to have collected money for them. He apparently had come down the Murphy branch from Asheville and claimed to have taken orders for books in all the intermediate towns. It seems that he worked school principals, teachers of English, and others in similar positions.

When here he stated that the books would be delivered in three or four weeks. When this time had passed by and nothing had been heard from the books, a letter was addressed to the publishers making inquiries about the agent. The letter above referred to disclaimed any responsibility for the actions of Mason and stated that the company had been on his trail for some time in an endeavor to apprehend and brought to justice. Nothing has been heard of Mason since he left here on January 20th.

## Chero-Cola Company Erecting Plant Here

Work began last week on the new plant of the Chero-Cola Bottling Company's plant on Depot Street adjacent Gid Laney's and the blacksmith shop of F. E. Palmer. The pillars were set up this week, and the building will be completed early in the spring. Bottling equipment will be installed for mixing Chero-Cola and other soft drinks, and the investment will be about \$10,000.

## WILL PLANT PERMANENT GRASS PASTURES IN CLAY COUNTY

County Agent W. R. Anderson and J. R. Sams plan to cover the bulk of the open land in Clay County with a heavy sod of grass, according to plans which they have begun to put into operation. Nine permanent pasture demonstrations were placed as a result of a recent visit to the county by Mr. Sams. Some work was also begun in the renovation of old pastures.

Mr. Sams, is advising for the county a grass mixture composed of Kentucky, Blue grass, Orchard grass, Tall Meadow, Oat grass, Timothy and Herds grass. With sweet clover and lespedza. On the low soggy lands, some Dallis grass will be tried.

Mr. Anderson states that the Clay County Farmers Co-operative Association has been capitalized with a paid-in capital of \$1,000 with which to do business during the coming year. In a semi-organized way, this association has saved over \$2,000 for its members in the last six months.—Extension News.

## Rev. Dickey Pastor At Williamston, N. C. Instead of Lagrange

The Rev. C. H. Dickey is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Williamston, N. C., instead of Lagrange, Ga., as was stated in an article relative to his gift of books to the library three weeks ago. This statement is gladly corrected.