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ROAD PROGRAM IS DISCUSSED BY LIONS CLUB

Regular Meeting Monday Night Well Attended—Road Committee Appointed

The road program of Cherokee county came up for discussion at the regular meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday night at the parlors of the Methodist Church. Sixteen of the members were present, and all concurred that it was the best and most enthusiastic meeting the club has held in some time.

A committee was appointed to confer with state authorities with reference to the road situation in Cherokee county. The Lions went on record as favoring a definite decision at once on the road the state is to take over to Tennessee from this county, so that when the next general assembly meets some legislation can be enacted that will assure the road being built and hardsurfaced at sometime within the near future.

The Patterson Hill project was discussed at length, and it was pointed out that Mr. Dockery had asked members of the Lions Club to help devise some ways and means of securing the necessary funds to regrade this hill and eliminate the short and dangerous curves. The committee was instructed to take this matter up with the State Highway Commission also.

The Lions are actively engaged in the progress and welfare of the community. Recently they were instrumental in having Patterson Hill repaired, and more recently were instrumental in bringing the Murphy Steam Laundry to this city, and now are turning their attention to better roads all over the county, and action on the proposed route to Tennessee. As someone has said, action is what the Lions crave.

School Presents "The Christmas Child Comes In"

Beautiful Christmas Spirit Pictured in Dramatization From Story by Zona Gale

"The Christmas Child Comes In," was the title of the beautiful play presented Friday night by the members of the faculty and pupils of the local school and one or two from the outside.

It fittingly ushered in the Christmas holiday season, and marked the closing of the school for the holidays.

The play was accompanied by a number of well known Christmas hymns sung by the high school chorus class. It was a dramatization of the story by Zona Gale of the same title.

The cast of characters follows: Jenny Rule—Eloise Fain.

Ebenezer Rule—H. G. Elkins.

Mrs. Rule—Mrs. B. W. Sipe.

Simeon Buck—Franklin Smith.

Abel Ames—Noah Hembree.

John Affer—W. C. Boyce.

Mary Chavah—Mrs. E. C. Mallonee.

Mrs. Bates—Miss Mary F. Roberts.

Mrs. Winslow—Miss Annie M. Wilson.

Mrs. Moran—Miss Blanche Howard.

Henry Moran—E. W. Sipe.

Emily Moran—Margaret Witherspoon.

Mrs. Ames—Miss Nannie Dickson.

Ellen Buck—Dorothy Highway.

Tab Wilson—Tom Posey.

Bennett Bates—Samuel Teague.

Gussie Bates—Blanche Logan.

James Buck—Elbert Mallonee, Jr.

Hiram Winslow—Richard Mauney.

Mortimer Bates—Gaines Elkins.

Buff Mies—Lloyd Hendrix.

Christmas Child "Yes"—Hazel Logan.

We are glad to learn that Mr. B. W. Sipe, Superintendent of Murphy School is convalescing rapidly from a severe attack of influenza.

NEW HIGHWAY OPENS NORTH, SOUTH TRAFFIC

Appalachian Scenic Route, From Canada to Gulf of Mexico, 85 Percent Hardsurfaced

By Harvey Holleman.

Canada is now linked with the Gulf of Mexico by a new international artery for motor tourists, designated as the Appalachian Scenic Highway. It follows the crest of the Appalachian Mountain Range and is conceded to be the long distance wonder tour of Eastern America. Travelers have recently made the trip in record time from Montreal to Atlanta and Florida points. This route is now 85 per cent hardsurfaced and is 100 miles the shortest paved highway between the points. Motorists declare that the "ASH" is destined to become the most popular North and South all-weather route available through the Eastern portion of the United States. Thousands of tourists will now for the first time use this new "ribbon of concrete" from the territory of Montreal and Quebec on the St. Lawrence River to Tampa and New Orleans on the Gulf of Mexico.

The ASH route is officially designated as one of the best long distance paved highways in the United States. It traverses and connects the prominent motor vacationists' playgrounds of Eastern America. Many of the principal points of scenic interest are on or near the ASH route, including the proposed National Parks in Virginia and Western North Carolina. Long distance travelers destined to any point in any of the thirteen states traversed by the ASH can use this paved route the greater portion of the distance to reach any desired destination.

From North to South, the ASH touches the following points: Quebec, Montreal, Plyattsburg, Lake Champlain, Burlington, Lake Dunmore, Rutland, Lake George, Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Albany, Binghamton, Scranton, Sunbury, Harrisburg, Gettysburg, Bristol, Johnson City, Burnsville, Asheville, Waynesville, Bryson City, Murphy, Blairsville, Gainesville, Lawrenceville, Stone Mountain and Atlanta, with diverging routes to Tampa and New Orleans.

It will be surprising to many that a straight line drawn from Quebec to Pensacola on a map of the United States will prove almost identical with the route of the ASH. The ASH is composed of links approved by the Committee of the American Highway Commission for Marking Federal Highways. No other highway in Eastern America contains so many miles of paved roads. Plans are being made to eliminate the few missing links in the highways, and shortly the ASH route will be a continuous hardsurfaced road free from dust. Crossing the ASH are twenty important East and West Highways, all of which will prove valuable feeders of the ASH.

Rescoe Marvel, Manager of the Kenilworth Inn, Asheville, North Carolina, is President of the Appalachian Scenic Highway Association. Several years ago, when he began assembling fragments of paved North and South highways in an effort to form the ASH route, he stated that one of the primary purposes of the Association was to make neighbors of our distant friends and to unite them in the work of community development. The Association, therefore, feels that it is impossible to benefit one community without helping the other. Its mission is to induce the largest number of motorists possible to use the ASH, thus giving the cities, towns and communities along the route, increased patronage and closer relationship with other people of Eastern America. One of the very honest desires is to develop the great mountain playgrounds of Eastern America, and thus connect the great Canadian playgrounds with those of Southern States

Chaplin's Love Bark Again On Rocks



"Charlie" Chaplin (in insert), famous screen comedian, is again in marital hot water. His youthful wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, pictured here with their two sons, Charles Jr., and Sidney Earl, has left the luxurious Beverly Hills home and returned to her relatives. Now divorce, separation and alimony rumors are rampant in Los Angeles.

SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY 17TH FOR XMAS HOLIDAYS

The local schools closed one of the most successful fall terms of its history Friday with the presentation of a Christmas play, and will be closed for two weeks for the holidays.

Some of the teachers will go to their respective homes for the holidays, while others will remain in Murphy.

Los Angeles, Calif., December 4, 1926.

To the Editor of The Cherokee

Scout,

My dear Mr. Bailey:

The weekly advent of my Scout always calls to mind the well-known proverb "As cold waters to a thirsty soul so is good news from a far country."

Each column of the paper is read eagerly, especially the Social and Personal items. News of town, churches and school is sure to strike a responsive chord in my soul for I have kept a warm corner in my heart for the people of Cherokee county which no others can occupy. The Golden State is truly wonderful and Los Angeles—City of the Angels is most attractive though not all the inhabitants warrant the title. The best of everything material, intellectual and spiritual comes to the coast and there is always profitable instruction and delightful entertainment at hand.

This is the season when our thoughts turn to dear friends so I wish for you and your little family, together will all my personal friends in Cherokee County, a Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year.

Cordially yours,
LUCRETIA P. KINSEY.

Services will be held at the Episcopal Church at the 11 o'clock hour, Sunday morning, Dec. 19th, conducted by Rev. E. J. Pipes, of Franklin, according to announcement this week by members of the congregation. The public is cordially invited.

The Murphy Welfare Board met Wednesday afternoon at the Regal Hotel. It was decided to send Christmas boxes to several local boys and girls. Who are in school elsewhere bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

One result of the past year's operation of the ASH is to prove that the greatest asset of the Southland today is its ability to co-operate. For instance: The road-building program through the mountains of Western North Carolina has been under the direction of Highway Commissioners James G. Stikeleather and A. M. (Continued on page 7)

NEW LAUNDRY TO OPEN HERE NEXT MONDAY

Enterprise is Headed By Crossley And Gatherings—Need Long Felt For Laundry

The Murphy Laundry will open for business next week, according to announcement given out a few days ago by Messrs. W. J. Crossley and W. C. Gatherings, managers and owners of this new business. The machinery, including washing machines, centrifugal steam dryer, ironing machines, steam boiler for heating and washing, and all the necessary equipment, materials and supplies are ready and adequate to make of this a first class laundry establishment. The new plant is housed in the building of J. W. Davidson, just across the Hiwassee River, formerly occupied by the Gulf Refining Company.

Messrs. Crossley and Gatherings are experienced laundry men. Mr. Gatherings expects to have charge of the inside of the plant while Mr. Crossley will give his attention to the collection and delivery of laundry and such other outside work as may arise. For the present ordinary passenger cars will be used for this work and then as the business grows, suitable trucks will be put on, it was announced.

Murphy has felt the need for such an establishment as this for a long time and should accord it hearty support in order to make it the success it deserves. The hotels and a number of the larger users of the services of a laundry have pledged their support of this new enterprise. Five or six of the officers and members of the Lions Club are giving it their financial backing. With wholehearted support this establishment will fill a long felt need and be a great convenience to the people of this and adjoining communities. Call the laundry this week end and tell them to come for the family wash next week. That is the kind of cooperation that will count.

SEAL SALE STILL ON

The sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals by chairman, Mrs. Wm. Axley and her corps of workers, will continue until Christmas day it was announced this week. In many ways the sale has met with unusual success this year but there are a number of people who have not yet bought seals and the opportunity to do so will be open to them until Christmas day.

As is probably well known, seventy-five percent of the proceeds of this sale is used locally by the Welfare Department for needy tuberculosis work and in the public schools to supply warm lunches to undernourished children, who may otherwise fall victim to this dreadful disease. Last year approximately 2,000 school children over the state were given either milk or lunches. There were about 25 in our own school. The demand is just as pressing this year, and the funds will be sorely needed through the biting winter months of January, February and March.

Mrs. Axley stated that she was grateful for the response that had thus far been made and invites those who have not yet purchased the seals either to see her or some of her workers or call her on the telephone.

Mr. A. E. Davidson is spending a few days in Atlanta.

The Music Club gave a program last Monday at the Woman's Club. Several piano and vocal solos were rendered. Mr. W. C. Boyce, Mesdames E. C. Mallonee, C. W. Savage, Hadley Dickey, J. W. Davidson and E. E. Adams taking part in the performance, which was chosen from the works of the artist Franz Schubert.

PRESIDENT N. C. WOMEN'S CLUB SPEAKS HERE

Murphy Woman's Club Hostess to Mrs. McKee and Andrews Club at Joint Meeting

Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, President of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, was the principal speaker at a joint meeting of the Murphy and Andrews Women's Clubs, at the club room here Wednesday, December 8th, the Murphy club being hostess of the occasion.

The meeting opened with the singing of "America", and Mrs. E. B. Norvell read the Club Woman's Collect, after which Mrs. C. W. Savage rendered a vocal solo, "The Bird With the Broken Wing." Mrs. E. B. Norvell, President of the Murphy Club, then welcomed the distinguished visitors on behalf of the local club and community.

Mrs. McKee's address was mainly along the lines of home life and spirituality in the homes. She stated during the course of her remarks that every woman should belong to the Woman's Club. This organization, she stated, stood for everything that was worthwhile was a benefit to any community, fosters a better community feeling and wholesome fellowship among the women. She also endorsed the legislative program of the State League of Women Voters.

At the suggestion of Mrs. M. E. Cozard, of Andrews, a rising vote of thanks and welcome was given Mrs. McKee at the conclusion of her address.

Mrs. D. H. Tillitt, President of the Andrews Club expressed appreciation of the hospitality of the Murphy Club, and suggested that the special committees appointed by the two clubs wait jointly upon the Cherokee Representative in the next Legislature with reference to the five measures sponsored by the State League of Women Voters.

After these very interesting talks, a piano solo was rendered by Mrs. J. W. Davidson. Salad and ice courses were served. About fifty women of the two clubs were present.

Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary is quilting a quilt for the Maxwell Training School for boys at Franklin, N. C.

Mayor Frank Hill and wife visited in Atlanta a few days and Mrs. Hill will remain to spend the holidays at her home in Rome, Ga.

Miss Mabel Ellis has returned from a prolonged visit in Knoxville with friends. Miss Irene Champion returned with her and will be her house guest during the holidays.