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# SHOAL CREEK ROUTE FAVORED

## DECISION TO TENNESSEE MADE TO INTERSECTION OF TWO ROADS

### CONNECTION WITH CHATTANOOGA IS STATE OBJECTIVE

Stikeleather Renders Decision at Meeting Called By Lions Club Monday Afternoon

Announcing his decision in favor of the lower route as far as the intersection of the Shoal Creek and Hot House roads, as a connection with Tennessee from Cherokee County, James G. Stikeleather, Highway Commissioner of the Ninth North Carolina District, told an audience assembled at the Library Monday afternoon that he wanted to wait until the question he had asked Commissioner Bass, of Tennessee, had been answered before announcing finally which one of these roads would be selected. However, he stated that the Shoal Creek route was favored in this instance because of it having already been constructed to the Tennessee line.

The meeting at which the announcement was made was the result of a special call by the Murphy Lions Club, and was opened shortly after 1 o'clock with the appointment of Ralph Moody, local attorney, as chairman.

All Three Routes Worthy Before announcing his decision, Mr. Stikeleather stated that all three routes—Beaverdam, Hothouse and Shoal Creek—were worthy of great merit, and that he had made a careful study of the benefits to be realized from this connection from the standpoint of both North Carolina and Tennessee. He had gone over all three routes, studied conditions carefully, and wanted to make a decision that would be right, honest and fair, he said.

The Beaverdam route was eliminated, he said, from the fact that already Western North Carolina had three roads now under construction that would give direct connections to Knoxville with No. 10, all west of Asheville.

One of these routes intersected No. 10 at Topton, by way of Robbinsville, Tapoco, Maryville and Knoxville, and by selecting the Beaverdam route the distance to Knoxville from Murphy could not be materially shortened. This, he stated, gave Murphy a direct route to Knoxville and that city a direct route to Atlanta via Murphy.

Another route left No. 10 at Ella, near Whittier and Bryson City, to Smokemont, Sevierville and Knoxville. A third leaving No. 10 at Lake Junaluska, near Waynesville, to Newport and Knoxville.

Chattanooga Connection In selecting the lower route, Mr. Stikeleather said this would give Murphy and Western North Carolina a direct connection with Chattanooga, the Dixie Highway, which is one of the best known and most extensively advertised routes in the United States. It would also open up a more direct route for the great Mississippi valley, the Southwest and Middle West and give a large number of tourists from those sections an easy access into Western North Carolina and the Smoky Mountain Park, and Murphy and the towns in this immediate section would certainly benefit largely by such a connection.

Chattanooga, too, he said had been endeavoring for sometime to get a direct connection opened into the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina, and this connection was greatly to be desired not only by the Tennesseans but Carolinians as well. It is estimated that the distance between Murphy and Chattanooga is 112 miles, and between Asheville and Chattanooga via Murphy is approximately 237 miles.

Awaits Answer of Bass Mr. Stikeleather stated that he had asked Commissioner Bass, of Tennessee, the question: "Will you meet us with a state road at the junction of the Shoal Creek Route with Tennessee?" This question, asked some

## COMMUNITY XMAS TREE AT BRASSTOWN

The Ladies Community Club of Brasstown, which is a club of ladies from the three communities of Brasstown, Little Brasstown and The Mission, raised funds and provided a community Xmas tree for all the children in this section. These ladies made over 200 beautiful stockings which were filled with various colored candies. A large tree was placed in the Baptist church and literally filled with stockings, pop corn balls, etc., for the children. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreen, and hundreds of yards of pop corn and holly berries which were strung on strings by the children.

The church was packed with children and grown ups. Santa Claus was there in full costume and delighted the children with his antics.

Miss Helen Binyman of Berea, Ky., delivered a beautiful reading on "The Christ Child".

Everybody went away highly pleased. There was plenty of candy, etc. The children had their arms full, and there was plenty left for the older men who filled their pockets.

## MARTINS CREEK

Rev. C. F. Conley filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church, last Sunday. Four new members were added to our church.

Miss Mae Chatham spent Xmas with friends and relatives at Suit, N. C.

The many friends of Mr. Wayne Crisp will learn with regret that he was badly hurt Saturday afternoon when his car collided with another.

Mr. Perley Crisp of Tapoco spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Crisp.

Mr. Ernest Hughes entertained a number of friends Thursday night with an apron party.

Mr. J. P. Cable and family moved to Martins Creek last week.

ten days ago, had not been answered, he said.

The reason, it was pointed out, he wanted to wait for an answer to this question was because the Tennessee commissioner had sometime ago stated that he would not consider meeting this route with a state highway from Tennessee. As soon as he had heard from the Tennessee Commissioner, he would make a decision as to the route selected.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Commissioner Stikeleather was given a rising vote of confidence and thanks, which was practically unanimous, only one or two failing to stand. The meeting was attended by citizens prominently identified with and interested in the road work from all sections of the county.

This decision was heralded as news of far reaching consequence by those assembled. The history of the selection of this road has been drawn out over a period of several years. First, the Shoal Creek route was put up for the Tennessee connection. Later the Beaverdam and Hothouse routes were considered. Engineers were sent over them nearly two years ago and the Hothouse route was recommended. This report brought forth a wave of indignation from the advocates of the other routes which caused a postponement of the decision, until Monday of this week. In the meantime, surveys were made and the Shoal Creek route built, and it now appears that this route will be the one selected finally.

Mr. Stikeleather and Engineer Walker who accompanied him, left Monday afternoon for Asheville.

## LIBRARY IS RECIPIENT OF LARGE GIFT

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. N. Powelson Present Ninety-Five Volumes as Christmas Gift

The Murphy Library is the recipient of ninety-five valuable books as a Christmas gift from Mr. and Mrs. W. V. N. Powelson, of New York, according to announcement coming through Mr. T. N. Bates, manager of the Murphy plant of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company, of which company Mr. Powelson is president.

The books arrived this week and have been turned over to the Librarian, Miss Josephine Heighway, and will be placed on the shelves immediately so that the public will have access to them. Each book carries a neatly printed stamp bearing the words: "Presented to Murphy Carnegie Library by Mr. and Mrs. W. V. N. Powelson, 1926."

This collection is a valuable addition to the local library, and constitutes a gift that will be of untold pleasure and benefit to the people of this section, not only at present, but in generations to come. It is another illustration of the interest the donors have in this section, and the trustees of the library and people of this section are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Powelson for this most valuable of all gifts—books.

The list follows:

- In Chancery—John Galsworthy.
- Saints Progress—John Galsworthy.
- Daniel Boone, Wilderness Scout—Stewart Edward White.
- Love—"Elizabeth".
- North of 36—Emerson Hough.
- The Green Hat—Michael Arlen.
- The Trail of Tecumseh—Paul G. Tomlinson.
- Whipped Cream—Groffrey Moss.
- The Vagabond Duke—George Gibbs.
- Also Ran—Mrs. Baillie Reynolds.
- Rabel—Hugh MacNair Kahler.
- Tales From a Dugout—Arthur Guy Empey.
- The Inevitable—Louis Couperus.
- How to Play Mah Jong—Jean Eray.
- Joan and Peter—H. G. Wells.
- The Conspiracy—Robert Baker and John Emerson.
- First Steps for Little Feet—Charles Foster.
- Plain Tales of the North—Captain Thierry Mallet.
- Simon Called Peter—Robert Kahler.
- Babbitt—Sinclair Lewis.
- The Yellow Horde—Hal G. Everts.
- Two Arrows—W. O. Stoddard.
- The Crepe De Chine Wife—Amy J. Baker.
- Madame Claire—Susan Ertz.
- The Queerness of Celia—Amelie Rives.
- Mr. Stubbs's Brother—James Otis.
- Where the Blue Begins—Christopher Maoley.
- The Research Magnificent—H. G. Wells.
- The House of Quiet—Arthur Christopher Benson.
- 8—SCOUT.
- The Perennial Bachelor—Anne Parrish.
- The Red Lamp—Mary Roberts Rienhart.
- Diana of the Crossways—George Meredith.
- Pinochio—The Adventures of a Marionette—C. Callodi.
- Captives Among the Indians—Horace Kephart.
- In the Old West—Horace Kephart.
- Carpenter's Geographical Reader—Frank G. Carpenter.
- Nonsense Novels—Stephen Leacock.
- The Riddle of the Frozen Flame—Mary E. and Thomas W. Hanshaw.
- Bimby—Stories for Children—Marion L. Kirk.
- The First Hundred Thousand—Jan Hay.
- The Eyes of the World—Harold Bell Wright.
- The Magical Man of Mirth—Elbridge H. Sabin.
- Great Possessions—David Grayson.
- The Plastic Age—Percy Marks.
- Little Foxes—Harriet Beecher

## Bold Bad Bandit



New photo of Mrs. Rebecca Rogers of Austin, Texas, 22 year old co-ed bandit, who is charged with holding up and robbing the Farmers' National Bank at Buda, Texas. When released on bail she went off to be married and faces her after her honeymoon.

- Stowes.
- The Ocean and its Mysteries—A. Hyatt Verrill.
- The Roll-Call—Arnold Bennett.
- The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse—Vicente Blasco Ibanez.
- Mr. Probuck—Arnold Bennett.
- The Party Battles of the Jackson Period—Claude G. Bowers.
- The Age of Innocence—Edith Wharton.
- Abbe Pierre—Jay William Hudson.
- Java Head—Joseph Herbeheimer.
- The Hounds of Spring—Sylvia Thompson.
- Adrift in the Arctic Ice Pack—Elisha Kent Kane, M. D.
- Castaways and Crusoes—Horace Kephart.
- A "Temporary Gentleman" in France—Captain A. J. Dawson.
- Slaves of Destiny—Pearl Dales Bell.
- God and Tone Tewitt—Albert Kinross.
- The Old Maid—Edith Wharton.
- Virginia's Wild Oats—F. E. Bailey.
- His Children's Children—Arthur Train.
- The White Monkey—John Galsworthy.
- The Brassbounder—David W. Hone.
- The Devine Lady—E. Barrington.
- The Shephard of the Ocean—G. I. Whitlam.
- Wife of the Centour—Cyril Hume.
- Songs and Music of Froebel's Mother play—Susan E. Blow.
- Carpenter's Geographical Reader—Frank G. Carpenter.
- The Little French Girl—Anne Douglas Sedgwick.
- Firth Through the Grand Canyon—Major John Wesley Powell.
- Hobart Pasha—Augustus Charles Hobart-Hampden.
- The Gold Hunters—J. D. Forthwick.
- The Lion Hunter—Roaleyn Gordon Cummings.
- The Silver Spoon—John Galsworthy.
- The Great Catby—F. Scott Fitzgerald.
- The Splendid Outcast—George Gibbs.
- Peeps at Many Lands—New Zealand—P. A. Vaile.
- Will Shakespeare's Little Ben—Inogene Clark.
- Over the Footlights—Stephen Leacock.
- The Day's Journey—W. B. Maxwell.
- Tarzan the Terrible—Edgar Rice Burroughs.
- What I Saw in America—G. K. Chesterton.
- The School in the Home—A. A. Berle, A. M., D. D.
- Captain Cook's Voyages—Lieut. Charles R. Law.
- The Enchanted April—"Elizabeth".
- Story of the Thirteen Colonies—H. A. Guerber.
- Harlequin and Columbine—Booth Tarkington.
- Eager Vines—Bonnie Busch.
- Tales of Chinatown—Sax Rahmer.
- The White Queen—William Stearns Davis.
- Beasts, Men and Gods—Ferdinand Ossendowski.
- Mr. Leon Ellis, of Canton, returned to his home Thursday after having spent a week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ellis, and family.

## FORMER MURPHY WOMAN DIES AT BRYSON CITY

Funeral of Mrs. L. A. Enloe Held Wednesday—Was Daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Dewessee

Mrs. L. A. Enloe, 36 years old, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Dewessee, and well known in Murphy and Cherokee county, died Tuesday at her home in Bryson City after an illness of short duration.

Mrs. Enloe formerly lived in Murphy. She leaves nine children, the eldest being 18, and the husband is seriously ill and not expected to live.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and interment was in Bryson City cemetery. She is survived by her husband, and nine children: Jack, Glen, L. A., Jr., Drew, William, James, Mary, Hazel and Ruth; her mother, Mrs. Mary Dewessee, of Murphy; one brother, Lewis Dewessee, of Knoxville; four sisters, Mrs. G. M. Spurlin, of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. J. L. Bell, of Owsen, Ga.; Mrs. Martin Kinzel and Miss Hazel Dewessee, of Atlanta, Ga.

## NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina is the land, Which we all should love and praise. It's the land of heroes grand derived from ancestral days. Now I'll give a few remarks of how we gained our land and fame, And tell you all I know about, How we obtained our loyal name. Raleigh with his little fleet, In the days of long ago, Sailed across the ocean wide, From a distant land we know, And his ship did finally drift, To a land that's now so fine, The capitol of our state today, Bears the name of monarch's friend, Our mountains in North Carolina, Provide us with scenery so great, Our valleys, hills and rivers Give us happiness in our state, And the moon, stars and planets Shine down on our land at night, To make our state more beautiful, By giving us beautiful light, There are forty-eight states in the union, The greatest of all is ours, The Old North State forever Will maintain its ruling powers, So I will go no farther, But I hope you have it in your head That the Old North State is coming to the front, With Cherokee in the lead. —Comer Garrett.

## PEACHTREE

Mr. Will Moore of Charlotte spent the holidays here with his father, Mr. Newt Moore.

Miss Mary Jarrett is spending several days with relatives in Hayesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Merch and two sons, Ralph and Paul, of Chimney Rock, N. C., spent several days here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Suddath of Jefferson, Georgia, spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Suddath.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis and Miss Emily Davis of Charlotte visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Blaine Carringer of Robbinsville visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. J. K. Stiles is spending several days with relatives in Bryson City.

Mr. Wilbur McCombs of Charlotte spent the holidays here with home folks.

Mr. Harry Ferguson of Miami, Florida, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sallie Ferguson.

Miss Clara McCombs who teaches

## ROAD LEADERS GIVEN NEW LIFE AT MEET MON.

Discussion Afterwards Varied, But Plans For Forwarding Work Being Formulated

The road program as affecting Cherokee County was given impetus by the meeting and decision of Commissioner Stikeleather here Monday afternoon. The leaders were also given new life, and the meeting is believed by those in attendance to have been one of far reaching importance. Although no definite program was agreed upon, plans for forwarding the road work in the county are being formulated.

It was pointed out that this visit of the Ninth District Commissioner was the first one in a long time that he had made and gone away in as pleasant mood, and certainly those with whom he talked felt greatly relieved over the settlement of a question that had kept the spirit of all sections of the county, and especially road leaders, at a high tension of anxiety for more than two years.

## Comments Varied

The comments after the meeting were many and varied. However, a majority seemed to think that the Shoal Creek route was the only logical one for the Tennessee connection from the standpoint of county finances. It was pointed out that Mr. Stikeleather had expressed himself as being more favorable to this route; that it was already built over the greater distance from the Tennessee line to its junction with No. 10; and that, in view of the county's already heavily bonded indebtedness, an additional bond issue to complete another road at this time would not carry.

Some brought forward the argument of Commissioner Stikeleather with regard to the fact that he had given this county more than its pro rata share of state bond money in the past. One project in the county that certainly needs attention is that portion of No. 10 between Andrews and Topton, which calls for hard surfacing and ought to be done as soon as possible. It perhaps will be one of the first projects in the ninth district to be let under the forthcoming state bond issue. This will take a considerable amount, and in all probability consume Cherokee's share of this issue, yet Commissioner Stikeleather said he was going to do all he could for Cherokee and the connection with Chattanooga.

## Would Turn Money Over to State

The Lion's committee approached members of the county road commission on the matter of turning over to the state the fifty thousand dollars which had been agreed would be available for use on the route selected as the Tennessee connection, let the state match it with funds, finish building the road and thus take any further responsibility in its construction off the county. This suggestion was received favorably and it is expected that a contract will be sought with the state toward this end.

## To Survey Patterson Hill

The Lions committee also made arrangements with Commissioner Stikeleather while here whereby Patterson hill would be surveyed, with a view to both relocating the road and using the old one, and an estimate of cost in both instances. This the commissioner said would be done at once. Where the money would come from, he did not know, and it was suggested that the county advance the state a loan to care for this and let it be returned in a later bond issue, in the event the county's share in the next issue was consumed otherwise. He said it might also be borrowed from the maintenance fund.

at Etowah, Tenn., spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCombs.

Several of the young folks enjoyed the dance Tuesday night given by Mr. U. P. Etherage.