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Angelico Gap Connection Assured

HOTHOUSE IS FINAL WINNER IN SELECTION

Declaring his final decision in favor of the Hothouse route as a connection from Cherokee county with Tennessee at Angelico Gap, in a letter to The Scout this week, Commissioner J. G. Stikeleather, of the Ninth North Carolina Highway District, stated that he had definitely made up his mind to recommend to the State Highway Commission that this road be selected.

This action came as a result of the announcement of State Highway Commissioner C. N. Bass of Tennessee that the only permanent connection Tennessee would make with North Carolina would be at Angelico Gap. At a recent conference with a committee of the Lion's Club, Mr. Stikeleather stated that he preferred the Shoal Creek route, but the action of the Tennessee authorities compelled him to make a selection of the Hothouse route.

In his letter, Mr. Stikeleather stated that he would be in Murphy about noon on the 11th, but would have nothing to add to this decision. He arrived ahead of the letter and stated that he had written accordingly. His letter follows in full:

Asheville, N. C.,
January 10, 1927.

Editor, Cherokee Scout,
Murphy, N. C.

Dear Sir:
After having conferred with Mr. C. N. Bass very fully on the matter of a Tennessee connection he advises strongly for the Angelico Gap on the ground that Tennessee will in the next 3 to 5 years build a new road up the Ocoee River which will make a better and shorter connection with Chattanooga. He states that in connecting with Shoal Creek this would have to be temporary and he states further that the Kimsey Highway is a scenic highway and that he does not feel it is a proper highway to carry the great trunk line travel that will come from Chattanooga, Murphy, and Western North Carolina.

For this reason I am constrained to select a connection with Angelico Gap, called the Hot House route as the one which I shall recommend to the N. C. State Highway Commission. My reason for suggesting the Shoal Creek route at the recent meeting in Murphy was that the expense of this route would be much less than the Hot House route and that the Shoal Creek route was the shortest in its connection with the Kimsey highway; however, in view of the position taken by Mr. Bass and of the fact that we cannot spend our money on the temporary connection I hereby, as above stated, offer my recommendation for the Hot House route.

I shall be in Murphy on Tuesday, the 11th, about noon and may call in your office; however, I expect to have nothing to add to this statement unless something develops in the meantime.

Very truly yours,
J. G. STIKELEATHER,
Commissioner.

This decision of Commissioner Stikeleather brings to a definite conclusion a problem of more than three years standing. There have been advocated in the county for this connection not only the Hothouse and Shoal Creek routes, but also the Beaverdam route, all three of which connect with Tennessee. The matter of selecting the particular route was left to Mr. Stikeleather and his engineers. It was not until this week that Mr. Stikeleather made known his final selection. It is expected that the county will maintain the two other routes so that after all the county

COUNTY COURT ABOLISHED BY COMMISSIONERS

Step Made Necessary On Account of Cutting Expenses of County

At the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, the General County Court was abolished by special order of the board, to take effect as soon as the docket can be cleaned up and transferred to the Superior Court docket.

This action was taken in view of the fact that the commissioners are seeking to curtail expenditures at every point possible. The burning of the court house last year has brought on a lot of expense to the county, which made it necessary to take this action, it was announced.

THREE STILLS AND 1,800 GALS. BEER DESTROYED

Sheriff Birchfield and Deputies Make Big Haul In Unaka Section Recently

Three stills and from 1,500 to 1,800 gallons of beer and mash were recently destroyed by Sheriff D. M. Birchfield and Deputies, Jim Rose, Cody Clayton and George Crawford. The stills were located under what is known as the Wolf Knob, near Unaka, and were located within one quarter mile of each other the officers stated.

The stills were deserted at the time of the raid, but showed evidences that they had been operated for some time, and the officers were certain that the operators contemplated continuing the gentle routine of making moonshine, if about 1,800 gallons of beer and mash could be considered as any evidence.

No arrests were made.

ALMANAC PREDICTED FLORIDA HURRICANES

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, that both of the recent Florida storms, namely, that of September 17th and that of October 19th, were predicted by Professor DeVoe in the 1926 Edition of the Ladies Birthday Almanac, published by The Chattanooga Medicine Co., of Chattanooga, Tenn.

and Murphy in particular will have three connections with Tennessee. The Hothouse route will make a short route to Chattanooga and other Tennessee cities and it is expected to bring much of the Great Lakes travel by way of Murphy on its journey South and then back North.

Mr. Stikeleather was enroute to Atlanta and Miami, Fla., when he stopped over in Murphy. He was accompanied by Roscoe Marvel of Asheville, President of the Appalachian Scenic Highway, and Kelley E. Bennett of Bryson City. In Atlanta his party expected to be joined by Major John H. Cohen, President and Editor and Harlee Branch, City Editor of The Journal, and the five were to proceed to Tampa to select a route for the Appalachian Scenic Highway from Atlanta to the Florida city.

I'LL SAY SO!

Grandmother: "I suppose you have to stay up very late at college."
Grandson: "Yes, but really, Grandmother, it's worth it."

TRADE AT HOME LEST THIS BE YOUR EXPERIENCE ALSO

A well known citizen of Murphy, finding himself in need of some special footwear to brave the wintry weather of January and February, turned to the catalogue of a well known mail order house where he found listed an eighteen inch boot at \$7.95, which he considered a satisfactory price. He forwarded his check and in due course the boots came, but were sixteen inch instead of eighteen inch boots. He bundled them up and paid the postage for their return; also spent another two cents, some stationery and valuable time writing to explain to the mail order house that he had ordered eighteen instead of sixteen inch boots. He waited, and again in the course of time the said mail order house sent him the very same pair of sixteen inch boots again. Again he bundled them up, paid postage for their return again in the sum of 24 cents, and wrote another letter asking that his check in the sum of \$7.95 be returned to him.

He then went to a local merchant and found the merchant selling an eighteen inch boot precisely of the same make and he thinks of better quality, for only \$7.00.

This particular individual will probably get his \$7.95 back in a few days and pay for the boots at the local store, the store that pays tax to the county of Cherokee and Town of Murphy, that helps support Murphy's school and Churches and other similar enterprises, and put the 95 cents in his pocket. But he will never get the 24 cents back he paid in postage on each of two occasions in returning goods he did not order nor will he get back the time and effort spent in ordering from the mail order house which pays no tax in Murphy and does nothing to support any of the public institutions and charities of Murphy and Cherokee County.

But he says that he has learned his lesson. If he has, it was cheap at that. No doubt others could relate similar experiences.

WHO HAS READ THE SCOUT LONGEST?

The Scout is in receipt of several letters this week in regard to the question "Who has read The Scout longest?" which was asked in these columns last week. A proposition was made to give one year's subscription to the five subscribers who had read this paper longest without interruption. It is regretted that space doesn't permit to carry the letters this week. The proposition is still open, and the letters will be carried next week.

How long have you been reading The Scout?

N. C. U. Alumni Meet, Organize County Ass'n.

At a meeting of the Alumni of the University of North Carolina of Cherokee County on January 7, the Cherokee County Association was formed with F. O. Christopher as President, Ralph Moody as Vice-President and J. H. Axley as Secretary and Treasurer. Chase Tatham of Andrews, N. W. Abernathy of Marble and D. Whitherspoon of Murphy were elected members of the Board of Directors. It is expected that the annual meeting of the organization will be held each year during the Christmas holidays.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS FOR YEAR \$11,385

Records Show Gain in 1926 Over 1925 of \$356.00 Says Postmaster Dickey

Receipts for the local post office during the year 1926 are \$11,385.86 according to information given out this week by Postmaster A. B. Dickey. These figures represent a gain over 1925 of \$356.24, the books show.

These receipts includes and is represented entirely by stamps, stamp paper and parcel post revenue actually sold in the local office, and does not include such items as money orders fees and C. O. D. fees. The receipts of the local post office have showed a steady gain for the past several years, and Mr. Dickey is well pleased with prospects for even further gain in 1927.

The amount of mail passing through this post office daily is tremendous, an average of 6,000 letters daily, incoming and out going, are handled which do not include the packages received and disbursed at this office. This post office occupies a peculiar position in the Dept., being distributing point for offices in Clay county, N. C., Towns County, Ga., and for the lower end of Cherokee county.

The Post Office Money Order business handled through this office is exceptionally heavy, averaging about \$6,000 per month. This includes only the Money Orders issued. During the month of December there were 650 Money Orders issued by local authorities, and 168 paid. The insured packages for December number 883, and Postmaster Dickey stated that there were three ordinary, or uninsured packages handled to every one insured.

These figures are interesting and present a fairly conceivable idea of the amount of business handled by Postmaster Dickey, and his efficient corps of clerks and also something of the amount of business Uncle Sam is receiving by the patrons in Murphy and vicinity.

NEWS ITEMS OF LAST WEEK

January 5th. The United States landed more Marines in Nicaragua to protect American life and property.

President Coolidge disapproves building of three new cruisers, backed by the House.

British having trouble with Chinese. Mobs invade and overrun English Concession. United States and British Warships sent to shell Hankow.

Jan. 6th. Six more warships and 400 more Marines sent to Nicaragua. The Navy department said the purpose of this dispatch of additional troops and ships was to enable Admiral Latimer to "thoroughly protect" American lives and property in the war-torn Central American country.

Fire destroyed the Administration building of Lenoir-Rhyne College at Hickory early Tuesday morning causing a loss estimated at \$100,000. Origin of fire undetermined.

Several fairly heavy earth shocks were felt in the Imperial Valley of California early Thursday morning of last week.

AGED MURPHY WOMAN DIED ON SATURDAY

Funeral Services Held Monday For Mrs. Anna L. Hayes—Interment at Tomotla

Mrs. Anna L. Hayes, nee Beal, 74 years old, widow of the late Hugh Hayes, died Saturday night at the home of her brother, R. R. Beal, in Bealtown. Mrs. Hayes had been in ill health for nearly a year.

She was a member of the Episcopal Church here for sixty years, and was one of Murphy's oldest and most beloved women.

Funeral services were held at the residence of R. R. Beal, in Bealtown Monday morning at 10 o'clock, by the Rev. E. J. Pipes, of Franklin, and in the court house last year has brought termment was at Tomotla.

She is survived by two brothers, R. R. Beal and L. F. Beal; two sisters, Miss Mary Beal, all of Murphy, and Mrs. J. T. Hayes, of Tomotla.

BUILDING AND LOAN ELECTS 1927 OFFICERS

Plans Made to Sell Stock in Seventh Series Which Is Open During January

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Murphy Building and Loan Association was held in the Directors Room of the Bank of Murphy on January 8th. At this meeting officers for the ensuing year were elected and plans made for selling a large block of stock in the seventh series which is open all during the month of January.

Former President D. Whitherspoon, having tendered his resignation, Vice-President W. M. Fain was elected President. W. W. Hyde was made Vice-President and B. W. Sipe was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. Messrs. P. C. Hyatt, J. V. Barnett and J. H. Phaup were elected members of the Loan Committee, and the officers and loan committee and R. F. Williamson were constituted the Board of Directors of the Association.

The By-Laws of the Association were amended so as to allow the transference of the loan privilege with the transfer of stock. It was thought that this feature might stimulate interest in the Association on the part of those interested in real estate.

The second Monday night in each month was designated as the time for the Director's meetings.

Dues will be received at any time at the business office of the Cherokee Scout on the second floor of the Fain Building, where the Secretary-Treasurer maintains the office of the Association. Applications for stock and other information may also be secured here or from any of the officers at any time. The Association has been a potent factor in the development of Murphy and it is expected to be even more useful as time goes on.

A LITTLE LATE

Percy: "Oh, I have the most glorious news!"

Esther (his cousin): "What is it?"

Percy: "Peggy has promised to be my wife!"

Esther: "So that's what you call news! A month ago she asked me to be her bridesmaid."