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STIKELEATHER REVEALS PLAN FOR DISTRICT

To Be a Big Factor in Plans for Highways in Western North Carolina

(Asheville Times.)

Most any road or highway in North Carolina is, in the nature of the situation, a scenic or highway. Magnificently by the "nature" of the situation, James G. Stikeleather, ninth highway commissioner, means like the meaning of "state highway" in his district. To that Stikeleather is shaping all plans for new highways and high-ways improvements.

Last week Mr. Stikeleather stated five recommendations for any highway improvement program in his mountain jurisdiction to state highway commission, and of the five are distinct scenic projects. Mr. Stikeleather's philosophy of highways, as applied to North Carolina, is that while the straight line is the shortest distance between two points, it very rarely is not the best way. Water-panoramas of grand mountains, rivers and crooked mountain paths, gorges and forests, mean more to Mr. Stikeleather than straight lines in his highway calculations. There's as much sentiment and artistic feeling in Mr. Stikeleather's highway projects as rock and concrete. Moreover, the rock and concrete will eventually wear out but the magnificent scenery will remain forever.

Three Scenic Proposals

Three recommendations, with scenic advantages a chief condition, in Mr. Stikeleather's program of five projects, are:

Immediate taking over for maintenance of the 50-mile stretch Bryson City down the Tennessee river and skirting the Great Smoky Mountain National Park on the south. This project has already been investigated and the facts and figures are now in the hands of the highway commission.

Resurfacing of Highway No. 28 in Haywood county. This is the stretch from Hayesville east to Lin. An important link in a great one-day trip drive from Asheville to Murphy, through Hendersonville, Brevard, the Lake Toxaway, Cashiers, Highlands, Franklin, Hayesville and return from Hayesville via Andrews, Bryson City, and Waynesville.

Adoption of the routing of the Lin to Highlands highway (on the scenic drive as No. 2) to follow the Cullasaja river, to make a magnificent scenic route, rather than accept an easier and less scenic route which leaves the river out of many of the scenic attractions.

Park Draws Eyes Of Country

With the recent announcement of a \$5,000,000 Rockefeller donation to the Great Smoky National Park, and definitely assuring the realization of that fond, long dream of North Carolina and east Tennessee, the eyes of the country, and the eyes of the Mississippi, turned to this state to watch for the early development of a new wonderland for the people. The only reason why the Smokies are hardly known is there hasn't been any way for the people to get into them. It is now the business of North Carolina and Tennessee to provide adequate highways to the new national park readily accessible from the principal cross-roads traffic-arteries into the two states. Tennessee has already got to business on her part of this project. The roads through the park will, of course, be provided by

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MR. J. A. (OSE) POWELL DEAD

Mr. Ose Powell died at Grady Smith's, Andrews, Saturday afternoon at five o'clock, March 24, 1928, and was buried at old Valley River Church Sunday afternoon, March 26. He was gently laid beside his wife, who preceded him about ten years.

Mr. Powell was probably eighty-four years old. A brief funeral service was conducted by his long standing friend and brother-in-law, Rev. A. B. Smith.

Outside of his wife's folks, Mr. Powell leaves no near relatives, other than the Bailey Meroney family, in this country, but his friends are many.

WEEKLY PAPER TO BE STARTED AT ANDREWS

G. C. Gaston Will Publish Papers For Andrews And Graham County

G. C. Gaston, who recently took over the management of the Graham County News, will also publish a paper for Andrews, beginning this week, both papers to be published in Andrews.

Lack of available space for printing equipment in Robbinsville caused Mr. Gaston to negotiate with the owners of a plant in Andrews which has not been in use for two or three years.

He has arranged to purchase the Andrews equipment, it is said, and to operate it in the place it is now stored.

With considerable experience in handling weekly newspapers, Mr. Gaston is promised the support of the people of Graham county in running the Graham County News, and he has already been assured about 300 subscriptions to the Andrews paper.

Parent-Teacher Ass'n. To Meet Next Week

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held Friday afternoon of next week at 3:15. An interesting program is being planned and it is hoped that a large representation will be present. As for the past two meetings, a framed motto will be presented to the grade which has the greatest percent of parents present.

SLIDE PLACED ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

The slide for the playground at school given by E. P. Hawkins, was recently placed on the school ground and is being enjoyed by a great many of the children. Before and after school and during the recess periods scores of children may be found in line taking their turn on the slide. Also, it is not without its users on Saturdays and other holidays.

Announcement was made at the last meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Mr. Hawkins' willingness to donate the slide provided it was wanted. The Association by a rising vote of thanks accepted the offer and the slide was ordered immediately. It is a fourteen foot slide and represents the first piece of playground material of this character placed on the local campus. Other playground devices are badly needed and similar gifts from other citizens or business houses or other agencies or organizations would be welcomed.

LIONS SEEK GOLF COURSE FOR MURPHY

Appoint Committee at Meeting Tuesday Night to Assist in Making Arrangements for Marking Fort Butler

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Lions Club was held Tuesday night at the Maples, with thirteen members present, but the number did not prove unlucky for a good meeting was the result.

Reports from the members in regard to the possibility of securing a site for a golf course was heard and the golf club committee was increased in size and instructed to make further investigations and report at the next meeting. Lions Adams, Cooper, Hoover and Ellis were appointed to assist Lion Gray in further investigations and Lion Witherspoon was made an advisory member of the Committee.

It was brought to the attention of the club that there was some possibility of the Southern Railway discontinuing trains Nos. 17 and 18 on the Murphy branch. The Lions discussed the effect this would have on our section and drew up a resolution to be sent to the Corporation Commission and the proper railway officials asking that these trains be maintained on this division.

A committee consisting of Lion Sipe, Witherspoon and Hawkins was appointed to arrange for the proper marking and dedication of the site of old Fort Butler of Cherokee Indian days, established within the limits of what is now Murphy nearly one hundred years ago for the purpose of rounding up the Cherokees and sending them to Oklahoma and Indian territory. Lion Cooper was designated to appear before the Mayor and Board of Commissioners and ask that the site donated some three years ago to the Town by the Tarheel Development Company at the head of the L. & N. be put in shape and that steps be taken to have the marker prepared sometime ago by the Regal Blue Marble Company placed on the site. The above mentioned committee was asked to arrange for exercises at the proper time.

Future meetings of the club will be held in rooms over the Brittain & Axley Hardware store where the club decided to rent rooms for this purpose. For a long time the club met in the social rooms of the M. E. Church, but for the past month or so has been without a permanent meeting place. Lion Fain donated serving tables for the new rooms and the American Legion chairs are expected to be available. Just what arrangements will be made for serving meals remains to be worked out.

List of Jurors drawn for Superior Court Term of April 1928 which convenes April 2nd, 1928, Cherokee County, N. C.

First Week

Grady Smith, R. B. Cole, C. J. Marcus, J. M. Lovingood, G. F. Rose, W. G. Holland, T. J. King, T. M. Rice, N. W. Abernathy, John Killian, E. E. Dockery, R. L. Donley, W. K. Derreberry, Ed Raxter, W. E. Payne, D. A. Harper, W. H. Hughes, J. W. Davidson, Walter B. Dockery, J. V. Parker, E. P. Hawkins, G. F. Hendrix, D. V. Carringer, A. A. Fain, W. D. Burrell, N. E. Dockery, M. E. Mill's, U. S. G. Phillips, Grover Carpenter, J. B. Hall, J. A. Bettis, W. W. Ashe, C. D. Dorsey, Percy B. Ferebee, J. C. Parker.

Second Week

E. B. Barber, G. C. Patterson, Will Dockery, W. E. Waldroup, N. B. Graham, J. U. Farmer, P. H. Williamson, Hiawasse, N. C., Walter W. Hyde, M. F. Farmer, Fess Davis, J. H. McClure, J. W. Phillips, Edward Lovingood, J. P. Garrett, J. W. Walker, Jasper Dyer, Wm. P. Payne, B. H. Mintz.

MISSION RALLY AT MURPHY

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Raleigh, General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and his associate, Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, Raleigh, have arranged several series of Mission Rallies or Catch-up Rallies throughout the State to be held during March and April with a view to rallying all the Baptists in the State to support more liberally all the objects included in their co-operative program before the close of the fiscal year of the Southern Baptist Convention April 30, and Murphy is included in the itinerary.

For several months the Centennial Campaign has occupied the center of the stage in Baptist circles. Dr. Maddry and his associates are now endeavoring to catch up the slack on the missions and benevolence budget. Several of these rallies have already been held in the central and eastern sections of the State with very successful results. Not only the pastors but a group of representative laymen and women from each church is invited to attend the rally most convenient. In each case the meeting will begin at 10 in the morning and will hold not later than 3 o'clock.

The following schedule of appointments has been made for the Associations in this section of the State; Tuckasee at Cullowhee, Wednesday, April 11; Tennessee River at Bryson City, Thursday, April 12; Western North Carolina at Murphy, Friday, April 13; Macon County at Franklin, Monday, April 16.

In addition to the inspirational addresses by the visitors, time will be given for a round-table discussion of any problems that may be presented.

2 NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR CHEROKEE CO.

Bids Being Advertised To Let Contracts on April 3rd.

The Board of Education of Cherokee County is advertising for bids for two new schoolhouses for the county to be built during the coming spring and summer. County Superintendent A. L. Martin is receiving the bids at his office in the local courthouse and if a satisfactory bid is received contracts will be let on Tuesday, April 3, at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education. One of the proposed buildings is to be built at Peachtree, about seven miles from Murphy up the Hiawasse river, and is to replace an antiquated wooden building at that place. It is expected that this building, which will be modern in every respect, will cost around thirty thousand dollars. The other structure is to be built in the Martin's Creek section about five miles from Murphy and is expected to serve a consolidated school district in that section of the county. It will be located near Highway No. 10 and will be accessible to the entire Martin's Creek Valley. This structure will cost from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars, it is thought.

Plans for these buildings were secured from the State Department of Education at Raleigh and their construction will be supervised by the state architect. These buildings were contemplated last year but for several reasons were not built. However, their speedy construction is now contemplated so that now they will be ready for the opening of school the latter part of August.

NEW BUILDING GOING UP ON HENESA CORNER

Another Old Land Mark Giving Way For Modern Two Story Brick Structure

A modern two story office and business structure to be erected on the Hennesa Corner and to be completed during the next three or four months was announced this week by Dr. N. B. Adams and Dr. Edw. E. Adams.

The work of tearing down and salvaging the old residence building was begun this week by Dennis Barnett, local building contractor, who also has the contract for erecting the new building. This work is expected to be completed this week and excavations for the foundations of the new building begun.

The new structure is to be of brick, of modern architectural design, two stories and basement. It will front 76 feet on Valley River Avenue, and extend back to a depth of 99 feet. The first floor will contain four store or business rooms while the second story will contain eight suites of offices and one apartment, the apartment to be occupied by Dr. and Mrs. N. B. Adams. It is understood that all space in the building has been rented with the exception of two offices on the second floor.

The tearing down of the old residence building on the Hennesa corner marks the passing of another old land mark in the march of progress in Murphy. It was in this old building that the visiting lawyers and judges made their abode when attending court here many years ago, when it was then one of the finest inns in western North Carolina. It also used to be the center of Murphy's social life, and its floors have creaked time and again to the merry skip of the old time dance.

The building was erected in the years of 1868 and 1869 by Col. J. H. Hennesa, father of Mrs. Elizabeth Posey and Mrs. J. F. Abernathy. Mrs. Posey is the widow of the late Col. Ben Posey, one of the most noted criminal lawyers of his day, and Mrs. Abernathy is the widow of the late Dr. J. F. Abernathy.

The real estate on which the building is to be erected is owned by Dr. N. B. Adams, a native of this county and a practicing physician of Murphy for the past fifteen years. His son, Dr. E. E. Adams, also a physician, is associated with his father in the building of the new structure. The Doctors Adams, who have had offices in the home of the elder Adams, now being razed, have moved their offices to the second floor of the Grant Building while the Adams family have taken an apartment in the Davidson Building until the new structure is completed.

This new structure is one of the largest building undertakings begun in Murphy in a good many years, other than public buildings, and is indicative of the optimism and confidence that pervade this community.

SCHOOL WILL PRESENT PLAY

The Junior Class of the High School is planning the presentation of a play entitled "Mammy's Little White Rose" in the very near future. It is possible that it will be ready for presentation by Friday night of next week. The proceeds from the play will be used to finance the athletic program and other school activities. The public is asked to watch for further announcements and make plans to attend the play.

Asking a proud young mother if her first baby is healthy and bright is just about as sensible as giving a college boy a pair of hose supporters for a birthday present.