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BONNELL H. STONE WRITES ON SCENIC VALUES OF MOUNTAINS AND U. S. HIGHWAY NO. NINETEEN

Blairsville, Ga., July 20, 1930.

Editor Cherokee Scout:
Your last week's issue carried a letter from W. B. Powell, of Indian Springs, Ga., and it is good to see that he is still boosting the Nantahala Gorge highway route to the Smoky Mountain National Park and the State Park at Neel Gap. In addition to great scenic values, the people of this section have many big assets in their good friends who live in other parts of the country and never miss an opportunity to boost our mountain section. Mr. Powell has personal contacts in all parts of Florida and Georgia, and his wide experience as a newspaper man and commercial secretary brings to our Neel Gap-Smoky Mountain Tours organization a real publicity expert who knows the game and who continues to tell the world about our "BEST HUNDRED MILES OF TEN THOUSAND THRILLS."

I often wonder how many people living in this territory—between Neel Gap in the Georgia Mountains and the National Park in the Great Smokies—really appreciate what Nature's God has created for us to enjoy every day of our lives. We are delighted to see the people of other sections advertise their natural advantages and promote their highway routes. If we fully appreciate the value of exceptional scenery and the unsurpassed beauty of our own mountain region, there will be no cause to depreciate what other sections may have, while we continue to advertise and extend a welcome here to the world on wheels or wings.

When the civic organizations of Bryson City, Andrews, Murphy and Blairsville set up an Executive Committee last March and called it the Neel Gap-Smoky Mountain Tours, there was no thought of knocking any other section or of depreciating the efforts of others to promote their own interests. Our hats are off to the citizen or club promoting local towns or local roads or local interests of any kind in every legitimate way, for Patriotism begins at home. This local Executive Committee perfected its plans and before April 10th, a large amount of advertising had been done in Florida, which brought much tourist travel over U. S. Route 19, through this section. On May 7th, the State Highway Board of Georgia passed a resolution for the establishment of U. S. Route 23 between Asheville and Atlanta, via Franklin-Clayton-Tallahula Falls; only changing U. S. 19 south of Neel Gap to go into Atlanta by way of Dahlonega-Cumming-Alpharetta-Roswell; and extending U. S. No. 129 north from Gainesville through Cleveland-Neel Gap-Blairsville to the State line south of Murphy, North Carolina. The Georgia Highway Board still stands upon these resolutions and recommendations and knows nothing about later plans in Washington to change the situation. Regardless of details and marvelous ideas, we are delighted that U. S. No. 19 was not taken from us, for we have featured that number in our publicity and the plan to give us No. 23 came as a big surprise.

We naturally appreciate all efforts in our behalf by Highway Commissioners in Georgia and North Carolina, and we know that this matter of cooperation does not mean that one party can supply the "co" while the other party completes the "operation."

We are now anxious to see U. S. Highway Route No. 129 extended north through Murphy-Andrews-Top-ton-Robbinsville in North Carolina, and through Maryville into Knoxville, Tennessee, and we call upon the Highway Commissioners of the three states of Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia, to assist us in this extension of U. S. No. 129, which comes up from Florida into this great mountain playground.

As a native Georgian, I wish to express the opinion, as on many other occasions, that the South will not have a greater asset in the future than the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Now that U. S. No. 19 is established as a vital interstate connection along the east side of this wonderland of the Southern Appalachians, we hope soon to see another U. S. Highway extended along the west side of this National Park area, so that Knoxville will be the third point in a great triangle with Atlanta and Asheville to completely connect up the Smoky Mountains with Federal Highways on all sides. The South is proud of these three cities and our little mountain towns on U. S. No. 19 are always glad to testify to that fact.

Our mountain people should remember that no city on earth can compare in beauty, and no man-made mountains of brick and mortar are even suggestive of the grandeur of

ASK GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE NAME OF MT. KEPHART

Petition from Knoxville Cause of Trouble—Says Error Made in Naming Peak for North Carolina Man

(Asheville Times)
An unwitting mix up of names of two peaks in the Great Smokies threatens to start a bitter controversy, but the United States Geographic board, which holds all the ace cards, isn't going to get mixed up in the controversy.

Horace Kephart, the most modest of men, is the unwitting occasion of the controversy, which now rages around Knoxville, Tenn. He never asked that a peak be named for him, but his friends thought he ought to have that honor. They got up a petition that was signed by prominent men all over the United States.

The petition lay in the archives of the Geographic Board in Washington for four or five years, but eventually it got consideration. No objection was raised by anybody and after consulting a topographic map drafted by the Geological survey the board ascertained that the peak, which lies near the Tennessee line between Clingman's Dome and Indian Gap, had no name.

Knoxville Petition Asks Change
The peak was officially branded as Mt. Kephart and the Bryson City author notified that he had been thus honored. He acknowledged the honor with a polite letter of acceptance, and no more was thought about it until a petition was received from National Park boosters in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Tennessee petition set forth that many years ago the peak named Mt. Kephart had been named Mt. Collins, and that the board had committed a breach of mountain etiquette. Sure enough it was found upon further investigation that the peak had been named Mt. Collins, and that another higher peak some ten miles away, on the side of Indian Gap, had been incorrectly put down on the Geological Survey map as Mt. Collins. Mt. Kephart lies between Clingman's Dome and Indian Gap.

There the matter stands and will stand until the National Park boosters of the two states agree on proper names for the two mountains. Arno B. Cammerer, assistant director of National Parks, who has direct supervision of the park, will undertake the job of adjusting the controversy.

Arouses N. C. Suspicions
Some North Carolinians are suspicious of the Tennesseans because they fear that they hope to substitute the name of one of their own National Park pioneers for the North Carolina author. It has been suggested that the Tennesseans want a peak named for Col. David C. Chapman, of the Tennessee Park commission.

The North Carolina suspicious are aroused on rumors, now afloat in the communities along the North Carolina side of the park area, that the strategy of the Knoxville petition is to eliminate the name of Kephart on the map of the Great Smoky peaks and substitute that of Col. Chapman. The Mt. Collins argument, according to these rumors, is intended to be an artistic way of eliminating Kephart's name and at the same time name one of the outstanding peaks (the present Mt. Collins) for Col. Chapman. The rumor has it that the plan back of the Knoxville petition is to give back to Mt. Kephart its old name (f Mt. Collins. That would leave the high peak now shown on the U. S. Geological Survey map as Mt. Collins without a name—and that's where "Mt. Chapman" would fit in nicely, if the rumors picture the petition plan correctly.

However, since there are several unnamed peaks around in the Great Smokies it may be possible to arrange for naming one of them "Mt. Chapman," for Col. Chapman, of Knoxville, but not at the expense of obliterating the honor done Horace Kephart, of Bryson City.

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our sky-line peaks and towering temples of forests that the Supreme Architect has created in this section of Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina, where a cordial welcome awaits the people of all cities and communities and towns who need rest and recreation. To this end we believe all highways will serve their best purpose.

BONNELL STONE,
Chairman Neel Gap-Smoky Mountain Tours.

BATES INSTALLS TALKING PICTURES IN HIS THEATRE

Secures Contract for Vitaphone First National Singing and Talking Pictures.

The people of Murphy are now to enjoy the privilege of hearing and seeing talking pictures at home, for the Bonita Theatre, Fred O. Bates, manager, has installed all-talking equipment and will open to the public with his first all-talking picture Friday of this week.

The opening program is "Sally," starring the inimitable stage star, Marilyn Miller. This is a modern musical romance, all talking, singing and dancing. Another in the cast is Joe E. Brown, who perhaps will be new to Murphy people, as Mr. Brown's debut in pictures came with the talkies, and he has not appeared in silent productions. You will enjoy his clean comedy and funny capers. Don't forget to look for him. He is easily distinguished by his unusually large mouth.

Mr. Bates has gone to great expense in installing talking equipment. The theatre had to be especially wired throughout, and a new and modern sound projection system installed, including a new and especially made screen for talking pictures.

"It is our purpose to show only the best in talking, singing and dancing screen entertainment," Mr. Bates said in making the announcement. In addition, Mr. Bates said he had secured a contract for thirty-five of the best pictures made by the well-known Vitaphone First National company, and the contract calls for the pictures to be shown in Murphy, in some instances even in advance of many of the surrounding key cities. This assures Murphy people the privilege of seeing pictures that have not been shown before, even in towns like Atlanta and Asheville.

Mr. Bates is to be commended for his progressiveness in providing the people of this section with up-to-date screen entertainment. The equipment he has installed is the best on the market of its kind. Before definitely deciding on what make of sound-projecting equipment, he visited many cities in the surrounding country, and the results and satisfactory service of the other theatres and managers caused him to make the decision to install this equipment.

The programs of the Bonita Theatre will appear regularly in The Scout. For Friday and Saturday, the program will be Marilyn Miller in "Sally." Next Monday and Tuesday, "Resurrection," a United Artist Silent attraction, with a good all-talking comedy in addition; Wednesday and Thursday, "The Case of Sergeant Griseha," a 10-reel all-talking war picture.

A special matinee on Saturday afternoons will be a regular feature each week for the benefit of the people who live in the country, and want to come in Saturday afternoon and see a good show and return home before night.

Two Andrews Negroes Badly Cut In Brawl

Andrews, July 22.—In a fight last night, among several colored folks, in the Oakward Height section of Andrews, two negroes were seriously cut. Horace Jones, the most serious, was cut clear across the stomach and in his chest, both wounds going very deep. Stanley Jones, was cut in the leg below the knee, his leg being almost cut off. Ben Jones, brother of the two negroes, and Lila Wilson are charged with the cutting. Nothing could be learned of the affair, why the fight or who did the cutting. When questioned, the only reply the officers got was "It was too dark to see who did it." The trial is scheduled tomorrow at three o'clock. It is probable that it will be held at the home of the two men who were cut, as they are unable to be moved.

Andrews Boys Win From Hayesville In Thrilling Contest

In a merry-go-round game between Andrews and Hayesville, here today, Andrews walked away with the Hayesville lads, with a score of six to ten. The first inning of the game was a scoreless inning, but beginning with the second inning, Andrews started off with the lead and managed to easily keep it until the end of the game.

Box Score

	H.	E.	R.
Andrews	14	2	10
Hayesville	6	9	6

Batteries: Andrews, Wilson and Wright. Hayesville, Mangus and Rogers.

NINE YEAR OLD SCHOOL GIRL IS KILLED BY AUTO

Elizabeth Oliver Runs In Front of Car Driven by G. C. Thomas

Elizabeth Oliver, nine-year-old Martin's Creek school girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Oliver, was struck by a car driven by G. C. Thomas, Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock as she started across the road after having alighted from a truck and sustained injuries from which she died several hours later.

The accident happened in front of the Ingram home on highway No. 10, about five miles south of Murphy. Elizabeth was returning from school. She and several companions had been given a ride on a truck driven by Tom Campbell, which was coming toward her home and Murphy.

According to witnesses and the best information obtainable, when the truck stopped to let her and her companions off, a car driven by Mr. Thomas was approaching from the opposite direction. Her companions had already jumped from the rear end of the truck and started walking off, when she jumped off and ran across the road, darting from behind the truck in front of the approaching car, driven by Mr. Thomas. It is said Elizabeth was looking at her companions and did not see the car. Mr. Thomas could not and did not see her until she was struck by his car.

Mr. Thomas was so upset by the accident he could not drive, but commandeered a driver and returned to Murphy for medical aid, while others carried Elizabeth to her home a short distance away.

Upon examination it was found that her skull had been fractured in three places, the right thigh broken, and her chest crushed in. The accident happened at three o'clock, and she died at 6:30, three and a half hours later without regaining consciousness.

Oxford Singing Class To Be Here August Fourth

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage, Masonic institution, will make its annual appearance at the school auditorium here Monday evening, August 4th, according to announcement and posters placed in the windows of business houses here.

There are eighteen in the class this year, twelve girls, four boys, a teacher and manager.

Rev. Creasy R. Proctor, superintendent of the Orphanage, in a communication to local Masonic officials, has this to say:

"Through the means of the Singing Class, the Oxford Orphanage and the work it is doing for the children under its care, the people of North Carolina have one of the best mediums in learning of this work.

"The need of funds for carrying on the work of the Orphanage is urgent. We value very highly the importance of the Singing Class and yet it is becoming more and more difficult for the Class to make its annual rounds. Trains have been taken off, bus schedules are irregular. In fact, the Class is so large that it would take a whole bus to carry them. The children, therefore, are worn out by the present modes of travel, and at the same time it is quite expensive. I am asking, therefore, that you brethren of the lodge in the community in which the concert is to be held, assist us if possible by the use of your automobiles and carry the Class to the next place where the concert is to be given. Mr. Alderman can easily tell you how many cars will be needed and when you think of the saving in money, and more than that, the saving in the care of these precious children, I am sure that we can count on you to give us such help as is possible along this line."

1 Man And 2 Stills Taken Last Week

Deputies Lee Crisp and Luther Beal brought in a 25 gallon still Wednesday of last week, taken in a raid on Crowder's creek near Kinsey.

The officers stated that the still had been in operation just a short while before the raid, as there was nothing on the ground but slop, and it was hot. They destroyed the furnace and about 100 gallons of slop. The outfit was said to be of the "thumping" variety.

On Saturday, the week before, Deputies Nicholson and Stiles, of Culbertson and Suit, raided a still in the Sandy Gap section, near Suit, which netted them one man and about four and a half gallons of whiskey. Two other men got away.

This outfit was in full operation, and they stated there was enough mash left to finish out twenty gallons of whiskey.

PRESIDENT OF Y. H. C. HEARD BY LIONS CLUB

LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN UNVEILING OF HUNTER MONUMENT

Prof. T. J. Lance, new president of Young Harris College, was heard in a stirring appeal for the greater education of the boys and girls of this section at the regular meeting of the Lions Club, Tuesday night. Prof. Lance and Prof. E. L. Adams, also of Young Harris College faculty, were special guests of the Lions, and both made interesting speeches.

Following the banquet, Lion president Fain, introduced Col. E. B. Norvell, who explained that the pyramid monument erected during the past few weeks to the memory of Col. A. R. S. Hunter, would be unveiled Thursday. The Lions then voted to appoint a committee to work in cooperation with the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce and other committees in the unveiling ceremony.

Lion Powell then introduced Prof. Lance, who has recently been elected President of Young Harris College, to take the place of the late Dr. J. A. Sharp. Prof. Lance was a student under Dr. Sharp, and later was a member of the faculty for some six years. His home is in Waynesboro, Ga., where he has been a prominent figure in educational circles for many years.

Prof. Adams was then introduced by Lion Powell. Mr. Adams has been connected with the faculty of Young Harris college for many years, and is already known to a number of Murphy people.

These two men made good speeches and were extended a standing invitation by President Fain to visit with the Lions any regular meeting night. Prof. Lance and Prof. Adams extended the Lions an invitation to hold a meeting soon at Young Harris, and partake of dormitory meals once again, which brought applause from the Lions and assurances that the invitation would be accepted.

Committees Named
Lion Fain announced the standing committee chairmen for the ensuing year as follows:

Ladies Night, Dr. Geo. R. Salisbury.
Good Roads, Col. Don Witherspoon.
Extension, J. C. Townson.
Major Activities, John Shields, Jr.
Telephone Squad, G. T. Whitlock.
Resolutions, B. B. Cornwell.
Attendance, V. M. Johnson.
Finance, E. C. Moore.
Transportation, Sid Pendley.
Parks and Playgrounds, E. P. Hawkins.
Program, Geo. H. Ellis.
Agriculture, R. W. Gray.
Educational, Rev. J. L. Steele.
Boys Work, Rev. Howard P. Powell.
Activities, H. G. Elkins.
Advertising, C. W. Bailey.
Resolutions, Theodore N. Bates.
Public Relations, Walter W. Hyde.
Membership, Dr. Edw. E. Adams.

Shields Opens New Filling Station

L. M. Shields announces the opening this week of his new and up-to-date filling station Sunday in connection with a bargain day, in which he is offering one quart of oil free with the purchase of five gallons of gas.

The new filling station is located at the junction of No. 10 and No. 23 highways, and will be known as the South End Filling Station. Mr. Shields has been operating a mercantile business and garage at this place for several years. When the grading on No. 23 was completed, he built a modern service station, of brick construction. Four tanks have been installed, together with other modern fixtures. He will handle the well-known and popular Gulf Refining Company gas and oils.

His brother, Johnny Shields, Jr., will be in charge. Johnny says he wants to thank his friends and the public for past patronage and ask them to remember him in the future.

The surfacing of the remaining three mile stretch of Number 28 with slag was begun this week. The slag will be shipped to Murphy over the L. & N., and trucked out and placed on the road.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

By order of the Board of Town Commissioners, all delinquent town taxes for the year 1929 will be advertised for sale on all real estate listed for taxes and levies on all personal property will be made on August 1, 1930.

W. T. COOPER,
Tax Collector, Town of Murphy.