

# THE HEAD OF MAIN STREET

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(Ed's Note: This is one of a number of articles prepared by Mr. Sipe at the request of one of the reporters for the afternoon newspapers of the State that the Department of Conservation and Development prepare some tourist articles about the State for use in the afternoon dailies. This particular article deals with Murphy and this section, and will be of much interest to our readers.)

The Southwestern corner of the State is a great "closed book" to the majority of the people of North Carolina, yet that section is within a day's journey over paved highways to the easternmost point of the coast. The first turnpike into the Cherokee Country was authorized in 1844; two railroads have operated into that section for nearly four decades; and Number 16 highway has traversed it during the past ten years. More recently the region has been made accessible over highway 28, which leaves Number 20 at Bat Cave and goes by way of Hendersonville, Breward, Highlands, Franklin, Hayesville, and Murphy and to the Tennessee line near Ducktown. Believing that many North Carolinians might like to explore the head of "Main Street" as a part of their vacation this summer, the Department of Conservation and Development gives the following facts about the region:

Murphy, the county seat of Cherokee County, ten miles from Georgia and twenty miles from Tennessee, was named for Archibald D. Murphey but through an error in spelling in the act creating the town the "E" was left out. So the Cherokee capital still bears the shortened Irish form of spelling. The business section is grouped around a one acre square, where the four main streets converge. Just off the square is the Cherokee County courthouse, constructed of locally quarried marble, and said to be one of the few court houses in the country built of such material. No other county in the State is so well supplied with marble. Blue, gray, and white species are all being quarried, cut and polished in a modern plant near the town of Marble. Eight miles west of Murphy near highway No. 28 a modern tale mine and mill may be seen preparing this mineral for the talcum powder maker, the tailor, and iron worker. And just over the Tennessee line large copper smelters may be seen at Ducktown and Copperhill.

The Hiwassee and Valley Rivers flow together within the corporate limits of the town of Murphy and are joined three miles away by the Nolley, making one of the largest undeveloped streams in the State. Overlooking the Hiwassee near its junction with the Valley is the locally famous "Lover's Leap," a high cliff over which an Indian youth is reported to have cast himself because of his disappointment in a love affair. On an eminence in the southern part of Murphy stands a marble slab marking the site of old Fort Butler. This fort was headquarters for a detachment of soldiers under General Winfield Scott during the round-up of the Cherokees for deportation to the West in 1837 and 1838. The grave of Junaluska, perhaps the most famous Chief of the band, may be seen a few miles from Robbinsville, in the adjoining county of Graham.

Andrews, named for a former vice-president of the Southern Railway, is situated near the head of Valley River. There a large leather tanning factory, a tannic acid plant, and a hand saw mill may be seen in operation.

The Folk School, on the Cherokee-Clay county line eight miles from Murphy is a unique institution, the only one of its kind in America. Pat-terned after the Danish Folk School, it is both a demonstration and practice school. Young people between the ages of eighteen and thirty make up the student body. No credits are given. The students live in dormitories as one big family during the winter months and study history, geography, surveying, handicrafts, hear lectures, sing songs, play games, and do many chores incident to the operation of a farm and large home. The farm and the gymnastics are under the direction of a real Dane. The objects of the school are to awaken a community consciousness and to teach people how to work together. Under its leadership a cooperative savings and loan association, a cooperative creamery, hatchery, grist mill, and lime grinding plant have been built.

Fishing, swimming, golf, hiking, and motoring are among the amusements available. Many scenic trips may be taken into east Tennessee, North Georgia, and into Graham, Swain, Macon, and Clay Counties, each one forming a loop so that the motorist may go and return over different routes. Thirty-five miles away in Graham County are two large hydro-electric developments of the Aluminum Company of America and in the lower corner of Swain County near Nantahala, another power plant is being built. This one, when com-

pleted, will have the highest head of any large plant east of the Rocky Mountains. Vacationers could not do better this summer than to spend some time along the head of "Main Street," as number ten highway has been called.

## BATES CREEK PUPILS ASK FOR TEXT BOOKS

The following letters are from pupils of Bates Creek school asking for story books or textbooks you may have to spare:

Murphy, N. C., August 5, 1932  
Dear Readers of The Cherokee Scout:  
We are trying to start a library down at Bates Creek School, three miles from Murphy, where I am a pupil in the seventh grade. We have about sixty-two pupils who are in need of textbooks. We sure would appreciate them if you have any story or textbooks to spare. If you have any you would like to give us, please turn them over to our teacher, Mr. J. Franklin Smith.

Yours truly,  
CLYDE MILLS.

Bates Creek School, Aug. 5, 1932.  
Dear Readers of The Cherokee Scout:  
We, the students of Bates Creek school, are trying to get a library started and would appreciate any text books you might give or lend to us, for we have more than sixty students in need of books.

Yours truly,  
EDITH CARROLL.

Bates Creek School, Aug. 5, 1932.  
Dear Readers of The Cherokee Scout:  
I shall write you a few lines to ask if you for a few books if you have any to spare. I want sixth grade books. We have more than sixty pupils in school, and they are all short of books and would appreciate it if you would let us have any you have to spare.

Yours truly,  
LONNIE KILLIAN.

Bates Creek School, Aug. 5, 1932.  
Dear Readers of The Cherokee Scout:  
I would like for you to send me and the other boys and girls down here some story books or textbooks if you have any to spare, for we don't have many good books to read. I shall take good care of them if you will send them. I am in the fourth grade.

From,  
CHARLES WHITE.

Bates Creek School, Aug. 5, 1932.  
Dear Friends:  
I am in the fifth grade. We are trying to start a library at Bates Creek school with the help of our teacher. There are sixty or more students in school that like to read and need story books. We would like to get some books from you, both story and school books, if you have any to spare. We surely would appreciate and use them.

Yours truly,  
EDNA MAE COLEMAN.

Note: These are a few of the letters written by the school children at Bates Creek asking for books. The children are badly in need of books, and they will use them if they can get them. The public is invited to visit the school, which is three miles from Murphy, just off the Grandview road. A visit will convince you of the need and worthiness of these children who are trying to work without books. If you have books or materials you would like to give to the school, please see J. Franklin Smith, or call telephone number 27-J, and he will come to see you about them.

## ANDREWS LOCALS

Messrs. Clyde H. Jarrett, W. D. Whitaker, and Z. L. Whitaker and D. H. Tillitt were business visitors in Murphy on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Watt of Charlotte are spending some time as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Stone.

Mr. Wm. Gordon Rodgers of Canton, N. C. spent the week end as the guest of his mother, Mrs. Chas. W. Rodgers and sister, Mrs. D. H. Tillitt.

Mrs. Barnes who taught music in the Andrews School last year was in Andrews for a few days this past week.

Mr. J. C. Edgkorth of Atlanta, Ga. was a business visitor in Andrews on Monday of this week.

J. V. Hall who has been working for the Southern Railway Company in Sylva is working this week in the place of L. M. Nichols who is attending court as a member of the Grand Jury.

Among those on the jury from Andrews this week in Murphy are H. H. Hyde, J. H. Abernathy and C. A. Brown.

# A \$2.00 Dinner for 6



ALL the way from tomato juice to demi-tasse with steak and shoe-string potatoes, buttered broccoli and bread and butter and a delicious dessert sandwiched in between — that's what this dinner which will cost an average of a little more than thirty-three cents a person in most communities, offers. Here's the menu:

- Iced Tomato Juice 17c
- Minute Steak 60c
- Shoe-String Potatoes 10c
- Buttered Broccoli 50c
- Apricot Cream Dessert 48c
- Bread and Butter 10c
- Demi-tasse 5c

And here are the recipes for the dishes which are not familiar to everyone:

**Iced Tomato Juice:** Mix together the contents of two 12 1/2-

ounce cans tomato juice, salt and pepper to taste, two teaspoons sugar, a few drops Worcestershire sauce and a few drops tabasco sauce, and chill thoroughly.

**Apricot Cream Dessert:** Beat one cup cream, and add one-third cup confectioner's sugar, a few drops of almond flavoring and one-fourth cup chopped nuts. Break up four vanilla wafers and add, and put in the refrigerator tray for several hours. Scoop out onto dessert plates, and lay the drained apricots from a No. 2 can around the base.

If desired, a fruit cocktail can be substituted for the tomato juice. Use the syrup from the canned apricots, pep up with lemon juice and add a couple of diced bananas and a diced apple to make enough for six.\*

Mr. and Mrs. John Baskerville and two children of Raleigh after having spent his vacation at the Riverside Inn in Andrews left the first of this week for their home.

Dr. W. C. Schaeffer, Luther Pastor in Allentown, Pa., is spending a portion of his vacation in Andrews visiting his many friends here. Dr. Schaeffer each year spends the greater portion of his vacation in Andrews.

Mr. Percy B. Ferebee was a business visitor in Asheville on last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. W. T. Holland and two daughters, Mary Catherine and Margaret returned to her home here after having spent some time near Birmingham, Ala. visiting her parents.

Mr. W. T. Holland is getting in brick preparatory to putting up a brick store on the site where he is now merchandising in a frame building.

The many friends of Mr. Lee Watkins will regret to learn that he is confined to his home suffering with rheumatism.

Mr. Edwin Whitaker, Attorney of Bryson City spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Whitaker.

Mr. J. H. Abernathy was a business visitor in Bryson City on last Saturday.

Mr. W. M. Bradley is constructing log cabins on his property which is located about one mile to the East of Andrews on No. 16 Highway.

Mr. J. W. S. Davis was a business visitor in Murphy on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Coy Carringer spent last Sunday with Misses Anna Bell and Ethel Coker.

Mr. D. G. Carroll and son, Oliver and daughters, Ruby and Daisy of Etowah, Tenn. are visiting relatives on Brasstown for several days.

Misses Romie and Talitha Sparks and Mr. Bealoth Sparks left Monday of this week for a two weeks visit with relatives in Alabama.

Messrs. Verge, Lee and Hardie Coker and Bob Garrett visited Mr. Walter Coker of Young Harris, Ga. Sunday. He has been very low with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Fulton Cunningham and Nanette Carroll made a trip to Knoxville, Tenn. last week. Mr and Mrs. Edd Cunningham returned with them for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass Carringer and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carringer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Payne and children of Ogden spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coker.

Messrs. George Almond and Will Burchfield spent Sunday with Mr. Zeb Tweed.

Miss Bertha Hogan spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hogan.

## NEW EQUIPMENT PLACED IN P. O.

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wall in sight of all, to remind them that the mail must be worked on schedule time in order to catch the train or out-going bus, and to denote (this, perhaps, more so than anything else) when the day's labors are ended.

The building has been re-wired and new lighting fixtures installed. A new coat of paint has been placed on the inside walls. A new flag pole will be played at an angle over the first story of the building and Old Glory is to be unfurled daily, while a new sign will adorn the front windows.

In other words, the Murphy postoffice is now equipped with the most modern fixtures and according to the latest approved practices of the United States Post Office Department, and the people of Murphy and this section should be proud of the postoffice and our progressive postmaster and her efficient personnel of clerks and carriers.

Mr. R. E. Dauch, inspector for the Post Office Department in charge of buildings, and who spent several days here this week supervising the installation of the new equipment, told a representative of this paper that this equipment was the latest approved type, and if we had our own Federal building, the equipment would not be any different. He left Wednesday and expects to return in about ten days for a final check-up before acceptance by the department.

The Murphy postoffice is in the second class realm, employing regularly besides the postmaster, three clerks, two city carriers and three rural carriers. They are: Mrs. Thelma Dickey, Post Master; Mrs. Edith Dobbs, Porter Axley and Hadley Dickey, clerks; A. W. Lovingood and Cyrus White, city carriers; and J. K. Axley, J. C. Odell, and K. V. Weaver, rural carriers.

### Flowers in Himalayas

An explorer for the Himalayan research Institute of the Roerich museum reports that in the Himalayas mountains "fragrant, showy flowers abound at elevations of 18,000 and 19,000 feet; these are not dwarfed, stunted plants such as one usually finds in alpine zones, but often a foot or two in height."

## VSS Representative Visits In County

L. E. Raper, of Cary, N. C., representative of the Virginia Seed Service, a co-operative purchasing service owned by some 50,000 farmers in Virginia, North Carolina and adjoining states, was in Murphy this week in the interest of establishing this co-operative service with the farmers of this section. The VSS was organized in 1923 and is entirely a co-operative movement among the farmers.

# SARGON TRIUMPHANT, ALL ELSE HAD FAILED

### Gains 7 Pounds, New Strength and Says He Has Taken a New Lease on Life.



A. H. COSTIN

Don't let bad health get the best of you—Face each day with new energy and the fighting vigor to "carry on" with the aid of Sargon. Read what A. H. Costin, Route 4 Asheville, N. C., well known furniture man, says about this modern compound:

"I was unable to eat a square meal without suffering tortures with indigestion. My stomach was in terrible condition. I was losing weight steadily and got so weak I could hardly keep going. I had terrible pains like neuritis in my neck, arms, back and knees. I had X-rays made and tried all kinds of medicines and treatments but nothing seemed to reach my troubles.

"It's just wonderful how Sargon took hold of my troubles—I've taken five bottles and just seem to have a new lease on life. My appetite is fine, every sign of indigestion and stomach trouble has disappeared and I haven't a pain in my body. I've gained seven pounds and am just fixed with new life and energy.

"Sargon Soft Mass Pills ended a bad case of constipation for me; they regulated my liver without nauseating or upsetting me in the least. I feel just fine."

In all cases where constipation exists, Sargon Soft Mass Pills are a necessary part of the Sargon treatment.

## Dr. Roberts Rouses Public to Realize Sargon's Importance in Fighting Indigestion, Acidity, Lost Vitality

"Calomel has no effect upon the liver," declares Dr. C. J. Roberts, M.D., of Philadelphia, who was expressly retained to examine the Sargon formula and report his findings about this new medicine which has already become the largest tonic of its kind in the world.

"The bile which comes from the liver is a veritable life-sustaining fluid and has many all-important functions. When the liver is active and pours two pints of bile each day into the bowels, CONSTIPATION RARELY EXISTS.

ment. They should be taken daily in connection with Sargon until regularity of bowel movement is established. Then and then only should they be discontinued. Sargon Soft Mass Pills do not act like any other pills or laxative you have ever taken. Their action is directed to increase the production of bile in the liver. When this has been accomplished, the bile causes natural and thorough bowel movement.

ness result. It fights against the decay of waste in the intestines—prevents the toxic gas of constipation—the greatest single ailment of the American public today.

"Not only do I find Sargon and Sargon Soft Mass Pills to contain the only recognized means of promoting the flow of liver bile, but it is rich in the elements which help to bring revitalized vigor, strength and endurance to pale, tired out, debilitated men and women. It upsets worn-out, over-worked organs. It enriches the blood of those suffering with simple anemia. It is without doubt a splendid, deserving formula that the entire public should know about."

Sold in Murphy by R. S. PARKER'S DRUG STORE