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## HIGHWAY NO. 10 IS IMPORTANT PARK ROUTE

### Many Advocate Proposal to Eliminate Sharp Curves Between Wesser And Almond

Andrews, July 29. (Special)—The proposition to improve or relocate the link of State Highway No. 10 between Wesser and Almond, which was presented before the State Highway commission by a delegation of Cherokee county citizens last Monday, is creating widespread interest among the people of Western North Carolina. Favorable comments and pledges of co-operation have been heard from citizens of every community along the route from Murphy to Asheville.

The many sharp curves on this seven-mile stretch of road are known and remembered by all who have traveled the route. For a long time the elimination of these curves has been a topic of discussion among local citizens and civic organizations. Tourists have been severe in their criticism of these apparently needless curves which many instances have caused much discomfort and nausea to passengers in automobiles. So widespread has the knowledge of this objectionable link of road become that it is reported tourists are avoiding travel over it wherever possible by taking less direct routes to their destination.

### New Route Is Proposed

One of the routes proposed and possibly the most feasible one for the relocation of the road is that which follows the Nantahala river from Wesser to Almond. It is stated by those acquainted with the river route that it would make possible the elimination of the sharp curves and at the same time shorten the distance by nearly half, saving the motorist about three and a half miles of travel.

If this route should be followed in case the improvements are approved the full length of the Nantahala Gorge would then be accessible to the traveling public. The gorge along the lower course of the river is not so precipitous as it is farther up the stream but the addition of this stretch to that already traversed by Route No. 10 would make a scenic route unsurpassed for popularity and beauty anywhere in this region.

The section of Route No. 10 between Topton and Bryson City carries a tremendous volume of traffic. Over it passes the accumulated travel from the west by way of Chattanooga, from the south by Atlanta, and from Knoxville on the north. Much west and southbound traffic from the east must also pass over this link unless it is diverted over longer routes.

### Is Park Approach Road

With nation-wide interest already aroused in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the volume of tourist travel into this territory will increase with years. Route No. 10 is the most direct approach to the park from the west and a great part of the south. The proposed improvements would no doubt be hailed with enthusiastic approval by the motorists who contemplate a visit to the national park and other scenic areas of Western North Carolina.

At the western end of the gorge the Winding Stairs highway into the Nantahala National Forest leaves Route No. 10. When the improvements to this road contemplated by the Civilian Conservation Corps are completed the Nantahala will become another mecca for tourists and sportsmen. The Winding Stairs will become immediately popular as a scenic drive as well as an entrance into the forest area.

The importance of this link of Route No. 10 is further accentuated by the fact that it is the only eastern outlet for Cherokee, Graham, and parts of Macon and Swain counties.

The cordial hearing accorded the Cherokee delegation by the State Highway commission and the remarkable enthusiasm of the citizens and towns along the route give encouragement to the hope that the improvements may be forthcoming.—Asheville Citizens.

## 'Miss Murphy' Now At Wrightsville Beach

Miss Edna Patton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patton, of Murphy, who won the title of "Miss Murphy" in the recent beauty pageant of the Joe Miller Elkins Post No. 96 of the

## Sudderth Reunion To Be Held Sunday

The annual Sudderth family reunion will be held Sunday, August 20th, at the old home place at Peachtree, about eight miles southeast of Murphy.

This annual event is looked forward to by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sudderth, now heads of the family, and this year there will be relatives from many sections of western North Carolina, as well as from states of Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Ohio.

## HILL APPOINTED A DIRECTOR OF STATE HOSPITAL

### Murphy Man Declined Earlier Appointment To State Highway Commission

Dr. J. N. Hill, prominent Murphy physician and long political and civic leader of Cherokee county and Western North Carolina, this week received his commission as a member of the Board of Directors of the State Hospital for the Insane, at Raleigh, from Governor, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, it was learned this week.

Dr. Hill was tendered an appointment to the State Highway Commission by Governor Ehringhaus early in June, but declined the appointment because its acceptance probably would have embarrassed Governor Ehringhaus in his re-appointment of Judge Frank S. Hill, a nephew of Dr. Hill, to the Superior court bench, which re-appointment was made the latter part of June.

"Two major appointments from the same family and the same town would have been embarrassing to Gov. Ehringhaus," Dr. Hill said this week, "and I didn't want to accept anything that probably would have prevented Frank from being re-appointed, as his re-appointment meant more to me than any appointment I could have accepted. And, too, it would have required practically all of my time and kept me away from my practice, and for those reasons I declined," he added.

Dr. Hill's many friends in this section of the state are proud of his appointment, the first paragraph of which reads in part: "Know ye that we, reposing special trust and confidence in his integrity and knowledge, do by these presents appoint Dr. J. N. Hill a member of the Board of Directors, State Hospital for the Insane, Raleigh, for a term expiring April 1, 1937, (Public laws, 1925), and do hereby confer upon him all the rights, privileges and powers useful and necessary to the just and proper discharge of the duties of his appointment."

## Gainesville and Tri-State Games Fri.

The people of this section have had the opportunity this week of seeing some real baseball playing between two of the strongest teams ever to play on the local diamond, between Gainesville and the Tri-State all-star teams.

Wednesday, the two teams met at Copperhill for the opening of a series of three games, one at Copperhill and two at Murphy. The two games at Murphy are scheduled for Thursday and Friday afternoons, called at 3:00 p. m. If it rains Thursday afternoon, the games will be played double-header on Friday afternoon.

The Gainesville team, managed by Lee Crow, is picked from all-stars of the North Georgia League, and the Tri-State team is picked from all-stars of the Tri-State League and Managed by John Carter and Claude Franks.

## TRI-STATE WINS IN THE OPENING GAME

The Tri-State all-stars defeated the Gainesville all-stars at Copperhill Wednesday afternoon by a score of 6 to 0.

American Legion, is now in Wrightsville Beach to take part in the State-wide beauty pageant of the American which is being conducted in conjunction with the State convention.

Mrs. H. Bueck and Miss Patton left Thursday morning for Wrightsville Beach and will return next Monday.

Miss Patton, who is 18 years old, is an auburn haired brunette, and was sponsored in the Murphy pageant by the Mauney Drug Company.

## MURPHY UNIT OF SCHOOLS TO OPEN AUGUST 29

### Unit Set-Up Under New Law Includes Murphy, Bates Creek, Kinsey, Grape Creek, Harshaw, Tomotla and Texana

The Murphy graded school will open Tuesday morning August 29th, at 9 o'clock, Prof. H. Bueck, superintendent announced Wednesday. The registration of the high school pupils will follow the opening exercises which will be held in the auditorium, Prof. Bueck said.

The schools composing the Murphy unit or set-up under the new State law is composed of Murphy, Bates Creek, Kinsey, Grape Creek, Harshaw Tomotla and Texana. These schools will also open on August 29th, with the exception of Bates Creek, which school began last week.

Prof. Bueck, who has been working for sometime on the school proposition here in co-operation with County Superintendent A. L. Martin and other school authorities, said the faculty for the entire unit would be announced next week.

With an overflow of pupils in the first grade, efforts are being made to secure additional school room space in some building in Murphy. The basement of the Baptist church is the most suitable place in town, but efforts to secure it failed, and Mr. Bueck said that the first grade classes would probably have to be divided, one section reporting in the morning for class work, while another section would report in the afternoon.

## LEGION TOUR OF THE COUNTY IS COMPLETED

### Final Meeting Will Be Held At Murphy On Friday Night, August 25th

The Joe Miller Elkins Post No. 96, The American Legion, completed its speaking tour of the county at Peachtree Tuesday night of this week, and the next appearance of the speakers will be at Murphy in the court house on Friday night, August 25th.

The program of the Legion was a sort of information and educational campaign, and was conducted in order to acquaint the people as well as the veterans with the new economy regulations and the fight which was waged against the veterans by the National Economy League during the past year, and to lay the foundation for a larger membership during the coming year.

During the past six weeks the Legion's program has been presented in twelve communities of the county, twice each week, on Tuesday and Friday nights, and good crowds attended except two instances when the rain fell just at gathering time and the meetings were rained out.

In each of the twelve communities, key men were selected to represent the Legion and look after its interest in his particular community. The key men selected are: Walter Anderson, Suit; Clayton Styles, Shoal Creek; Homer Davidson, Walker School House; T. H. Crofts, Culberson; Joe Golden, Hothouse; Bob Graves Ebenezer; George Young, Hangingdog; W. J. Johnson, Grape Creek; Pearl Roberts, Unaka; George Mauney, Peachtree; Fred Taylor, Oregreeta; Ben Mintz, and Wm. R. Dockery, Marble.

A. W. Lovingood, Post Commander, had charge of the program and presided at the meetings. He explained the organization of the Legion its principles, and how and why it came into existence. The other speakers spoke briefly on the following topics: "The New Pension Regulations as they Affect Veterans of all Our Wars," Harry P. Cooper, district Commander; "The Legion's Fight for the Veteran," A. W. MeIver, Past Commander; "Treasury Raiders and the Economy Rackett," C. W. Bailey, Historian; "The Clarion Call of the Legion," W. E. Studstill Past Adjutant.

1. Prof. Adams, of Young Harris College, president of the Tri-State League and a moving spirit behind this series of games, said that the Copperhill people gave the visiting team good entertainment, and about 500 were out to the game. He said this was a sort of contest between Copperhill and Murphy as to crowds for future games which he hopes to schedule.

## Revival Services At Peachtree

Revival services are being conducted at the Peachtree Baptist church by the Rev. W. E. Sinclair, pastor of the Hayesville Baptist Church and Moderator of the Western North Carolina Baptist Association.

Considerable interest in the revival is being manifest, and the interest continues to grow. Mr. Sinclair said if the interest continues to grow like it has during this week the services will continue for another week.

## PETRIE BUYS PROPERTY FOR NEW HOSPITAL

### P. E. Nelson Home Place To Be Converted During Next Two Months

A real estate transaction was consummated here Wednesday whereby Dr. R. W. Petrie bought the old home place of the late P. E. Nelson from the estate, and plans to convert it at once into a hospital.

The building, a large two story brick structure, stands on a high elevation on Peachtree street, overlooking the town, and was originally built and used for a school. It is ideally located and easily adapted to a hospital.

Dr. Petrie plans to tear out the inside and remodel it into 16 rooms, install a heating plant, and facilities and equipment for a small but complete hospital. When the hospital is completed and operation begun, Dr. Petrie plans to have associated with him a reputable general surgeon.

Workmen will begin tearing out the inside of the building the first of next week, and it is expected that the hospital will be finished and opened in about two months.

Dr. Petrie, who is an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, came to Murphy recently from Lenoir and set up offices in the Parker building. Miss Tedd Nelson, surgical nurse for Caldwell Hospital at Lenoir, arrived Tuesday and has accepted a position with Dr. Petrie. While the hospital building is being put in shape for occupancy, they will perform minor operations at his office.

## LARGE RATTLER KILLED BY HASS

A rattlesnake measuring six feet one inch in length, fifteen inches around its body, with twenty three rattlers and a button was killed by Andy Hass on July 27th. It was learned here this week. This is said by older citizens and residents to be far the largest rattler ever killed or captured in Cherokee County.

Mr. Hass was coming down what is known as the old Whitting trail on Peckerwood Ridge, about 18 miles west of Murphy when he saw the huge rattler lying in the trail. He killed it with a stick, carried it home cut off its head and skinned it, and then stuffed the skin with corn meal. Mr. Hass is an old timer himself, and has long been a guide for timber cruising, camping, hunting and fishing parties in that section of the mountains of Cherokee, and he says it is the largest one he has ever seen. The only trouble he had with the rattler was while skinning it when, by an involuntary movement of the muscles, the rear body of the snake struck Mr. Hass in the face, causing his nose to bleed.

Mr. Hass brought the stuffed skin to Murphy last Friday and presented it to Don Witherspoon, prominent Murphy attorney, who has it on display in his office. Mr. Witherspoon, who has spent a number of years in the West, has been roaming the mountains of Cherokee County for about 23 years and says it is the largest one he has ever seen.

The skin is now dry and measures five feet eight and one half inches. It is of the yellow bodied black banded species.

## Map Company Official Is Murphy Visitor

Jack De Lysle, of Raleigh, president of the U. S. Good Roads Map Co., was in Murphy this week in the interest of U. S. C4, the "Pawnee Bill Route," from Eastern Carolina to California, which route passes through Murphy.

Mr. De Lysle was in Murphy several weeks ago and made a contract

## TVA PROGRAM SEEKS TO AID VALLEY PEOPLE

### Basin Will Serve As Proving Ground For Long-Range Plans, Mr. Morgan Says

Besides serving as a national pattern for regional economic development, the Tennessee river basin will be the proving ground for longrange plans being formulated by the Tennessee Valley Authority for extending helping hand to the "forgotten man" of that area. In other words, the Authority will help the residents to help themselves. It will, as Chairman Arthur E. Morgan indi-

icates, seek to make the valley people "happy home" and obviate their leaving the valley through inability to eke out a livelihood there.

Instruction in useful pursuits will go hand-in-hand with the encouragement of domestic industries. When work is begun on the great Norris Dam at Cove Creek, the first major construction project on the Authority's program, Chairman Morgan will put into effect certain ideas of vocational education which have the approval of President Roosevelt.

Because jobs on the Norris Dam will go to the local unemployed primarily, it is the intention of the Authority to employ twice as many workmen as would otherwise be required.

These men, mostly from the neighboring hills where the soil is reluctantly productive, will be offered three days work a week with the opportunity to benefit by the training courses provided for the other three days. They will be shown how to carry on small industries back in their home neighborhoods.

Chairman Morgan believes that such instruction will not only result in more efficient work on the dam, but at the end of the four-year construction period will provide skilled workers for neighborhoods which heretofore have had none. Dr. Morgan explains:

"A family living in an isolated section cannot afford to send to the city for, say, an electrician to wire their house. There should be somewhere in the neighborhood a neighbor who is able to do that. The same is true to other skills necessary to round out the full, comfortable, social and industrial life of the small inevitably will largely increase the prosperity of the larger cities which primarily are supported by the agricultural and industrial life of the Tennessee river region."

Thus, the Norris Dam project promises to be the educational center of the entire area for the type of practical education that President Roosevelt and the Tennessee Valley Authority have in mind.

## OFFICERS STOP ANOTHER 'BOSTON TEA PARTY' TUES.

Another "Boston Tea Party" was suddenly halted by Murphy officers Tuesday morning when they found and took possession of 1,000 lbs. of sugar, 200 lbs of coffee, 5 lbs. of tobacco, and 6 cartons of cigarettes which was stolen Monday night from the store of W. B. Dickey & Sons, retail merchants.

Officers found the merchandise in the room of Vic Hubbard at the Hubbard House, who, when placed under arrest, implicated Bose Fain and Allen Wise, who were also taken into custody and lodged in jail. At a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning the defendants waived examination and were bound to court under \$1500.00 bond each.

The robbers made intransigent into the rear of W. B. Dickey's store by breaking the bars of an iron grating at one of the windows and breaking a window pane. They attempted to pass the sugar through this window but this proved to be impractical and tore the sacks. They then prized off the padlock located on the inside of the rear door.

The grand jury which had adjourned only a few days ago, was called back in session to meet Thursday at noon to return indictments so that the defendants can be tried at this term of court.

whereby his company will print 20,000 maps of the route with a bird's-eye-view write-up of Murphy printed on the back for distribution throughout the United States.