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## TREES VS. LIGHT

You've "cussed"—or, if you are feminine you at least have felt like doing it—when your electric bulbs have flickered, dimmed, and died.

Lately, very probably, you have been saying: "Thank the Lord, we'll soon have TVA power and then we'll be through with THIS MESS!"

But alas, dear Sir and Madam, the chances definitely are that you will NOT be through with this mess—at least until valiant action is taken by the Town authorities.

For the TVA will have nothing to do with the lines within the Town proper. They belong to Murphy, which buys the power wholesale from TVA and retails it to the customers over its own system.

Mayor Gray has been informed by Mr. Harvey Elkins, who will manage the local system, that our wires, all things considered are in "pretty fair shape". Some repair work will have to be done, but not too much.

Never the less there is apt to be intermittent periods of darkness just so long as the lines continue to run between close growing branches of big trees. A high wind is apt, at any time, to break off a branch or a limb—and break a line.

Even a light wind is liable to tangle a branch with a line, and cause a stopped current, until a repair crew can get out and ride around until they find particular tree that is causing the trouble.

This writer has been informed that several residents of the town have flatly refused to have their trees thinned out.

Entirely apart from the fact that such a thinning out might be good for the trees themselves, it would seem that these residents don't care much about any body's convenience—including their own.

Nevertheless, the trees are on their land, and are their very own. So what to do?

## HERE'S A CRACKERJACK PLAN THAT MURPHY MIGHT WELL ADOPT

Wake up Murphy!

For the second time within ten days our small sister, sixteen miles up the highway has DONE SOMETHING about bringing in more tourists—and business—while Murphy sits, waiting.

Over in Andrews, Mayor Tillitt, his newly formed "Mayor's Council," The Lions, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion all have gotten together behind a plan to win visitors by direct mail advertising. Every stranger who stops in town, no matter how briefly, will be asked his name and address. Then Mayor Tillitt will send him a personal letter inviting him to come back, and stay longer.

With the letter will go a card printed, on one side, with a list of points of interest in this section. The other side will list places where the tourist may find quarters and meals—with the rates asked by each, and those rates are REASONABLE.

In other words, the tourist will be told just what he can see—and what his stay will cost him. What he spends outside of food and lodging, depends of course on the attractiveness of the stores, and what they have to offer.

The Scout thinks this a splendid plan, and one that Murphy might well adopt as its own. It has these distinct advantages:

A personal letter from the Mayor is subtle flattery that will appeal to the recipient's ego.

The rate for food and lodging will make the prospective visitor know he is NOT GOING TO BE GOUGED.

The list of the many points of unequalled scenic beauty in this section will be like a printed show-case of our wares.

And listen, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy; if we can get people to look at our wares, we not only can "sell" them—but they will leave her as walking, advertisements, to sell others.

That's what we want.

"Brad", a Boston terrier, was successfully operated on at Brookline, Mass., for removal of seven stones he had swallowed from his owner's rock garden.

After an engagement lasting 25 years, Lily May Marshall and Joseph Wilsher were married in Braintree, Esg.

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Firecrackers which were 69 years old were shot off at a party in Cottonwood Falls, Kans., and exploded with louder reports than the modern firecrackers make.

Mrs. Catherine Kilford, 60, of New York City, pulled a man passenger out of a subway seat so had "grabbed" and ordered him to get off the car.

Six youths arrested in Fishkill, N. Y., posted a spare tire as a bond for their appearance in court to answer traffic violation charges.

Warned by state patrolmen because of the absence of a tail light on his truck trailer, a driver near St. Louis utilized a molasses bucket and a charcoal fire to provide the light.

## THIS and THAT

It's time to chuck another age old custom into the discard. It is NOT wise to cover a cut foot or ankle with a white stocking or sock. On the contrary it may be dangerous.

So says Mr. Harvey Wilson, who before coming to Murphy, to found the Cigarettes Sales Company, was executive Vice-president of one of the largest stocking mills in the nation.

"If you have a cut, or a sore on your foot or ankle, the best thing to do is to apply a sterilized bandage, and stay home until it heals" Mr. Wilson said. "But if you must go out, and want to cover it, for heavens sake DON'T think you're getting any protection by putting on a sock or stocking that is pure white. Any other fast color is far and away better.

"The reason is that pure white stockings have to be bleached—and the bleaching process is done with a chemical that is a whole lot more dangerous than the ordinary pure vegetable dyes."

Sad, yea verily, sad indeed is the plight of the poor workers who have to wear themselves out pulling a string that lifts a red flag every time a car comes along the highway. It is true that by tying one end of the string to a tree, or telegraph pole, at the proper height, it is possible for the "worker" to sit down, and manipulate that string without ever having to get up. But the ground is so hard! Sometimes they have to stretch themselves too!

One of them, we noticed, has done away with this last need by getting himself a two foot section of log, which he places upend and sits on. But alas, he hasn't any cushion.

Worse still, there is very little shade along the stretch of no. 19 where the men now are located.

We think the Government is treating these men shamefully. They ought to have nice light stools (it's a nuisance to have to move a heavy log) and they ought to have nice fat cushions.

And by all means, they ought to have sun parasols.

And while we are on this subject, we find ourselves mildly curious about the brilliant idea back of this project whereby big, strong men are put to work daintily manicuring the red-clay hillsides to the smoothness of satin.

Of course, as soon as a heavy rain comes, all those ugly wrinkles and frills they are so gently massaging away will come right back again, exactly as bad as before.

We wonder the man who thought this work up, has taken this up with Heaven?

Mayor Tillitt, of Andrews, dropped in for a chat, grew reminiscent. "I tried the first case in this county ever to be tried before an all woman jury" he said. "It was a sanity hearing. I was trying to show that a certain one time big business man in Andrews was not competent to manage his own affairs—and I won.

"At the start, some people thought I was foolish for having nothing but women on the jury; but my wife said it was the smartest thing I ever did. She declared any woman, would agree, at any time, that NO man was able to manage his own affairs, ever!" V. C. O.

## Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: Is sheep raising profitable in North Carolina?

ANSWER: Yes. Research work by scientists of the North Carolina Experiment Station indicate that a small farm flock will pay excellent returns throughout most of North Carolina. Purebred Hampshire rams used on native ewes produce excellent cross bred lambs of high quality and with good weight of body and wool. Sheep keep weeds under control, produce mutton for home use and supply an income from wool and lambs.

QUESTION: Is grass silage a practical feed in this State,

ANSWER: Apparently so because many good farmers have now turned to this method of providing succulent feed for their cattle during summer. It is rather hard to cure for hay the cereal and legume crops planted in the fall and harvested in the spring. Many times it rains continuously when the hay should be cut and the crop thus matures to the point where it is nothing much but stems and woody tissue. If the crop is cut and rained upon, curing is difficult and a low quality, moldy hay is the result. On the other hand, this material can be cut and stored in the silo at any time, preserved with molasses and the cattle are assured of an excellent feed. There is no waste.

## NOBODY'S BUSINESS

BY GEE MCGHEE

king geo. and queen eliz. did not visit in flat rock on their tower into the u. s. they will possibly stop off on their next trip.

it was a mistake that mr. s holsum moore, sr., inhaled 2000\$ from her recently diseased grampaw, it was only 20\$, the cyphers were rote in o. k.' but the period was left out of the newspaper betwixt them.

the mortgage on mr. slim chance's new otter-mo-beel should have read 575\$ instid of 5.75\$ as per a recent notis of mortgages recorded, he will soon swipe that out as he is clerking in a stoar ever saturday that takes in a right smart of redly cash.

mr. junk simkins died 2 days after his operation by dr. hubbert green, an dnat while on the table under the knife and saw, as per yore news item last tuesday, it is all so not the truth that his wife has her evens on hon. stupid jhonson, they are only cuzzins, and he has always visited his cuzzins in the pat. (p. s. we think it i about fourth or fifth.)

the engagement betwixt hurdie little and jimmie spinks, which was announced last friday should of been a marriage notis, they were tied together in holey matrimony verry privately by an out-of-town preeches and they simply held their jobs for 6 months so's she could save up a little monney for a rainy day, from the way he has been drinking here of late a shower is liable to fall anny time.

it was a false report about rev. will waite receiving a call on o recent date to a greener field, he was asked to come down and look over the same in behalf of the congregation, he would not tuch it at 350\$ per year, he is promised 750\$ at rehober church and usually collects at least half of it by taking produce, hens, ansforth, he seems to be verry well anchored in our midst.

## FLAT ROCK HAD A MAD-DOG SCARE

a big hound mad-dog chased hisself and others thru town last friday p. m. and a right smart of property was damaged by folks trying to get out of his way, the polesman clumb a tree 45 feet high that has not got a limb on it for the first 30 feet, in the past he has not benn able to climb up a ladder.

holsum moore ran into mrs. skinned's new picket fence and lore down six panels of it, and destroyed half of her nice flower garding, he claims that the dog snapped at him times before he could throw hisself into high speed, he got badly scratched up, but the mad-dog never done it, he was slobbering worse than the dog was when he finally returned to an-consciousness.

mr. burkett's fine 5-gallon cow was bit in two places and she can't be milked, she will be put up and watched according to the veterenery doctor, her milk will be a great loss to the familey as he has benn cut off the w. p. a, the little caff escaped damage, but has not benn seen since.

the town counsell met as soon as the dog got out of sight and passed a audience which requires owners of all dogs to be muzzled at once and must also take a shot in the hind legs for rabbies ansforth, whoever lets his or her dog run loose without a muzzle on it will be shot on sight, that is—shot at the polesman is not verry good at hitting annything.

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mike lark, rfd,  
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## Turning Back History's Pages

30 YEARS AGO  
Tuesday, July 6, 1909

Mr. John Stanley Meroney, Sr., editor of this paper, died Monday, June 28, 1909, at 1:30 p. m. at his home in Murphy, surrounded by loved ones, after bravely battling twelve days with pneumonia.

Sheriff A. B. Dickey spent several days in Asheville last week.

Attorney J. H. Dillard was in Waynesville the first of last week.

Mrs. J. J. Clark and children of Asheville are here for some time.

G. W. Candler left Sunday to spend the week at the home of his father, Dr. Candler, at Dillsboro.

The many friends of ex-sheriff T. N. Bates will be glad to learn that he is recovering from a spell of sickness.

Capt. J. P. Robinson, of Dallas, Ga. arrived Wednesday. He was to late to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Editor John S. Meroney.

20 YEARS AGO  
Friday, July 4, 1919

Miss Sallie Radcliffe, of Greensboro is visiting Miss Hettie Kate Akin.

Sgt. Roy L. Raxter returned home Tuesday, from overseas.

Mrs. W. W. Hyde returned Sunday from a visit to Etowah, Tenn.

Mrs. C. W. Savage and son, Bert, returned last Saturday from a visit to Mrs. Savage's sister in Virginia.

## Chaff From Many Mills

Mrs. Lillian George of Bristol Eng., sued Henry Thorne for wages due her, alleging he claimed to have paid her by giving spiritualist seances for her benefit.

A wheel from an unidentified airplane fell through the glass roof of a greenhouse owned by Louis Stearns of Brocton, Mass.

Old-fashioned phonograph horns and discarded radio loud speakers are being used as flower pots in the garden of C. A. Kimball at Lewiston, Me.

Instead of being thanked for his good deed, August Manza of Indiana Harbor, Ind., was robbed of \$45 and his watch by a man he rescued from a thug.

When the eaves of a park building in Shelby, Ida., caught fire, firemen discovered that a sparrow had carried a lighted cigarette stub to its nest.

During an airplane round-up count of wild life for the Biological Survey, a herd of about 400 wild horses not hitherto known was discovered in Wyoming.

Frank Pope, bound by bandits who robbed the offices of the consolidated ticked office in New York City, summoned help by dialing the telephone with his nose.

Hershel Candler and family came Saturday from Athens, Tenn. on account of the illness of his mother.

W. P. Odom, traveling salesman, has resigned his position and is at his home at Oregeta.

Mrs. Mary E. Candler, of Hickory, N. C., died here Tuesday morning at the home of her son, G. W. Candler after a long illness. The remains were carried to Dillsboro, Wednesday for interment.

Miss Lizzie Richardson is visiting friends in Asheville.

10 YEARS AGO  
Friday, July 5, 1929

Miss Kathleen Axley returned home Sunday from Asheville where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Garrison Maneval.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Anderson and daughter, Miss Annie Graham, motored to Atlanta, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Fain and Miss Lois Hill spent the week-end at Asheville.

Mrs. C. B. Hill and son, Lowry motored to Copperhill, Sunday.

Mr. E. O. Christopher, is in Top-ton this week shipping out lumber.

Messrs. Jake Palmer and Harry Fincher, of Canton, spent the week-end with Mr. Palmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. V. I. Butt and son, Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davidson and Miss Sara Cook motored to Canal Lake Sunday.

A group of small boys in St. Johnsbury, Va., who found an automobile loaded with liquor, succeeded in peddling 45 pints before the attention of police was called.

Daniel Petrell of Buffalo, who visited his estranged wife once a week and gave her \$1 for a kiss, objected when she boosted the price to \$5.

Thieves stole a 600-pound safe from the Moose building, hauled it to the city limits of Normal, Ill., and blew the bottom out of it to obtain \$450.

Judgment of \$100,000 was given to Samuel Wenk in Chicago who testified that he went into a health club feeling "fine" but came out after a massage with a broken vertebra.

An allegation in a divorce suit filed in Springfield, Mo., was that the plaintiff's wife put cayene pepper in his clothing.

Two lawyers in Adams, Mass., agreed in lieu of \$250 due them from a client, who was unable to pay them, to accept 1,000 dozen eggs over a ten-year period.

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