

NEW FIRE TRUCK IS PUT TOGETHER BY CHIEF SWAIM

New Chassis Is Bought And Old Equipment Is Fixed and Shifted

Fire Chief Fred Swaim is walking around muttering to himself. If you listen closely you'll hear the words of his song. They run: "Wishing will make it so".

"That's the truest song ever written," Chief Swaim declares. "For five long years I've been wishing for a new fire truck—and finally I've got one."

The head of the Fire Department was perhaps a bit over-enthusiastic; for it isn't exactly a new fire truck that has been purchased by the Town. Rather it is what might be termed a piece-work job.

Some of it is brand new. Some of it is rebuilt. Some is a mixture of both—and some is old. But the result is a fire truck that is nifty as to looks and—what really counts—one that can be counted on to function when needed.

Such, definitely was NOT the case with the old equipment some thirteen years ago, the little red truck, of late years, has been as temperamental as Greta Garbo on her sulkiest day. Sometimes it would purr like a kitten, and run like nobody's business. Sometimes—but not often.

Mostly it would splutter protestingly, growl creakingly, and refuse to budge until it got a good healthy shove. That was all right if the going was down hill. But when there was an upgrade, why that was something else again.

The last time the old engine was called into use was a couple of months ago when fire broke out in a shed back of the Henry House. After much coaxing and shoving the engine finally made nearly 400 yards, and arrived on all fours to make the long pull the scene only about five minutes after the fire was all over.

The engine drew up to a firm parking position against the curbing. When Chief Swaim tried to drive back to Tom Evans' garage, he found it was a case of no soup. Something was out of order, and the engine wouldn't start. And an up-hill grade made pushing a little too much work.

So far many days the engine staid right where it was. Fortunately there were no fires—or it might have been just too bad. Fortunately, too, the fire insurance companies didn't hear about it, or the rates—already high enough Goodness knows—would have climbed still higher.

But that's all over now. The Town purchased a chassis from Ed Moore, who not only is an automobile dealer but also a member of the Board, and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Moore sold the chassis at cost—\$800.

Then Chief Swaim got busy. He took the apparatus off the old truck and moved it onto the new chassis. What was good, he retained. Repairs and replacements were made. The rest was thrown away.

The result is a fire fighting machine, which Chief Swaim declares is able to tackle any blazes that comes along.

"Of course it won't last forever," Chief Swaim explained. "I had hoped to get everything new and up to the minute—but that would have cost \$600 more, and the town finances couldn't stand that much outlay."

"What we have will serve for a two or three years. By that time, we hope to buy a completely new outfit, strip the present chassis, and turn it over to the town to use as a truck."

MASON BACK WITH BIG IDEA

Former Sheriff Loster Mason, just back from Knoxville reports that 1800 cattle were sold at the Stockyards there on Wednesday. Mr. Mason says a goodly proportion of the stock offered came from this section. He wonders why there isn't a stock-yard in Murphy.

HENN TICKETS GO TO MAUDE DICKEY 2 MORE THIS WEEK

AEDUM KIDCEY

That's not misprint. It's a name. Unscramble the letters and you'll find they spell Maude Dickey.

The owner of that name found it all right—hidden in two of the Scout's ads. As a result she got two tickets to the fine Henn theater.

Two more tickets are waiting for some lucky reader this week. Sturdy the Scout ads. If you find your name, bring the paper to the Scout office before 5 o'clock Monday afternoon—and get your passes.

Maybe the name will be scrambled maybe not. "We aint a-sayin'".

TOWN'S STATION FOR TVA POWER WILL BE RUSHED

Road To Site Graded; Construction Work To Follow At Once

Within the next month, according to Town Clerk "Ef" Christopher, the present electrical power tie-up with the Nantahala Company will be a thing of the past, and Murphy and its environs will be served from its own substation of the TVA.

The substation, costing between \$30,000 and \$40,000 is to be built on land recently purchased from Attorney Don Witherspoon, in East Murphy, near the town limits. The big steel and aluminum structure will sit back about 300 feet off Highway No. 19. The lot cost the town \$750. The cost of erecting the sub-station will be met by the TVA whose force expect to complete their work in less than 30 days after structural operations have been started.

The location off the highway made it necessary for the Town to build a road to the proposed site. Mr. Christopher says workmen have practically finished the curbing and grading, and all that remains to do is cover the route with crushed rock.

"This will be finished early next week," the Town Clerk said. "Our rock crusher, near the store of T. P. Calhoun on Highway 19, is ready to go—but it is now hooked up with the Nantahala Company, and we want to change that to a tie-up with our own lines. That won't take long—and the rock will be in place very shortly."

"Meanwhile two car-loads of poles have reached Murphy, shipped by the TVA to carry lines to the Grape Creek section. They will be erected immediately, and soon houses that have never known any brighter illumination than that from lamps, will be blazing with electricity."

PUMPING STATION HAS FLOOR LIFTED, SITE BEAUTIFIED

Its flooring elevated several feet to prevent it from being inundated when the TVA dam causes the river to rise, the town's pumping station, on Highway 28, is now in operation again.

The centrifugal pump, which had to be taken apart, and reassembled was given a test Thursday, and found to be in perfect working order. All the machinery has been given thorough going over, and is in better shape than in years. A water shortage—as has visited the town in times ago—is now regarded as almost impossible.

Coincident with the elevation of the flooring of the station, the grounds have been regraded and will be beautified. Fertilizer has been added to the soil in liberal doses, and grass seed planted. Next spring, it is reported, formal flower beds will be laid out and cultivated, making the station a real beauty spot.

ACTION PLANNED TO SPEED PAVING OF ATLANTA LINK

Federalization Sought As Sole Remedy For Twelve Mile Stretch

Steps are expected soon to be taken by a joint committee from Andrews and Murphy to enlist the aid of nearby Georgia merchants to bring about Federalization of the 12 mile stretch of unpaved road leading from his section to Atlanta via Marietta.

Merchants and householders along the unpaved stretch probably will be asked to sign a petition. Business firms and postmaster of other towns all the way to Atlanta also will be solicited for aid. Finally cooperation will be sought from both Marietta and Atlanta. Much freight traffic to and from Atlanta over this highway ever day.

Andrews is concerned. Naturally as regards freight; but it is even more interested in the increased tourist trade that a completely paved highway would inevitably bring.

Under present conditions, many tourists from Atlanta shun that dusty, lumpy 12 mile stretch as they would a pestilence. Instead they take a longer route, which brings them to the great Smokies up Bryson City and Sylva way. As a result, they never see Cherokee County at all.

And many of those tourists, who ever see us, might reasonably be counted on to stay with us a while—and come back again if only we could get them in the first place.

For many years, now Georgia has been promising to pave the road. Those promises have meant exactly nothing. The general belief hereabouts has been that the State was too broke to do anything.

Lack of money is of course, the basic cause. But even whether the road could be paved under the present setup.

The Journal has learned, definitely that the chief obstacle lies in the fact that this particular stretch of highway, for some obscure reason, has never been Federalized. Therefore no Federal funds are available for improving it.

Were it Federalized, it could be paved with Georgia paying only half the bill, and the other half being met by the U. S. Government. As it is Georgia would have to pay it all.

Naturally, that State chooses to spend its highway funds on roads where, by receiving Federal aid, they can get two dollars worth of work for one.

The Marietta highway connects with five Federal roads, and there is no logical reason why it too has not been Federalized—except that no such formal request has ever been made, with the proper backing.

All that is necessary, this paper has been informed, is to get up a petition signed by Georgia residents who use the highway, and by leading residents.

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NOTLA TALC CO. TAKES OVER LAND OF FRANK SILVER

The Notla Talc Company, forced from its former holdings by a combination of water and TVA land purchases, has leased 69 acres of land from Frank Silver, near Culberson the Scout learns,—and are now drilling to find the best place to sink a shaft.

According to Mr. Silver, the land has been leased on a royalty basis, and under an option. If expectations are borne out, Mr. Silver hopes to sell outright, taking part payment in cash, and the remainder in permanent royalties.

Preliminary tests indicate that the tale is a continuation of the old vein formerly worked by the Notla Company. Mr. J. W. Bailey, head of this concern says that sample cores he has brought to the surface have been tested, and found to be almost pure white in color, and of unusually fine quality.

Present indications are that the big vein lies from 50 to 60 feet deep—and that there will be so little water, at least at the start, that a single small engine will take care of it.

Operations also will be aided, and expenses cut down by use of TVA power, bought from the Town of Murphy.

FACULTY LISTED BY SUPT. BUECK AS TERM NEARS

Meeting Of Teachers Is Called For Monday, Opening Wednesday

With the entire list of faculty members named for the coming school year, which opens in Murphy next Wednesday, August 30th. Superintendent H. Bueck has called the first faculty meeting of the year for Monday afternoon, August 28th.

The meeting will be held in the School auditorium and tentative plans for the coming year will be outlined, and a program mapped.

A splendid spirit of cooperation is reported, and the coming year is expected to prove one of the most productive in the history of the local school system. A finer group of teachers has never been assembled in this county.

Superintendent Bueck has announced the completed list of faculty members for the Murphy City unit, as follows:

Kenneth Clayton Wright, Principal; Mrs. W. E. Studstill, Reid Mallonee, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mae W. Veal, Lola Brooks, Julian Houston Pitzer.

Bascomb R. Carroll, Meredith Whitaker, Laura Hugdon Overton, Mrs. Virginia S. Cobb, Margaret Virginia Benton, Dorothy Lide, Geneva

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Battle Royal Looms Sunday As Locals Meet Copper Hill

Manager Kindley has arranged for a sure 'nuff blood and thunder game for next Sunday. The Cherokee All Stars will crash—and we mean CRASH with the boys from Copper Hill.

Since these two teams love each other just like Hitler loves a Jew, there should be large doings.

The All Stars are confident. "We're going to send 'em back to the mines, where they belong" quoth Ray Barton demon back-stop and slugger for Our Side. "Those Copperhill guys aint in our class—but we're takin' 'em on, just to give 'em a little lesson as to how the game really should be played."

"Those poor chaps need lessons. They don't know nothin'. But they'll know plenty when we get through with 'em."

A man from Copperhill heard Bar-

ton speak his piece. The Copperite glowered, and spat.

"I aint answein' you now," he told the All Stars Catcher—"because I'm on foreign territory, so to speak. You got friends with you—I aint got nobody—not yet."

"But I'll have my gang with me Sunday. We'll lick the tar out of you on the ball field—and then if you aint satisfied we'll lick you all over again, any way you say."

From all of which, my hearties, it would seem that there is going to be a real ball game. Chambers will be on the mound for Copperhill, and McNally will serve 'em up for the locals.

The game will start at two o'clock, central time, and the usual admission rates will prevail. Be there—maybe you'll see not only a game—but a Battle Royal.

PLANS FOR UNITY TO BOOST COUNTY FEARED DOOMED

Merchants Like Idea, But See Defeat By "Old Human Nature"

Committees from the various communities of the County will meet at the Court-house in Murphy Friday night, August 25, to report on prevailing sentiment regarding the plan to organize a county-wide chamber of commerce.

Preliminary reports reaching the Scout are to the effect that the county wide plan probably will be defeated. Indications are that efforts will be made to organize a chamber for Murphy alone.

A more than 90 per cent of the business men interviewed in Murphy freely admitted that the county-wide idea would be the best—"if it could be worked out."

Most of these seemed to feel, however, that unity was doomed "because of human nature."

"Andrews and Murphy can never work together in such a plan" one prominent Murphy merchant told the Scout. "Murphy wants to call attention to the fact that it has cheap TVA power; two railroads; and will be close to the TVA lake and its fine fishing. You can't expect Andrews to join in advertising those things."

Then there is the question of a meeting place. I don't believe Andrews would be willing to come to Murphy. Neither would Murphy go to Andrews.

"If there should be a full time secretary of the Chamber, the question would arise as to where he would live. Both towns would want him."

"Finally members from Murphy would outnumber those from Andrews. Having a majority, they could put their will over—but it would mean a row."

"Altogether, I believe that the rivalry between Murphy and Andrews has existed too long to be healed in a minute. Of course, such rivalry is foolish. Both towns know that something must be done—and our aims are almost identical. They should get together—but human nature being what it is, I don't believe they ever will—for any length of time. Better not waste time trying."

Advocates of the County wide-idea refuse to accept this idea. They insist that a county wide chamber could be formed to advertise Cherokee County, without mentioning either town. The idea would be to get visitors into the county and then let them decide of themselves.

These advocates point out that the Lions and Rotarians could then work as purely local organizations, stirring their respective towns to a friendly rivalry in beautification, civic betterment, etc.

Mr. C. W. Savage and Mr. Walter Mauney, who with Dr. E. L. Holt and Dr. Bryan Whitfield comprise the committee named to sound out sentiment in Murphy, are themselves divided on the question of what is best.

The answer will be given at the meeting Friday night to which the public is invited. The session will convene at 8 o'clock.

State Moves To Push Marketing of Crops

Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott today announced the appointment of W. H. Darst, veteran agronomist, as farm crops marketing specialist for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture "to develop a broad program looking toward better preparation of farm crops for market with emphasis on better handling, storage and grading."

Darst has had 29 years experience in agronomic work with state and federal agricultural agencies, having served agriculture more than 16 years in North Carolina prior to leaving the state two years ago to work on his doctor's degree at Cornell University.