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FAIR BUILDINGS BURNED

The two large exhibition buildings and grandstand together with the secretaries office and some of the smaller buildings of the Jackson County Fair Association were completely destroyed by fire Monday night.

The fire caught in the east-end exhibition building and was well underway when it was discovered. There was hard wind blowing and the flames spread rapidly, endangering the fences and woodland surrounding.

The buildings that were burned were the best for the purpose for which they were constructed, in Western North Carolina.

The loss is about \$4000 partially covered by insurance to the extent of \$2000. The Secretary's books and papers were saved.

There was only a small amount of the property belonging to Camp Jackson in the burned building, the more valuable property of the school being stored up town. The loss suffered by the Camp will probably be less than \$100.

Plans are already on foot to replace the buildings.

GOING AFTER IT.

Murphy citizens and business men are going after the Asheville Atlanta Highway, and showed their good intentions in this project by the large and representative delegation that went to the meeting at Bryson City Tuesday.—Cherokee Scout.

TRI-STATE FAIR.

Cherokee Scout.

A Tri-State Fair is a project that should be developed by the business men of Murphy. With Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties in North Carolina, Towns and Union counties in Georgia, and Polk in Tennessee, we could have a fair that would beat anything in this entire mountain section and bring thousands of visitors here from these states and other sections. It would be a project that would appeal at once to the public, because it would be out of the usual. We would like to see this matter taken up this fall and winter and developed.

A monument erected to the memory of John and Jane Bryson, first settlers of Jackson County and ancestors of the Bryson's in this county and many others who have gone from here to other places, will be unveiled at Cullowhee graveyard on Sunday Nov. 8th, 1914. All Brysons or their decedents are urged to be present.

This beautiful monument, presented to the family by Mrs. Mell Keller of Cullowhee and her brothers in Texas was on display at the fair grounds during our last fair and was admired by all who saw it.

FOR SALE—5 pure bred Duroc Jersey pigs 6 weeks old. \$7.50 each if taken in next 10 days.
W. C. Hill.

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ASHEVILLE-MURPHY-ATLANTA-HIGHWAY.

By Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt.

For some time the Highway Division of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey has been interested in trying to work out a plan by which the extreme Western part of North Carolina could come in touch with the rest of the State by good roads but it is only within the past few months that conditions arose that have made it possible to undertake this proposition. In several townships of Cherokee County, bonds were issued and good roads were constructed, so that Andrews and Murphy are connected by good roads. Haywood and Buncombe Counties were building roads, but there was very little being done in Jackson, Swain or Macon. During the past few months, however, the townships in these counties have taken up in a very energetic manner the construction of good roads and now there is no reason why a through road should not be constructed at an early date, connecting Asheville and Murphy and extending to the Georgia line. There is no road in Western North Carolina that would be used more and have any more attractive scenery than this route. Although it will cross several ranges of mountains, it does not offer any serious engineering problems that cannot be met by the counties.

From Asheville to Waynesville the road is completed, and from assurances given by the county commissioners of Haywood the road will be continued to the Jackson County line near Balsam. A crossing of the Balsam Mountains can be made on an easy grade and will open up to the thousands of tourists that will come into this section a most attractive and beautiful portion of Western North Carolina. Descending the Balsams, a highway can easily be located that will have no heavier grade than the Southern Railway. Sylva Township has already constructed a road almost the whole distance between Sylva and Addie, and is constructing its road towards Dillsboro township line. This leaves to the east, between Sylva Township line and the Haywood line, not over six miles of road to construct.

From Sylva to Franklin, Macon County, two roads are under consideration,—one to cross the Cowee Mountains, following in a general way the old stage coach route; the other via Bryson, Swain County. If the latter route is selected, the highway would follow from Dillsboro down the Tuckaseegee Valley through the Cowee Mountains to Bryson. This Valley is a most attractive one and the road would be very popular. It would give the farmers of that valley an opportunity to market their products at the lowest cost for transportation. At Bryson the road would cross a spur of the Cowee Mountains and then follow up the Valley of the Little Tennessee River to Franklin. Here, again, is a section that is very much in need of a good road,—beautiful farm lands that cannot be developed to their full extent on account of the bad conditions of the roads. There is no question but that after the construction of this road that soon there would be almost a continuous line of summer homes between Bryson and Franklin.

The other route from Sylva across the Cowee Mountains would

mean that the highway would penetrate through a more rugged country but it is doubtful if it could be more picturesque than that via Bryson, and, on the other hand, it would not open up as large an area of farmingland as the other route. There is no difficulty, however, in crossing the Cowee Mountains on an easy grade and at a minimum cost of construction. From Franklin the route would be approximately via Aquone across the Nantahala Mountains and Valley, the Valley River Mountains and on to Andrews Between Aquone and Andrews would, perhaps, be the hardest piece of construction work, but there is but little doubt that the Federal Government will assist in building the highway through this section, as it represents one of the forest areas that has been acquired by the Federal Government. Across the Nantahala and Valley River Mountains there would be some of the wildest and most picturesque scenery along the whole route from Asheville to Murphy.

Cherokee County is already reaping the benefit of the good roads from Andrews to Murphy, but they feel the need of a road connecting them with Macon and Swain Counties, and there is no doubt that with its construction there will be constant travel between these counties and Cherokee, the people of each being united by ties of kinship. From Murphy to the Georgia line the road would probably follow the Valley of the Nottely River.

Georgia is ready to co-operate in carrying this road on to Rome and Atlanta. It is the intention in the near future to hold a joint meeting, perhaps at Murphy, of delegates from Georgia and North Carolina who are interested in the construction of this road.

Already a great deal of enthusiasm has been aroused in North Carolina over the construction on this road and plans are now being made to get a corps of engineers at work locating the highway. It is hoped that this can be started at an early date. If the people of the six counties interested will get together, there is no question whatever but that the road can be built and that Murphy and Asheville will be connected by a good road within eighteen months. The counties through which the road passes have plenty of resources to enable them to raise the revenue necessary with which to build the road. The general plan is for the road to be built with maximum grades of 4-1-2 per cent and of such a width that it is no trouble to pass any kind of vehicle to any place along the road.

CLAYWELL-GANTT.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Catheryn Claywell of Morganton, and Mr. Robert Gantt, of Bryson City, the marriage to take place in the Morganton Methodist church on December 16th.

Miss Claywell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Claywell, of Morganton, received her musical education at the Durham Conservatory of Music and is considered one of the most beautiful young women of the mountain section of the state.

Bob Gantt, as he is affectionately known is a Trinity College man and an old baseball star, being one of the leading pitchers on the Trinity team while in college. Since his graduation he read law and is now located at Bryson City where he enjoys a fine practice.

The wedding will be one of the leading social events in Morganton this winter.—News and Observer.

THAT EXTRA TAX

The County Board of Education answers the charge being circulated that they recommended and are responsible for the 5 cts. school levy, of 1913, and now considered an illegal tax.
North Carolina,
Jackson County.

I. T. L. Jamison, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is one of the members of the Board of Education of Jackson County and was such member during the year 1913, and at the time the taxes for that year were levied; that they did not have any meeting of the Board of Education, and that neither he nor M. Buchanan were present at the August meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County when the taxes for that year were levied; that at the July meeting of the Board of Education of the same year, they discussed the question of whether they would ask the levy of 5c. on the \$100.00 worth of property (now known as an illegal tax), and that they decided that they would not ask the levy of this tax, and did not ask it, and that he did not know the same had been levied by the Commissioners until some time after the levy was made.

T. L. JAMISON,
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 27th day of October, 1914.
J. J. GRAY
Notary Public.

North Carolina,
Jackson County.

M. Buchanan being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is a member of the Board of Education of Jackson County and was such member during the year 1913, and at the time the taxes for that year were levied; that they did not have any meeting of the Board of Education, and none of the members of said Board were present at the August meeting of the Board of Commissioners when the taxes were levied; that at the July meeting of the Board of Education of the same year, they discussed the question of whether they would ask the levy of 5c. on the \$100.00 worth of property (now known as an illegal tax), and that they decided that they would not ask the levy of this tax, and did not ask it, and did not know the same had been levied by the Commissioners until most of the taxes had been collected, when it was brought to the attention of the Board of Education that the Southern Railway Company had declined to pay this tax because the same was illegal, and as he is informed the Commissioners released the Railroad from the payment of said tax.

M. BUCHANAN,
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 28th day of October, 1914.
J. J. GRAY,
Notary Public.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. Church most delightfully entertained the Missionary Society of the Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon Oct. 21 from 3 to 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. D. Cowan, which was beautifully decorated with dahlias and chrysanthemums. There was a full representation of the members of both societies. After an hour of social pleasure. The guest engaged in a "Flower Contest" Mrs. Jasper Allen giving the greatest number of correct answers won the prize of a beautiful bouquet of many varieties of dahlias. Fruit Punch was served in the parlor after which the guests were shown into the dining room which was adorned with autumn flowers and colors where a salad course was served.

On leaving all were unanimous in voicing the pleasures of the occasion and voting Mrs. Cowan a most agreeable hostess.

A DAY AT "TIP-TOP"

On Tuesday October thirteenth at "Tip Top", the delightful country home of Mrs. C. W. Allen, the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society spent one of the most enjoyable days of their existence as a society.

Just fifteen ladies were in the party, and the whole day's program crowned by a dinner that Delmonico's would have their hands full in surpassing, was a success in every way.

It is impossible to convey on paper, any idea of what just such a country dinner as Mrs. Allen's means. Suffice it to say that an over abundance of everything it is possible to conceive in the way of the most eatable, was served by Mrs. Allen.

Tip Top is 4000 feet above sea level, and after the ride up, the ladies were all able to do full justice to the most excellent eats.

Among the elder ladies who attended were Mrs. Bryson, Mrs. Mallonee and Mrs. Leatherwood, and these appeared to be as young as any in the party upon their return.

A day at Mrs. Allen's takes ten years from your age, and adds something to your recollections of good things not soon to be forgotten.

Chestnuts were to be had by the "apron-full", and repeated visits were made to the orchard by Mrs. Allen's delighted guests.

If anyone had troubles, they were forgotten without an effort.

The Society looks forward to the next visit to Tip Top, and they cannot be faulted for so doing.

Those present were:

Mrs. N. D. Cowan, Mrs. A. S. Nichols, Mrs. J. W. Keener, Mrs. D. D. Hooper, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Mrs. Sullia Bryson, Mrs. Carrie McKee, Mrs. J. J. Gray, Mrs. Mallonee, Mrs. Leatherwood, Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mrs. W. H. Rhodes and Miss Helen Cathey.

Helen Cathey Sec.

THE AUTO IN THE FIELD.

It is quite a common sight in North Carolina to see farmers drive to the harvest fields in automobiles. It takes a solemn sum of money to buy an automobile and it takes good roads, as well as gasoline, to run them.

A joy ride in the harvest fields of this State is one of the most exhilarating experiences that is available on this continent and one that would charm a tourist and convince a home-seeker. A speedway lined with growing crops and blooded stock is a landscape that one seldom tours in a lifetime. In mapping out automobile routes the North Carolina harvest fields should be given prominent position. Was not a "See American First" Campaign?

APPLY SLOAN'S FREELY FOR LUMBAGO.

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