

### POWER SURVEY SETS FORTH STATE CASE

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Mention has been made of the power possibilities of the Hiwassee River in Clay and Cherokee Counties, and the investigation being made of it and its tributaries by the hydraulic department of the Survey.

These studies have been pursued through a period of two years and

take into consideration the entire Hiwassee area, with the aim of securing its ultimate delivery of the maximum amount of power and by guarding against partial developments and of obtaining the most intensive utilization of various sites, considered in connection with their combined maximum production. The investigations of the Survey have also been made with due regard to minimizing damage to surrounding territory in the construction of plants.

How important investigations of this character may be to the interest of the State appears from the circumstance of the application of the

Southern Appalachian Power Company now pending before the Federal Power Commission for the construction of a plant upon the Hiwassee at a point about one mile above Murphy. This proposed development would produce 59,000 horsepower and by creating an immense storage reservoir would greatly increase the power capacity of the river lower down. The plans, however, call for the construction of a dam 170 feet in height and 1,500 feet long, which would flood and end the productivity of 11,000 acres of very valuable agricultural lands, cause the abandonment of important sections of the State highway, and otherwise work serious changes in established homes and localities. In the investigations of the Survey these matters and questions are naturally taken into account and given their due place in the consideration of the problem as a whole.

The investigation conducted by the War Department for the Federal Power Commission is not likely, on the other hand, to take into account anything beyond the effect of the proposed development on the Hiwassee River and its power development and on the navigation of the Tennessee River, into which the Hiwassee flows.

When it comes to the important matter of State interest and that of the counties affected by the development, the Federal Power Commission will nevertheless have in the brief filed by the Survey a report dealing not only with the technical phases of the development, but an investigation in which these vital interests are treated sympathetically in accordance with their importance.

In addition to the submission of the brief and report on the development of the Hiwassee the hydraulic department of the Survey is completing its final report on the Deep River development, looking to increases in the power supply of the area and a uniform plan for the use of sixteen or more industries located therein.

There will also be soon undertaken a survey and investigation of the water powers in Stokes County, in cooperation with the county authorities having to do with the undeveloped power of the Dan River.

Additions to power plants available for the industry of the State include the recently completed Mountain Island hydro-electric development, of 80,000 horsepower, and plans of the Carolina Light and Power Company to increase immediately the capacity of its steam power plant at Brickhaven from 20,000 to 40,000 horsepower capacity, with the view of ultimately bringing the capacity of this plant to 60,000 horsepower in accordance with the plan originally contemplated.

Gap. Everybody here is rejoicing at the prospect of their grand children or at least their great-grandchildren being able to get over the country without having to wade thru at least six inches of mud.

Mr. C. W. Ballew, who recently moved to Murphy with his family, visited the Creek last week, but returned to his home the latter part of the week.

Mr. A. E. Cloer recently moved his family here from near Blairsville, Ga., and resides on the Rev. F. R. Carter place. Mr. Cloer was a resident of it is the fact that most of this money comes directly out of the farm pocket," said H. G. Hastings, of Atlanta, Chairman of the Farm and Marketing Bureau of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

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#### UPPER BEAVERDAM.

We are having a good deal of cold weather at this place now.

The farmers are very busy clearing up their farms and making ready to go to plowing as soon as the weather permits.

Mr. W. S. Clayton, who has been hauling crosties, has decided to quit on account of the bad roads. He has a position now with the surveyors.

Miss Etta Garrett went over to A. Z. Roberts Saturday on business.

Miss Florence Horton took dinner with Miss Etta Garrett Sunday.

Mr. G. O. Radford visited at the home of Mr. W. S. Clayton Sunday.

Mr. Brownlow Horton killed a fine hog Saturday.

Mr. Bennie Radford, who has been ill with the flu, is improving considerably.

Mr. George Robtres has bought a fine horse and is now hauling crosties to Grandview.

Mr. A. L. Martin was a visitor to Miss Annie Baxter, our teacher, says she hates to leave us, as she has learned to love us all. We hope to have her as one of our teachers next year.

Mr. W. L. McNabb, of Unaka, passed through our community en route to Davis Creek.

### THE SOUTH MUST GROW ITS OWN FOOD

NO FARM SECTION CAN BUY ITS FOOD AND GRAIN AND GROW RICH.

Atlanta, Ga.—(Special)—"Few people in the South realize the enormous drain there has been on the South's wealth through the steady food and grain buying during the past fifty years. What's the greater pity of it is the fact that most of this money comes directly out of the farm pocket," said H. G. Hastings, of Atlanta, Chairman of the Farm and Marketing Bureau of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

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"It is no over-statement or exaggeration to say that twenty-five billion dollars of the South's money has gone that way in the last fifty years. It was good, hard worked for farm money. What we have been doing is spending our lives growing cotton, trading it off for bread and meat at no profit to ourselves."

"No use to 'cuss' the powers that be in Washington or the trusts, tariff, banks or speculators. They may have had a part but a mighty small part in comparison with the part we ourselves have played. The way to stop that drain on our pockets is to stop buying food, grain and forage and produce those necessary items on home acres."

"The time to start is now. Plans for 1924 are being made. Before a plow is stuck in the ground, food, grain and forage acres should be set aside. These acres should and must be first instead of last consideration. When these are fixed, then the farmer can go as far as he likes with cotton, tobacco or other cash crop safely."

"Give the home garden a chance in his food production. It's a wonderful helper in cutting store bills in half for the folks that will give it a square deal instead of the usual 'lick and a promise,' mostly promise. Start the food production procession in 1924 and a money procession will start to ward your pocket."

Mr. George Hall, of Ogleeta, N. C., was a business visitor at this place Saturday.

Miss Effie Radford spent the week end at Copper Creek.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having been appointed an administrator of the estate of L. M. Ad-

ams, deceased, late of Cherokee County, all persons are hereby notified that they are notified to settle all accounts against the estate and any person who claims against the estate will present the same for settlement within one year from this date, viz., January 1, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded against them.

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In addition to the Miami Trip, a specially conducted tour to Havana has been arranged from Miami. The charge for this trip, which includes railroad fares and pullman fares, hotel expenses in Havana (4 nights and 3 days) various sight-seeing trip, etc., is \$80.00.

If you intend to make this trip, which is the official outing of Oasis Temple for 1924, send your remittance for your Pullman accommodations to J. E. McIlwaine, chairman Transportation Committee, Oasis Special, Charlotte, N. C., promptly and communicate with the undersigned promptly as to railroad transportation and schedule arrangements.

J. H. WOOD

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### Wolf Creek

(Last Week's Letter)

After a long absence you scribble is back again on the job and will try to give your readers the most important happenings of the year so far.

The cold weather of some two or three weeks ago did a lot of damage to small grain and livestock but perhaps it will come back to us by way of killing a lot of bean beetles, rose chaffers, etc.

On the 13th, inst., Mr. Bud McConnell and Mrs. Ben Cook, the widow of the late Ben Cook, were married. This was the fourth time Mr. McConnell is trying married life. They moved on Monday following to Mr. Oscar Ballew's place and will make a crop there this next summer.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Garren on the 2nd, inst., a fine girl baby which they have named Ruthella Josephine.

Mr. C. W. Ballew has moved with his family to Murphy. "Surely Murphy is a good place to live."

The Sunday schools throughout our section are still hibernating. It is too bad that they can't survive the winter months, for a knowledge of the Bible is needed during cold weather as well as during the summer.

On the 11th, inst., Mrs. Rachel Ricks celebrated her 88th birthday. Her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Garren, gave her a dinner and invited many of her near relatives to share in the good things placed on the table to eat. One of the unusual things there worth noting was five generations present in one direct line. Mrs. Ricks stood at the head of the five generations and Master Warden Garren, nearly three years old, at the foot.

(This Week's Letter.)

Mr. H. M. Ballew, who has been working at Rock Island, Tenn., was brought to the Tennessee Copper Hill, with a broken leg, one day last week.

The state highway surveyors have been working here for more than a week on the proposed highway from Murphy to connect with the Tennessee state highway at the Angelico

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