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HAVE THE DAM BUILT HERE

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Jan. 1st, 1935, on three more power dams in the Tennessee valley.

One of the three, he said, will certainly be on Hiawasee river and probably at the Charleston site because construction there would provide the maximum relief both for employment and flood control. Two other Hiawasee sites, both higher upstream, are being pressed and have the advantage of being situated where backwater would inundate less valuable farm land, but Judge McReynolds is using his influence to have the lower Charleston site selected.

In the last public works appropriation, congress allotted \$43,000,000 for TVA work and the President has already allocated \$25,000,000 for work now under way and for purchase of various power distribution lines and systems for Tennessee valley cities and towns. Allocation of the remaining \$23,000,000, which will assure enough money for the TVA to begin construction of three more dams, Hiawasee, Pickwick Landing and Aurora, will be made in the near future, Congressman McReynolds said. Construction, he said, should begin before the end of the year.

We have a letter in this office from W. L. Sturdivant, director of the information division of the TVA, in which he says, "Mr. C. A. Beck, assistant chief engineer, tells me that surveys are continuing in your vicinity as they are at several other tentative dam sites in the Valley. No conclusions have been definitely reached as to the location of future dams."

The Coleman site has been repeatedly unofficially named as an "ideal" site. It would control every bit of water from the Hiawasee, Nolichucky, and Valley rivers. The cost would be minimum as the lands that would be flooded have practically no value except for the timber on them.

We have repeatedly shown the public, not by our word alone, but by the word of men in every walk of life, that if the dam were built here, means would be had to promote work on millions of dollars worth of resources that otherwise will lie dormant.

This section, more than any other we know of, has actively supported the Tennessee Valley Authority. If the dam were built here, that support would be augmented.

The people of Murphy and Cherokee county realize that there is much more to the TVA than merely building dams. It is a means of promoting social progress in the Southeast.

Murphy and Cherokee county have backed to the limit every phase of TVA work undertaken here. Co-operative canneries, creameries, forestry and engineering work have received unflinching help and support.

With a power house on the other side of the bend of the river a distance of three quarters of a mile and a tunnel leading to it from the dam that would greatly increase the water power, if the rock at the bottom of the proposed site will hold a dam, why should we not have it?

Mister President, honorable member of congress, TVA officials—hear our plea for the dam here.

We are broad-minded. We are not thinking only of the money that will be spent on actual construction of the dam.

We have at last, within our reach, an opportunity to build up the POTENTIALLY RICHEST SECTION OF THE UNITED STATES. We have fought for that opportunity. We want it, and promise to actively support it every day to come as we have in the past.

FIGHTING FOR THE DAM

A fine spirit was seen throughout the town and the county this week to let the TVA officials know that the dam, in event it would be built here, would be backed locally.

Repeatedly we have enumerated the advantages to this community and surrounding territory if it were built here. Every day until the final announcement is made, should see new evidences of the fight.

It has been admitted publically that the cost of the local dam would be less than at any other site on the Hiawasee, and outside of a few small mountain streams that pour into the Hiawasee between here and the mouth of the river. It cannot be denied that construction here would provide maximum relief both for employment and flood control.

Keep up the fight. This section needs it. By right it should be ours.

HELP THE SCHOOL KIDDIES

With the first touch of fall in the night air and the days getting shorter we know it is time for the kiddies to go back to school again.

There is nothing one likes to think about so much as the days when he was a barefoot tot starting out to school in the brisk morning air. He hated it then, of course, but it brings back wonderful memories now.

And Monday our children and our neighbor's children will start back. Their whole life is before them. What they will be when they are grown depends in a large part upon the moulding they receive in the class room.

Let us watch them carefully. Let us take pains to cloth and feed them correctly through the winter. And above all let us drive our cars slowly through the school vicinities.

RAISING CATTLE HERE

It has been called to our attention on quite a number of occasions recently that if the United States government sees fit to send cattle from the drought-stricken parts of the country here, that this might be an ideal place for the raising of cattle.

The soil and climate of this section of Western North Carolina is fitted to the raising of cattle, we are told, and that the methods of shipping the cattle out are adequate.

It was said that the many acres of government land in this section that are not being used at present, might be prepared and fenced off for the industry. It would be well to consider the problem from every angle, before rash steps were taken.

The county agent told us some time ago that a good class of cattle demands a good grade of feed. This involves a lot of expense and naturally it takes a peison of some means to start such an industry.

The raising of cattle calls for a lot of time and money before a well-systematized method of producing a regular income can be arranged. Once it is started, though, it is a paying business, provided the elements and the soil are adaptable.

The problem should be presented for serious thought, however, as a possibility of creating another trade and market in this section of the country.

A FARMER'S EXCHANGE

With the appearance recently of an exchange for farmers of this section, we believe a long-needed means of the farmer for trading all farm produce has been effected.

It is a well-known and under-publicized fact that the welfare of the farmer depends upon his income as well as the food and crops he raises. That he must find a method of converting the excess of the food and crops into clothes, money for repairs and improvements, and a legitimate income is imperative.

This exchange will give the farmer an outlet for that which in the past has largely gone to waste or has been sold at a loss instead of a profit, while, at the same time, there is a great demand for it.

This section of North Carolina is blessed with soil and climate that fits the land for a wide variety of foodstuffs and crops for cattle. The sphere of the local farmer is not confined to one or two products such as tobacco or cotton. Most any kind of vegetable and crops can be raised here.

With the advent of a real good exchange that would send the excess products into foreign markets where there is a demand will largely solve the farmer's problem along this line and provide him with a better living.

The farmer's exchange should be boosted as another means of upbuilding this section of Western North Carolina, and aiding national relief.

LET'S TURN BACK HISTORY'S PAGES...

40 YEARS AGO

J. McWhitaker, of Andrews, was in town last Wednesday and paid us a visit.
Miss Fannie, daughter of Collector Tatham, came down from Andrews last Friday.
Silas Rose, of Unaka, was in town last Thursday.
Dr. Samuel Henry has spent a week in the country on Brasstown and in Clay county, the guest of R. E. Martin.
J. L. Smathers, depot agent of the Southern Railway, returned from Bryson City last Friday where he went to visit his family.
Messrs John Stewart and Mark McCord, of Atlanta, are sojourning in our town for a few days.

30 YEARS AGO

Dr. R. M. Waldroup, of Andrews, was in town Thursday.
A. G. Dewesse left yesterday for points along the Southern.
Geo. W. Candler and family left yesterday to visit relatives at Hayesville.
Mrs. A. L. Cooper left yesterday to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Bell, at Bower, N. C.
Miss Josie Fain, who has been the guest of Miss Dot Mauney, returned Saturday to Blue Ridge, Ga.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miller, who have been visiting E. S. Miller, returned yesterday to Mareitta.
Messrs. George B. Walker, and A. D. Raby, of Robbinsville, were pleasant visitors to our town Saturday.
Miss Margaret Bell, of Mocksville, after a pleasant visit with her brother, Mayor M. W. Bell, returned Tuesday to her home.
S. E. Bryson, of Andrews, the jolly proprietor of the Hotel Intermont, was in town Wednesday and greased our palm.
Messrs. W. N. and T. J. Cooper, left Friday for New York, from which point they expect to sail in a few days for a business trip to points in Europe.

20 YEARS AGO

John E. Doney and family visited on Peachtree Sunday.
J. L. Smathers made a business trip to Asheville Monday.
Mark King, Jr., of Copperhill, Tenn., motored over to our city Sunday.
Miss Callie Marsh, of Charlotte, is visiting her uncle, A. B. Gillispie.
E. D. Dekey and Dr. Louis Martin are on Snowbird fishing this week.
B. M. Harbin, of Tomotla, was a pleasant caller at The Scout office Friday.
Miss Minnie Ferguson, of Peachtree, left this week for Stem, where she will teach school for the ensuing year.
Mrs. Edna Murphy, of Asheville, formerly, Miss Edna White, of this city, was the week end guest of the Misses Smathers.
Miss Hattie Axley left Wednesday for Asheville where she has accepted a responsible position with the Piedmont Electric Co.
Mrs. R. E. Howe who has been spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cunningham, of Bellevue, has returned to her home.
Mrs. J. J. Clarke and daughter returned to their home in Asheville Friday morning after a two week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Nettie Dickey.
Miss Willa Smathers, of Waynesville, Miss Mease, of Canton, Miss Jenkins, of Alabama, Miss Daisy Reno, of Andrews, and Mrs. Paris, of Durham, were guests of the past week of Mrs. Smathers and daughters.
Mrs. T. H. Wetmore is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. B. Dickey.
Dr. N. B. Adams made a visit to Knoxville this week.
C. S. Hason, of Knoxville, Tenn., was a business visitor here yesterday. Alfred Morgan returned Saturday from a week's camping trip on the Tellico river.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Norma Davidson, of Atlanta, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Davidson.
Mrs. L. A. Waters, who is spending some time in Hayesville, was in Murphy Thursday.
Miss Martha Candler returned Thursday from a ten-day visit in Asheville with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Beechboard.
Mr. George Porter, of Andrews, who has been in California for the past three years, and Mr. Herman Elliott, of Andrews, were in Murphy Tuesday.
Mr. G. W. Candler was in Atlanta several days this week on business.

Miss Mary Candler, of Sylva, is visiting her cousin, Miss Martha Candler.
Mrs. Edna Edwards is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Axley.
Mr. J. H. Harwood, of Bryson City, visited in Murphy a few days ago. She formerly lived here.
Miss Martha Candler and her guest, Miss Mary Candler, of Sylva, were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brown, of Andrews, Tuesday and Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dillard returned Sunday from Raleigh where Mr. Dillard was in connection with his duties as a member of the Legislature.
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, of Commerce, Ga., spent the past week end with their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Storey.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Barclay, of Copenhill, Tenn., were guests of Mrs. Barclay's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson, the first of the week.
Mrs. Z. Y. Brown and son, Edwin, of Norwood Park, Asheville, are the guests of Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. R. V. Wells.
Messrs. E. B. Norvell and D. Witherspoon were visitors in Asheville the latter part of last week.
Miss Heitie Kate Akin, of Lumberton, is spending a fortnight here with relatives.
Master Robert Akin left the first of the week for Gainesville, Ga., where he plans to spend the winter with his grandmother and go to school.
Mr. W. A. Bryson is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Crys in Knoxville.

MARBLE

Mr. and Mrs. Hall and daughter, Ruby, spent the week end in Canton.
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Winkler visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. O'Neil on Thursday evening of the past week.
Mr. Paul Mulkey was the luncheon guest of Mr. James Stout on Sunday of this week.
Mr. T. Thacher, of Coalville, was a visitor in Marble on Saturday.
Mr. Carl Ledford, of Asheville, was a visitor in Marble on Sunday of the past week.
Mr. Bill Dockery spent the week end at Lake Santeethah fishing.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Myers and family attended the Queen reunion on Sunday.
Messrs. Arthur Palmer and Ed Palmer were business visitors in Murphy on Saturday.
The many friends of Mr. Sheridan Kilpatrick will be glad to learn that he is able to be at work again at Columbia Marble Co., after a long illness.
Mr. Robert Trull has returned to his home in Blairsville, Ga., after spending the week end with relatives here.
Miss Elizabeth Arwood, of Coalville, was the guest of Miss Ruth Barton on Sunday.
Miss Emil Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Roberts, of Marble was married the past week to Mr. Herman Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Palmer, of Coalville. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer will reside in Marble.
Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Robinson and family spent Sunday in Copperhill, Tenn.
Mr. T. T. Hooper and family, of Robbinsville, N. C. were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Robinson.
Mr. T. Watson and family spent the week end in Hollow Springs, Ga.

"ONLY ONE"

One there lives whose guardian eye Guides our earthly destiny; One there lives, Who?—of all, Keeps the little ones lest they fall; Pass we, then, in love and praise, Trusting this one through all our days, Free from doubt, there is no other, For this one, is only Mother.

JAMES STOUT

B'LL NAMED WRONG

Those hyfodillicating Senators and Democratic Congressmen who blinely told everybody that the Bankhead Bill would bring along the farmer's and cotton-growers' millenium, now regret that they named the bill what they did. It seems that Blockhead bill would have been more appropriate. —Yellow Jacket.