

## \$1,000,000 For Hiawasse Dam Seems Certain!

### GALA FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL DRAWS CROWDS

#### Many Towns Are Represented Here to Join In Day Of Fun

The second largest crowd ever to be seen in Murphy, estimated at close to 10,000 was here Thursday to join in the fun and frolic of Cherokee county's big fourth of July celebration.

The glittering array of events including a dog parade, a parade of floats from numerous surrounding communities, two ball games and the Cherokee Indians drew crowds from all towns in surrounding counties and states.

First prize in the dog parade which was under the direction of William P. Payne was awarded to Betty Anne Tillitt, of Andrews, and second prize was given to Mrs. Tom Mauney, of Murphy.

The Junior Womans' club of Murphy received first prize in the floats parade with second prize going to the woman's club of Andrews and third prize to Cherokee county Daughters of the American Revolution.

#### Murphy Wins Games

Both the morning and afternoon ball games were won by the Murphy team, the first resulting in a defeat of Hayesville 4 to 2 and the second with Marble ending 4 to 1. The Indian ball game, a rough and tumble affair between two pigged teams from the reservation ended in an 11 to 8 win for Painttown over Birdtown.

Other features included the singing of the Cherokees and the climbing of the greasy pole which was won by B. Martin.

In the opinion of local residents the only other crowd that approached the multitudes here Thursday was in 1931 when the American Legion sponsored a similar fourth of July celebration.

Termed "marvelous" from every angle Murphy played a brilliant host to all the visitors who swarmed here for the gigantic celebration, which was county-wide, Murphy being selected because of its centralized location for such an event.

The aftermath of the gay party led only to comments of another great celebration next year.

Many business firms reported the best single day's sales of all times.

#### Committees Named

Committees from the various communities in charge were as follows: Murphy—Lions club, Dr. R. W. Petrie, A. Q. Ketter, H. G. Elkins, and Dale Lee; American Legion, Ed Studstill Allen W. Lovingood, Harry P. Cooper and Tom Mauney; Woman's club, Mrs. S. H. Long and Mrs. Hume Bowles; ERA, R. W. Gray; TVA, J. D. Blagg, and Junior Woman's club, Mrs. Frank Ellis.

Andrews—Junior Woman's club, Misses Josephine Bradley and Frances Cover; American Legion, Teddy Nichols; Rotary club, John Archer and W. W. Ashe, UDC, Mrs. G. W. Cover, Mrs. Luke Ellis, and Miss Leona Tatham, and Woman's club, Mrs. H. E. Davis.

Hayesville—Homer Anderson, J. A. Gray, Mrs. Fred Pass, Mrs. Pearl Serogus, Mrs. George Thompson and Mrs. Allen Bell.

Blairsville—Ira Butt, Young Harris—Worth Sharp and Ralph Hampton.

Marble—Tom Coggins, W. A. Devitt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Palmer and Mrs. Tom Coggins.

The general committee was headed by Luke Ellis and his staff was composed of Josh Johnson and Hayes Leatherwood.

Mr. Ed Ingram, of Robbinsville, spent last Saturday in Murphy.

### PURPOSE OF 3 PER CENT SALES TAX IS BROUGHT TO LIGHT

A move to bring the purpose of the general 3 per cent sales tax being levied by the state of North Carolina clearly to the minds of the citizens of the Murphy trading territory was started this week by local merchants.

Realizing much criticism has been aimed at this particular form of tax, it is generally felt that in some instances the real purposes of the tax is not fully understood.

The entire revenue of the sales tax, outside of its collection fees, goes directly to the public school system of the state and approximate figures compiled by the Cherokee Scout showed that practically six times as much money was appropriated to Cherokee county schools as was collected in this county.

Other factors of interest to those that are paying the tax may be found in an editorial in this issue of the Scout and a full-page advertisement underwritten by the leading merchants of this town.

### PLAN DESIGNED TO END POWER FIRM, TVA ODDS

Representative Lister Hill, of Alabama, will offer an administration amendment to the TVA bill tomorrow which will provide that where a private utility desires to build a dam in the Tennessee Valley area it will submit its plans to the TVA and if this agency does not approve the proposal within 60 days, the whole matter is referred to the Federal Power commission for final determination.

This amendment is aimed at the controversy between the TVA and the Nantahala Light and Power company regarding development of the Little Tennessee river. The TVA now owns a small plot of land in the area the Nantahala company proposes to flood by the construction of a new dam.

The McSwain TVA bill now pending before the house in effect orders the land held by the TVA on the Little Tennessee to be sold. A minority report, signed by Representative Maverick and Kvale, flays this provision of the bill on the grounds that it will enable the Nantahala Light and Power company, which is a branch of the Aluminum Company of America, to "dictate conditions" to the TVA.

Representative Weaver, who has been seeking to end the dispute between the TVA and the Nantahala company so as to enable the latter to go forward with its plan for spending \$60,000,000 for another dam development on the Little Tennessee, indicated tonight he would support the Hill amendment.

The senate appropriations committee tomorrow is expected to formally approve an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the TVA for getting construction of the Hiawasse dam in Cherokee county under way.

### Seeks Demonstration Farms In Cherokee

Fifty tons of fertilizer to be used on TVA demonstration farms is expected to arrive here Monday. A. Q. Ketter, Cherokee county agent, announced Wednesday.

Recently a drive was made for demonstration farms in this county and Ketter said there has only been a few applications. Any one interested is asked to get in touch with him at the court house in Murphy.

Miss Wilda Mason returned to Asheville Sunday after spending the Fourth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Mason.

### LIONS ON RECORD TO THANK THOSE AIDING WITH DAM

#### Committee Urges Further Support of Washington Officials

A motion to extend appreciation to members of Congress and out-of-town organizations that cooperated in Cherokee county's plea for the reinstatement of funds for the Hiawasse dam in the TVA program, was unanimously passed by members of the local Lions club at their regular meeting in the Murphy cafe here Tuesday night.

Wires to Senators Bailey and Reynolds, Congressman Weaver, Representative Doughton and other Washington officials who aided in having the appropriation approved by the senate subcommittee, were dispatched by a committee of Chairman J. B. Gray, E. C. Moore and W. M. Fain. The committee was also instructed to keep in touch with Washington and urge further support of the appropriation until the senate and the house concur to keep it in the TVA program.

Word of appreciation was also sent to the Asheville Citizen-Times, Asheville Merchants association, Asheville Chamber of Commerce, Asheville Realty board and the Asheville Lions club for their work in this connection.

Commenting on a recent move of the local club to have soil erosion CCC camps in Cherokee county, it was pointed out that a camp would soon be built in the extreme lower end of the county and that soil erosion work in this district was being taken care of by the TVA.

Secretary E. E. Adams was instructed to send resolutions of respect to Mrs. Bernel H. Stone, of Oxford, Ga., on the recent passing of Mr. Stone who in past years gave his every effort in the upbuilding of this section, and to Park W. Fisher, a member of the local club, on the death of his sister.

Lion Adams gave a report of the Lions state convention at which A. C. Heath, of Raleigh, was elected governor for the coming year and Charott was named as the meeting place of the convention in 1936. Dr. Adams said much commendation was bestowed on the local club when 76 activities of the past year were named.

The next meeting will be a picnic in charge of the Lionesses and will be held on July 23. The following committee was named to be in charge: Chairman G. W. Ellis, Peyton G. Ivie, Stewart H. Long and Abe H. mbree.

### RED CROSS PLANS FOR COMING YEAR FORMED AT MEET

Mrs. Mary Camp Sprinkle, of High Point, field representative of the American Red Cross for Western North Carolina, met with a group of local citizens in the Regal hotel here Monday evening to discuss reorganization plans for the coming year.

W. M. Fain re-elected chairman of the local organization and J. B. Gray was appointed vice-chairman. Mrs. C. W. Savage was named secretary upon the resignation of Mrs. Tom Axley. W. W. Hyde was re-elected treasurer.

Other chairman named were: Mrs. H. Bueck, Junior Red Cross committee; Mrs. H. E. Bishop, home service committee; Mrs. Frank Ellis, loan closet committee; Mrs. Wade Massey, pellagra control committee and Mrs. C. W. Savage, roll call committee.

### Concurrence Of Senate, House On Subcommittee's Action Is Expected Soon

#### OPERATIONS AT LOCAL CANNERY BEGUN MONDAY

#### E. R. Thompson, Manager, Expects Biggest Season In Years.

The Mountain Valley Associated Cooperative cannery opened here Monday and E. R. Thompson, manager, said he expected the local cannery to do a larger volume of business this season than ever before.

Blackberries, huckleberries and beans were under canning operations while over 500 bushels of beans were shipped to Eastern North Carolina markets as part of the marketing exchange during the past week.

Two hundred and forty-three bushels of beans were shipped to Winston-Salem and Charlotte Friday night and it is believed to be the largest single shipment of produce ever sent out of Cherokee county.

Huckleberries were bringing 2 and one-half cents per pound and blackberries were bringing 3 cents per pound while the price on beans ranged from \$1.25 to 60 cents per bushel according to the grade and condition. The Atlanta markets were quoting a top price of 50 cents per bushel on beans, Thompson said.

A lot of our farmers are bringing their beans in too late and allowing them to get too old on the vine which lowers their value, Thompson commented while urging the growers to get their vegetables into the cannery in the best condition possible.

After surveying the fields Thompson estimated that no tomatoes would be canned for at least three weeks yet.

"Any farmer wanting to plant late beans can get the seed from me now," he added.

About 30 people are employed at the cannery now but more than twice that number is expected to find employment there when the cannery assumes full operation later in the season.

### 8 Cherokee County Students Honored

Eight Cherokee county students have been listed on the honor roll at Western Carolina Teacher's College, Cullowhee, according to an announcement received here.

The spring quarter honor roll listed 61 students with 9 in the alpha group and 52 in the beta group.

Students from Cherokee county making the alpha honor roll are: Genella Barton of Andrews, and Merle Davis, of Murphy. Those on the beta roll are, Bertha Chambers, Unaka; Lenna Hamilton, Andrews; and Ruby Lee Wells and Dale Sudarth, both of Murphy.

### 3-Act Comedy Will Be Held At Martin's Creek

"A Fortunate Calamity", a comedy drama in three acts, sponsored by the Ladies Aid society will be held at the Martin's Creek Consolidated School building at 8 o'clock Saturday night, July 13.

Admission will be 10 and 15 cents.

Those taking part in the play are George Martin, Wilma Coleman, Howard Martin, Mrs. Owenby, J. R. Martin Thelma Elkins, Jean Martin, Billy Stalcup and Evelyn Martin.

#### NORRIS MACHINERY TO BE MOVED HERE FOR CONSTRUCTION

While awaiting final action in Congress on the Hiawasse TVA dam appropriation which was expected the middle of this week, encouraging reports came here from Washington.

Following the action of the subcommittee of the deficiency appropriations to reinstate the Hiawasse project in the TVA program, it was announced that the subcommittee had approved a million dollars for the beginning of the dam.

Although the action must be accepted by the senate committee and the senate and concur with the house committee and the house, a press statement Tuesday morning said that Senator Bailey, who has fought unrelentingly for the Hiawasse appropriation, "has positive assurance that \$1,000,000 of the new TVA appropriation will be earmarked for the purpose of getting construction of the dam on the Hiawasse river (at Fowler's Bend, 12 miles below here) under way."

Senator Bailey's statement came after he had conferred with Chairman Adams of the senate appropriations subcommittee.

#### Feels Grateful

"This will introduce the TVA to North Carolina and we feel we should be grateful to the committee," Bailey said.

The dam is to cost \$12,000,000. The \$1,000,000 will be sufficient to move the machinery now being used on the Norris Dam nearing completion to the new dam site on the Hiawasse near Fowler's Bend. The next congress will appropriate additional funds to complete the project. The \$12,000,000 estimate does not include power units but these are to be added as the demand for power develops.

Sen. Bailey's assurances Tuesday from Senator Adams confirms the report last week that the Hiawasse dam money would be made available Senator Reynolds and Representative Weaver, along with Senator Bailey, waged a determined fight to get the item included in the appropriations committee. The amendment provides for an appropriation of \$4,000,000 for additional dams in the area but the Hiawasse is the only one specifically ordered to be constructed. For this purpose \$1,000,000 is earmarked, the balance to go for other dams to be selected by the TVA from a list of several proposals.

#### Reinstatement Before Congress

It is generally believed that in spite of the fact that the reinstatement of the appropriation must go before the house and senate this week for confirmation that the subcommittee's approval would hold the Hiawasse dam appropriation intact.

More wires and letters were dispatched from Murphy this week thanking all the senators and congressmen for their interest in the matter, which has been so evident, and urging further support. Also similar word was sent to various out-of-town organizations that cooperated in bringing Cherokee county's plea for the dam to the attention of Washington officials.

### Courthouse Undergoes Spring "Housecleaning"

The Cherokee county court house was undergoing spring cleaning this week while a number of local painters and plasterers were busy brightening up the beautiful structure that has drawn the admiration of