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IT WILL BE BUILT—AND SOON!

There still lingers in the minds of some doubt as to whether or not the TVA will build their dam on the Hiwassee river just below Murphy.

We have predicted for a long time that it would be built and it seems, in spite of our more pessimistic critics, that we might be right. The editor even went so far one time as to say that work on the dam would start May 1, and because he supposedly missed it by a couple months, found life wasn't hardly worth living.

Of course we were well within the law on that statement as work has been going on there for more than 15 months, but what we're interested in now is actual construction which, if our information isn't misleading, will begin sometime within the next few weeks.

Many fear that because official announcement of the dam has not been made in the daily papers that it has not yet been signed by the President.

Some time ago we received word that the chief executive signed the bill and to erase doubt we wired Dr. Morgan for official verification. In his absence, W. L. Sturdivant, head of the publicity department of the TVA, wired that the President has signed the TVA bill and that the organization was now studying plans for operation.

What the president signed was the second deficiency bill as amended by Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, which names the Hiwassee dam as project No. 1 and demanding immediate construction.

We naturally suppose that the Hiwassee dam, although the next thing to breath itself to us, is not of sufficient interest to the world at large as to rate headline news in out-of-town newspapers. But unless both Senator Bob Reynolds's secretary, W. E. McDonald, and the TVA's publicity department is wrong, operations will begin in the near future.

Moreover we have received information that officials will be here soon to hire necessary help.

At any rate we refuse to pessimistic and still maintain that dam will be built here—and soon.

THE ETHIOPIAN SITUATION

We are informed by the National Geographic Society that the proper name of that African kingdom against which Italy is making threatening gestures is "Ethiopia." We are glad to get that information. It is much easier to write "Ethiopia" or pronounce it than to say "Abyssinia."

Ethiopia is an insignificant little country, inhabited exclusively by dark-skinned people of several different racial origins. Officially it is a Christian nation, the religion of the ruling classes being Coptic, which is the oldest surviving Christian sect. Actually the Ethiopians have many religions, including primitive African Voodooism, Mohammedanism and Judaism. The tradition that the royal family of Ethiopia is directly descended from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, whose visit to the most famous ruler of the Israelites is described in the Bible, is firmly believed by the Ethiopians, without very much evidence to back it up.

Why Mussolini seems bent on making war on Ethiopia is not quite clear to anybody. The best guess seems to be that he is facing a popular uprising at home, which threatens his dictatorship, and embarked on his Ethiopian venture to divert the Italian people's minds from their domestic troubles.

It is still less clear, from this distance, why England does not put a stop to Mussolini's warlike gestures by the simple process of preventing the shipment of Italian soldiers, munitions and war supplies through the Suez Canal.

The timidity with which European statesmen seem to be tackling the problem of preserving the world's peace suggests that the danger of another general war is more imminent than we have been led to believe. Everybody seems to be afraid of everybody else. We are lucky to be on this side of the Atlantic, and will be luckier still if we do not get dragged into the coming war.

BUSINESS IS BETTER

Business is definitely picking up. There can be no mistake about that. There may be room for argument as to the causes of the improvement, but there is none as to the fact.

The most definite improvement is in the automobile industry. Anybody can count for himself the growing number of new cars on the highways. It is not surprising, therefore, that General Motors should come out with an announcement, as it did last week, that it will spend \$50,000,000 in expanding its plant equipment. Most of this will go for new machinery, to produce more of the lower-priced cars in the General Motors list. That will mean more employment for factory workers, and the distribution of more money in wages, which can be spent for news cars or radios or home-building or what have you.

Perhaps the figures issued a few days ago by the Bureau of Economic Research of the Department of Commerce give one of the reasons for the business pick-up. The national income—which means the total income of everybody who receive any income at all—rose in 1934 by 11 percent over 1933. In figures, the national income was \$49,440,000,000 in 1934, as against \$44,431,000,000 in 1933. Part of this was, of course, due to the distribution of relief funds, which were income for those who received them. Relief payments, however, amounted to only about a third of the increase. The rest came from the general higher turnover in private business.

The Bureau of Research points out that the proportion of income received by American workers in the form of wages was somewhat higher than in previous years, and that earned by capital a shade lower.

We think these facts and figures are about the most encouraging signs we have seen in a long time. We are almost tempted to throw our hat in the air and shout:

"The Depression is over!"

SALUTE THE FEDERAL MEN

With deadly rapidity the arch-criminal, the gangster, the racketeer, the snatcher, the ruthless killer and destroyer of social humanity is proving long-needed prey to the Federal Agents.

With no other motive than to rid the United States of crime the "G" man as he is more familiarly termed, is running down his man and bringing him to justice.

Under the guiding hand of John Edgar Hoover, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, the greatest organization in the history of time has been built up to run down the cunning and subtle operations that have become an expert craft of the criminal fiend.

Said to be an unassuming man, not the least interested in self-glory, Hoover has proven the first real menace to the criminal and his operatives, sturdy men of the finest principles and gentlemen of responsibility in all respects, allowing no political or bribery influence to interfere, are an institution of the government that is, to this time, without taint, and the results are startling.

Dillinger, Hamilton, Floyd and scores of other rats have fallen as they lived, with smoking guns in their hands, until the gangs are slowly but surely being broken up leaving a small time gunman, Karpis, as public enemy No. 1, and his time is coming.

It is a credit to our government and more particular to our social standards to have one organization that is operating as effectively as is Hoover's. His unmitigated spirit is meeting with cooperation from every person and every institution in the country.

We have said before and we say again that to rid this country of crime we must obliterate the criminal's type. Hardened, ruthless killers do not fear the chair or the noose. They are born to kill and thief humanity in many torturous ways. Prison sentences and bitter animosity toward law only make them the worse.

Hoover and his men are doing a wonderful job in keeping crime down, but it is up to us as individuals and as organizations of a high type of society to OBLITERATE THE CRIMINAL TYPE.

The home, the school, the church and strict immigration laws will go a long ways toward cutting down our crime cost and allow the individual the safety and the privileges he should naturally enjoy in a land that is resplendent with freedom, democracy and a high type of intelligence.

WILEY ROGERS AND WILEY POST

We can not help but devote part of our space to the passing of America's most beloved character No. 1, Wiley Post, and an internationally known pilot, Wiley Post, in view of their tragic passing last week.

The average citizen probably never had a better friend than Wiley Rogers. Thousands laughed with him every day as his homely philosophy cheered the prince and the pauper alike. His jibes have probably done more for international peace than any other one thing although on the face they were unassuming and unimportant.

Wiley Post was symbolic of the progress of American aviation. He was as much a part of the flying world as the airplane is itself. He was a pioneer into the skyways and when a colleague made a record, Post

TURNING BACK HISTORY'S PAGES

10 YEARS AGO

Friday, August 21, 1935.
Mrs. Callie Hall returned Tuesday from Asheville where she has been visiting for the past three weeks.
Miss Mary Dozier has as her guest this week, Miss Katherine Daniel, of Morgan, Ga.
Charles Dickey returned Monday from Hylan and Middlesboro, Ky., where he spent two months visiting relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Roach and son, Billy, of Isabella, Tenn., spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Gay Hawkins.

Mr. R. V. Lovingood, of Grandview was a visitor here Tuesday.

Mrs. D. C. Grant of Dalton, Ga., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Grace P. Cooper.

Mrs. G. W. Candler has as her guest this week, Mrs. E. M. Dunning of Atlanta.

Mrs. G. W. Candler and daughter, Mrs. Harry McBrayer spent Tuesday in Andrews with Mrs. C. A. Brown.

Mrs. Jim Evans, of Ranger was a visitor in town Friday.

Mrs. R. F. Crooks, of Morristown, Tenn., is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Mrs. E. G. White returned last week from Washington, D. C., where she has been visiting her nephew, Ty Cobb.

Miss Eva Nell Mauney will leave Monday for Knoxville to spend a vacation of two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davidson and children and Mr. Reid Davidson left Tuesday for their home in St. Louis, after a week's visit to friends and relatives here.

20 YEARS AGO

Friday, August 20, 1915.
Rev. Ira Erwin visited Lake Junaluska last week.

J. H. Suit, of Postell, was a pleasant caller at this office this week.

J. W. Brown, of Andrews, was transacting business here Monday.

W. F. Mauney, of Robbinsville, was here on business the first of the week.

Hon. O. L. Anderson, of Hayesville, was attending court here last week.

Col. L. E. Bayless, made a business trip to Limestone, Tenn., the first of the week.

W. H. Johnson, of Wehatty paid us a visit on last Friday.

Miss Iris Jackson left Saturday morning to spend her vacation with home folks at Tryon.

Hon. Zebulon Weaver a prominent Asheville attorney, was attending court here the past week.

Mrs. C. B. Hill left Monday afternoon for Copperhill and Athens, Tenn., where she will visit relatives.

Miss Annie Bryson, of Dillsboro, was a visitor here Wednesday.

Harry L. Candler, of Louisburg, N. C., is visiting at the home of G. W. Candler.

Miss Kate Fauver has returned from a pleasant visit with home folks at Vesuvius, Va.

Mrs. Roberson, wife of Judge J. M. Roberson, of Pikesville, Ky., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. J. Sword.

Col. Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville was attending court here this week.

J. A. Richardson went to Andrews Tuesday on business.

W. H. Woodbury returned Tuesday from a business visit to Asheville.

30 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, August 22, 1905.
A. H. Colvard, of Bushnell, was here last week.

Dr. J. M. Sullivan, of Hayesville, was in town Saturday.

H. E. White, the Hayesville druggist was here Saturday.

Julius Hill, of Williamson, W. Va., is here visiting his parents.

Lee Jarrett, of Nantahala, was in town the first of the week.

J. D. Abbott went to Hayesville Thursday to visit his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Herbert.

Fred Pass, of Atlanta, was here Tuesday on his way to Hayesville and Young Harris, Ga.

Misses Mary and Dannie Rogers, of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting relatives in this county.

Mrs. Lou Smathers and daughter, of Canton, is here visiting her brother J. L. Smathers.

Mrs. J. P. Robinson and little son, of Stony Creek, Tenn., are here visiting her father, the senior editor.

W. G. Dickey, of Madisonville, Tenn., spent Thursday night here with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Griffiths.

W. N. Cooper of New York, and T. J. Cooper, of Davisboro, Ga., were here the past week on business.

Prof. Albert Bell of Hayesville, TURN BACK HISTORY 2 2 came down Saturday for his wife and little son, who spent the week with her father, F. P. Axley.

M. C. King, wife and four children of McCays, Tenn., arrived Sunday to spend two weeks with his mother.

41 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, August 21, 1894.
Hon. J. M. Cobb was in town on business Saturday.

George W. Padgett, of Alice, Ga., is visiting friends and relatives at Suit, in this county.

J. T. L. Hartness and wife, of Oregata, were in town Saturday and gave us a pleasant call.

Mrs. W. N. Cooper, after an extended visit to relatives in Tennessee, had returned home.

W. H. Woodbury made a business trip to Ellijay, last week.

J. T. Patterson and wife left last Wednesday for Clay county to pay a visit to Capt. R. L. Herbert and family.

A. J. Lyd, was down from Warne the first of last week.

Mrs. J. H. Woods and her brother, Bob Hunt, left Friday for Tellico Plains, Tenn., where they will spend ten days visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. M. Manchester, of Waco, Texas, arrived in Murphy last Wednesday afternoon and will remain visiting friends and relatives for the balance of this month.

W. E. Pass, wife and child, of Clay county, were here visiting friends the latter part of last week.

Spain Given Honor

The first real hospital for the mentally afflicted appears to have been established in Spain in 1402.



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