

## Supreme Court Validates TVA Surplus Power Rights

### OVER HALF OF FEDERAL WPA FUNDS SPENT

#### Director Gives Figures, Comments On Work Done In County

Of the \$85,033.50 Federal funds allotted to Cherokee county for WPA projects, \$45,849.37 has already been spent on repair and sewing room projects, W. E. Breese, director of the WPA in the eighth district, announced this week. Eight hundred and forty-two people are being employed he said.

His detailed report gave the following figures:

Sewing room funds allotted	\$10,212.00
Amount already spent	9,296.62
Number of women working	116
Total amount allotted to farm-to-market roads, streets, sewers, repairs and painting of public buildings	\$74,821.50
Amount spent	36,552.75
Number of men working	726

"There are several projects approved for your County and we hope to be able to start work on some as soon as we get the allotments of money from Washington. Owing to the extremely bad weather we have not been able to do as much on the construction projects as we would like to have done, but as soon as Spring opens we hope to be able to push the work rapidly", he added.

"This is a splendid showing as to the amount of money paid out in your County, but of course WPA is not solely for the purpose of spending money, but it is to offer opportunity to workers to earn a living wage. WPA is not a relief organization, and when a man or woman works for WPA and gets paid, they are not receiving charity, but they are receiving that which they have earned by working for same. This method will cause the worker not to feel that he has been the object of charity of the government, but that he is giving a fair return for his fair wage and also owing to the number of hours worked per week, still leaves the worker reasonable period of time to see if he cannot get into private industry and take care of himself and his family. I think the moral effect of the WPA is one of the greatest benefits of our people and of course the financial help has been of the greatest value to them in supplying them with the necessities of life," Mr. Breese declared.

### LIONS DINNER IS TO BE HELD HERE FRIDAY, MARCH 6

The Cherokee County dinner, sponsored here annually by the Murphy Lions club, will be held at the Regal Hotel, Friday, March 6, it was definitely decided by an arrangements committee under the direction of W. M. Fain this week.

F. G. Heath, district commander of the club, has been invited as the principal speaker, but Dale Lee, secretary of the club, learned that Mr. Heath was unable to attend. But he said, "we are fortunate in having Mr. William T. Ray, of Athens, Ga., who is chairman of Board of Governors of Lions International, for this occasion.

Each year the Cherokee county dinner features every variety of food raised or grown in this county. The local club is expected to have more than 100 guests attend the dinner.

BURKE GRAY, JR. ILL

Mayor, J. B. Gray left Monday night for the bedside of his son, Burke, Jr., a student at the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, who is ill with pneumonia. A wire Tuesday reported an improvement in the popular young man's condition. Mr. Gray was accompanied on the trip by Buster Bayle.

### Johnson Fund Grows; Donations Still Taken

Approximately \$100 has been subscribed to the Johnson fund being sponsored by the Cherokee Scout and one more week remains for those who wish to help the family of Mr. Blaylock Johnson, who lost his home, his wife, and a son in the recent flood in this county.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund during the coming week may leave cash donations at the Citizens Bank and Trust company. A complete list of all donors could not be obtained this week, but the donations will be printed in the next issue of this paper.

Responses to the fund have been made from many surrounding towns and communities.

Mr. Johnson and his son, Lawrence, are now staying with his sister, Mrs. Joe Dyer. He has sold most of his cattle, and plans to sell his team of mules and a cow soon.

### FHA OFFICIAL TO SPEAK TO LIONS HERE NEXT WEEK

#### Will Speak On Plan To Establish Building Loan Association

Arrangements have been completed to have a representative of the Federal Housing administration from Washington appear before the Lions club here either at their regular meeting Tuesday night or next Friday to explain more fully the plan under which the club has sponsored the organization of a building and loan association in Murphy.

Under the present federal set-up it is possible to receive federal funds three times in the amount of local subscription, provided all stipulations are met by the organizing parties. In this instance, a Lions club committee under chairman W. W. Hyde, local banker, is arranging to subscribe \$25,000 capital as the local part of the fund in order that citizens of this area may have the advantages of borrowing under the Federal Housing administration; a situation that has been impractical since the beginning of the FHA as it is almost impossible to borrow funds here for this purpose from metropolitan agencies.

Members of the Lions club have investigated the local situation thoroughly. They have stated the realization of a need of an ending organization, and report that the financial end of the matter can be made profitable.

However there are a number of detailed points that have never been clarified and they have arranged for the speaker to further enlighten them.

Locally there have been a number of applications filed for FHA funds, but no agency has been located that is willing to lend under terms that citizens in this community can meet practically.

With the coming of the dam there is an evident and urgent need for more building, construction and improvements here, and W. M. Fain, local wholesale dealer, who has pushed the movement, believes that a local building and loan association would solve the problem.

He has investigated a number of similar organizations in other towns and feels that one could be operated here on a sound financial basis.

Already the committee of J. B. Gray and W. C. Wright, working with Mr. Hyde has tentatively solicited subscriptions for the local amount of \$25,000 of which one-tenth is to be paid in cash.

### BASEBALL MEETING CALLED

A meeting of those interested in the baseball team for the coming year has been called by manager H. H. Hickman in the dining room of the Murphy cafe Friday night.

### rites Held For Man Killed By Train In Tenn

#### Mr. Henry Mintz, 24 Buried At Grandview Wednesday Afternoon

Funeral services for Henry Mintz, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Mintz, of Hangingdog, who was killed near Chattanooga last Thursday when a train struck him, were held at the Hangingdog Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock with the Rev. Tom Truett and the Rev. H. W. Baucom, Jr., officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Mintz with his wife and child had been in Florida working for some time. He had evidently started to his home in the Grandview section, and while trying to make a train connection in Chattanooga he sat down on a cross-tie. A Southern train hit him about 8 o'clock Thursday evening and he died of a fractured skull in the hospital two hours later.

He has been a member of the Hangingdog church for years.

Pallbearers were: W. S. Dickey, Tom Taylor, Homer Lovingood, Will Fain, Walter Davis and Earnest Mills. Surviving besides his wife and baby and his parents are five brothers, James, Ben, Fred, Lawrence and Murl, and four sisters, Nellie, Dolores, Mary Ella and Comdell, all of the Grandview community.

### SERIES OF MEETS CALLED BY STAFF OF COUNTY AGENT

Cherokee county farmers have been invited to attend to three-day series of community meetings at which the county agent's staff will explain methods of better crop raising.

Topics to be discussed mainly deal with the advantages of TVA test farms and the use of lespedeza as a soil improvement and feed crop.

The meetings will be held in school houses at the following places: Thursday, 10 a. m., Bellevue; 2:30 p. m. Suit; 7:30 p. m., Martin's Creek; Friday, 10 a. m., Tomotla; 2 p. m., Peachtree; 7:30 p. m., Marble. Saturday, 10 a. m., court house in Murphy; 2 p. m., library in Andrews.

All farmers are asked to attend any of these meetings.

### THAR'S GOLD IN THEM THAR HILLS ALRIGHT BUT MINING IT'S A BIG JOB

"Thar's gold in them thar hills"—but the problem is getting it out profitably.

This, briefly, is the situation as expressed by B. A. C. Craig, of Washington and Ontario, who has been staying here for the past three weeks looking over gold deposits in this section.

Just how much of the precious metal we have in this area can not be approximately but the elderly geologist who has been studying gold mining interests in this country for years said, "Cherokee county and the surrounding area are worthy of more careful investigation."

Mr. Craig has been scouting around the county for nearly a month now, but unusually bad weather has caused him to abandon more detailed research and he said he hoped to return here some time again for further study.

He has been staying at the Dickey house and left for Washington Wednesday morning. Not only does Mr. Craig appear to be interested in actual mining of gold but he makes a hobby of collecting books and maps relative to deposits.

"You can't confine mining to a county or definite boundary line", the geologist said, "but you must take in the whole territory

### Much Gold In State

An eminent geologist, a Dr. Hanna, has estimated that there is more

### Action Seen As Last Step To Be Hurdled By Officials In Announcing Local Dam

#### Andrews Teams Will Play Here Saturday

A close, thrilling contest, in which the Murphy boys won from the Andrews Wildcats, 21 to 20, at Andrews Tuesday night almost insures a full house when the two teams meet here Saturday night at the Murphy gymnasium.

The girls will play also. Coach Deaton and other supporters of the two teams are looking forward to a good crowd to witness the acid test as to just who has the best teams.

### FIRST OF SERIES OF TVA EXAMS IS HELD SATURDAY

More than 300 men were in Murphy Saturday to take the first of a series of TVA workmen's examinations for labor, skilled and unskilled, on the Hiwassee, Guntersville and Chickamauga dams.

The next set of examinations will be held at the school house Saturday, Feb. 29.

Similar tests were conducted in all large towns in the area of these three dams. While there have been something like 1,500 applications made locally, it is estimated that in all over 7,000 men are taking the examinations.

### 2 Are Charged With Larceny Of Gasoline

Justice of the Peace D. M. Reece Monday afternoon bound Jimmy Hunt and Gordon Hasty over to the April term of Cherokee county superior for the alleged larceny of gasoline from the automobile of Harve Elkins. Early Monday morning Night Police Chief Neil Sneed caught the two men allegedly siphoning gasoline from the automobile which was parked on the street in front of the home of Harve Elkins.

### HAS FINGER AMPUTATED

Physicians last week amputated a finger on the infected hand of H. G. Elkins who has been suffering from blood poison for the past six weeks. His condition is said to be somewhat improved.

### Formal Plans are Expected To Be Made Public Following Decision

Early official announcement that actual construction will begin on the Hiwassee dam appeared imminent today while private power companies suffered the stinging blow dealt them by Supreme Court action Monday which validated the sale of power by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The TVA board of directors had not formally stated their plans for beginning the local project Wednesday night, but it is believed that action will follow closely on the heels of the high court's decision.

Knoxville officials said Tuesday they did not know when the group would make the announcement.

Only one of the Supreme Court justices McReynolds, of Tennessee failed to concur in the opinion that the TVA was authorized to sell its surplus power.

The decision was handed down nearly two months after it was referred to the high court. As it usually requires the justices less than three weeks to give an opinion, intense interest was worked up over its outcome.

### Reaction Is Evident.

Immediately following confirmation of the clause, tremendous reaction was seen, eclipsing any other decision ever handed down by that body.

The stock market ranged to a near-record activity, towns in the Tennessee Valley watershed and other communities affected by the TVA rejoiced.

In Murphy the news was received enthusiastically when radio reports made public the affirmation of the court.

Although the Hiwassee dam, one of three dams being planned in the Tennessee Valley area at this time, is not proposed as a power dam, its purposes being flood control only, the action leaves the officials free to turn it into a storage dam if they find the situation practical.

The Hiwassee dam became law last fall when President Roosevelt signed the bill authorizing an appropriation of \$12,000,000 for its construction which is to begin before July 1, the beginning of a new federal fiscal year.

Complete surveys in all divisions have been going ahead here and the failure of the board to officially announce its plans became a matter of speculation.

With condemnation proceedings of the land along the Hiwassee basin being instituted and the recent Supreme court action, there appears now to be no other step to hold back the official announcement.

**Dam Will Effect Community.**  
The building of the dam here is expected to materially effect Murphy and its surrounding towns and communities. Hundreds of men will be put to work, and thousands of dollars will be spent with local merchants.

A veritable village will be built at the dam site offering housing and provisions to workers who prefer to reside near the project.

It is approximated that it will take from four to six years for completion.

Until the TVA board formally acts however, accurate figures and plans will not be revealed.

The Supreme Court decision Monday is looked upon as the last step in the bitter fight that has been waged to convert the Hiwassee dam a reality.

A half dozen times initial preparations for the project have appeared at an end. But each time something new has arisen to prolong official announcement.

The ruling Monday grew out of a number of suits filed by private power companies.

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