

## TVA Asks For Appropriation For Fontana Dam

### DEMOCRATS TO HOLD SERIES OF COUNTY MEETS

Will Select Representatives, Officers Of Organization

A number of Democrats meetings in Cherokee county have been arranged and announced by Dr. J. N. Hill, chairman of the Cherokee County Democratic executive committee.

Precinct meetings will be held at the precinct polling places throughout the county on Saturday, May 9, at 2 p. m., or at a place to be designated later.

The general county convention will be held at the court house in Murphy, at 11 o'clock in the morning on Saturday, May 16.

The state convention has been scheduled for Raleigh at noon on Friday, June 12.

In lieu of a county primary this year Dr. Hill has announced that a "get together" Democratic rally will be held at the court house in Murphy at 2 p. m. Saturday April 18. At this meeting selections will be made for the different county offices, Dr. Hill stated.

At the precinct meetings a committee of five Democrats, of whom one must be a woman, shall be selected and they will then elect a precinct chairman and vice-chairman, one of whom must be a woman. These provisions were made according to a recent amendment.

The chairman of these various committees will then meet at the court house in Murphy Saturday morning, May 16, at 11 o'clock and elect a chairman and a vice-chairman of the county executive committee. The vice chairman must be a woman, the rules stipulate.

### Junior-Senior Banquet Is Scheduled Tonight

The Junior-Senior banquet, one of the biggest affairs of the year in the Murphy high school, will be observed Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the Woman's club room.

A buffet supper is being prepared by the Juniors in honor of their senior classmen and a theater party will follow as the group will attend the picture, "Collegiate", showing at the Henn theater that night.

The high school orchestra will furnish music during the dinner.

### NYA DIRECTOR NAMED

Announcement was made Monday from Works Progress administration headquarters at Asheville, of the appointment of Mrs. Harry P. Cooper, of Murphy, as director of the National Youth administration for Cherokee county. Mrs. Cooper has assumed the duties of her office and will make her headquarters in the courthouse in Murphy.

### NEW FARM PROGRAM FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY IS EXPLAINED BY A. Q. KETNER

Smaller benefits to more farmers will result from the new federal soil conservation farm bounty plan in Cherokee county, Farm Agent A. Q. Ketner said yesterday upon his return from a conference of all county agents in the state at Raleigh.

### Floyd In Charge

E. Y. Floyd, AAA tobacco specialist will have charge of organization for the soil conservation program in Cherokee and other western counties.

No contracts between farmers and the government are involved in the new plan, but it will affect most of the farmers in Cherokee county instead of only about 10 as was the case with the AAA contract program.

The amount of benefits to be received will be only about half as much per farmer as was received by the 10 under AAA contracts though.

### Change Made In Fishing Laws Here

Mr. Debereaux Birchfield, local game warden was given notice this week of important changes in the local fishing laws.

The season on bream and all other coarse fish will be extended to April and will end on that day. The season on trout will open on April 16.

### FLAYS BAILEY'S POLICIES, SEEKS SENATORIAL SEAT

Scoring Senator Josiah W. Bailey for not adhering closely to much of the New Deal legislation, former Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, talked before the court crowd here Monday morning in the interest of his own candidacy to succeed Bailey in the June Democratic primary.

After paying a tribute to President Roosevelt and Congress in passing laws to rehabilitate the country, Fountain said that Senator Bailey had opposed the entire recovery program by representing the big interests and voting against all farm programs, the soldiers bonus, common labor and the anti-holding companies.

Mr. Fountain, who hails from Rocky Mount, is touring the state speaking to gatherings at the various court houses.

### Cannery Acreage Here Is Nearing Its Quota

Cannery officials said this week they were well satisfied with the acreage they were getting to assure operations of the Murphy cannery again this year.

Although the quota of tomato and bean acreage has not yet been contracted, the crops of workers said they would probably be able to obtain it within the next week and that they would have definite word as to whether the cannery would be given the benefit of TVAC funds within several weeks after the report is filed.

### Baptist Convention Plans Being Made

Plans for the annual Western regional convention of the North Carolina Baptist Training Union, which will meet in Sylva April 10 and 11, are now being made.

This region embraces 17 Baptists associations in the 19 Western counties. The Tuckasee association, with which the convention will meet, he hopes that each association in the region will be well represented. A well-planned program will be presented by workers of the State department and there will be several prominent ministers and others on the list of speakers. These speakers will discuss subjects which are of much interest and vital importance to young people.

### PRESENT BOARD ANNOUNCED AS ELECTION NEARS

Election Will Be Held Tuesday, May 5; Only One Group Up

With city elections only a little more than one month off, the incumbent mayor and present board of aldermen announced their candidacy for office this week.

Tuesday, May 5, is the day set for elections and the registration books will be opened for four successive Saturdays beginning April 4, the board decided at a special meeting Monday night.

The group decided to put Henry Hyatt in charge of the registration books and he will be at the court house at the register of deed office on Saturdays, April 4, 11, 18, and 25, and at the other times the registration will have to be made at his house.

W. O. Adams and Dale Lee have been appointed the judges for the election.

The announcement of the present board to succeed themselves for another year was filed with E. O. Christopher at the town office Tuesday.

Those on the board now are: Mayor J. B. Gray, G. W. Ellis, C. D. Mayfield, W. M. Fain, Porter Axley, Noah Lovingood and W. G. Owenby. As customary, this is not a political board but is run on an independent citizens ticket. Some of the members are Democrats and some Republican.

The present board has made an outstanding record during the past two years that it has been in office, having greatly reduced the town's outstanding debts.

Saturday, May 2, was named as challenge day.

### JUDGE ALLEY WILL SPEAK AT CHURCH ON SUNDAY NIGHT

By Rev. W. A. Barber.

On next Sunday evening the Honorable Felix E. Alley, Superior Court Judge, will speak at the Methodist Church on the subject "Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Man and the Son of God." The service is for the people of all churches of Murphy, and the public generally of this section of the country.

Judge Alley is noted for his ability as a speaker on Bible themes, and has delivered similar addresses to the one announced here throughout North Carolina. He is much in demand, and the people of Murphy and vicinity are fortunate in securing him for this address.

The pastors of Murphy call upon their people to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Judge Alley Sunday Evening at 7:00.

The choirs of the churches are invited to unite in furnishing the music for the service.

The theme of the sermon will be built around the following points: 1. Consulting 100 volumes for five years. 2. Use 23 witnesses, Christians Jews and Pagans, as to the fact and the Divinity of Christ. 3. Make audience the jury and use above evidence as substantiative, supporting and corroborative, as used in courts, and cite leading North Carolina decisions as to the weight that should be given to each class of evidence. 4. Finally use the testimony of Christ Himself as corroborated by secular witness as to His life, works and Divinity.

### Three Men Placed On County Elections Board

Josh Johnson, of Murphy, William R. Dockery, of Marble, and Clyde H. Jarrett, of Andrews, were named on the Cherokee County Board of Elections this week by the state board. Johnson and Dockery are Democrats while Jarrett is a Republican.

### Little Tennessee Project May Be Constructed Before Dam At Fowler's Bend Site

### SCHOOLS HERE GET FIVE TIMES SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

The total expenditure on Cherokee county's eight months school term amounts to approximately four and one half times the sales tax collections made in this county, a state report received by H. Bueck, local school superintendent here, revealed this week.

The expenditure was \$80,134.49 and the collections for Cherokee county totaled \$18,134.35, the table showed.

Expenditures and collections in all counties in the state were made public, and the average for the state was two and one half times the expenditure over the collection.

The total for the state in sales tax collections was \$6,500,381.47 and the expenditures were \$16,816,355.76. A foreign collection of \$1,157,116.69 was noted.

Surrounding county figures were: Clay, \$2,000.68 collections, 26,391.29 expenditure; Graham, \$3,572.86 collections, 33,042.80 expenditures; Jackson, \$15,566.77 collections, \$88,806.07 expenditures; Macon, \$15,675.52 collections, \$72,062.49 expenditures.

### "PLENTY OF GOLD AND SILVER" IS FOUND IN TUNNEL

By Alden Cook

There is "plenty of gold and silver" in the old tunnel near Macedonia, John Ingram, of Atlanta, a prospector, who has a lease on the property and is working the tunnel, said Monday.

Mr. Ingram, who has leased the tunnel from W. L. Webster, of Cullbertson, said he would "not take \$30,000 for it".

He reports that he recently found a new shaft and that the ore has been tested and proven plentiful with silver and gold.

Also there was recently found and English pick and shovel such as those that were used in the 15th century and Mr. Ingram is of the opinion that they were brought over by the colonists and used by the Indians in that day, as the Indians were very familiar with mining at that time.

### Large Crowd Attending Cherokee Court Here

A large crowd from all sections of Cherokee and surrounding counties was in Murphy this week attending the April term of Superior court which convened here Monday with Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, on the bench.

Most of the cases are concerned with minor offenses and the docket is being cleared rapidly.

### Seventh Grade Pupils To Take Examinations

All seventh grade pupils who expect to come to Murphy High school next year will be required to take the standard tests which will be given in the high school building on April 9, at 9 A. M., H. Bueck, Superintendent of the schools of the Murphy Unit, announced Monday.

### Carringer Remodeling Griffith Building Here

Mr. Dave Carringer, owner of Carringer's Department store, is having the front and interior of the Griffith building near the Dickey hotel completely renovated prior to moving his store there in the near future.

Mr. Carringer is clearing out his stock of goods at his present location in the Regal hotel building before moving to his new stand within the next week or so.

### Surprise Recommendation Made Before Congress On Monday

In a surprise move Monday, the Tennessee Valley Authority was understood to have recommended the building a \$29,000,000 dam at Fontana in Swain county on the Little Tennessee river before construction of the Fowler's Bend dam.

Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, chairman of the TVA board of directors, was said to have been holding secret hearings with the house appropriation committee last week and what negotiations had been started for acquisition of the property at the Fontana site which is owned by the Aluminum Company of America, a Mellon interest.

Although the content of Dr. Morgan's hearings has not been divulged it is apparent that the TVA is now working in favor of the Fontana project and if the land could be secured the Fontana project would begin first. Although \$1,000,000 has already been appropriated for the Fowler's Bend dam it is understood that the TVA is having trouble in acquiring the land.

Both dams are expected to be built eventually, but the recommendation of the TVA, if carried out, would mean construction of the Fontana dam ahead of the Fowler Bend project.

The Fontana site is 35 miles down the river from Bryson City near the North Carolina-Tennessee line.

Local citizens this week looked on the situation as a strategic move on the part of the TVA to go ahead with their flood control and power development program from the most economical and feasible angle.

Whether or not the Aluminum company will be any more willing to sell and allow Federal development within their right ways than are the controlling landowners in the Hiwassee basin is purely a matter of speculation.

It is evident that the TVA is attempting to curb floods into the Tennessee watershed from the most advantageous point and at the same time follow the line of the least resistance.

Long before Fowler's Bend was designated as a definite site the TVA announced its plans to build a series of dams on the Little Tennessee and Hiwassee rivers. They gave no promise as to which would be built first only saying that they would build those which "were economically justified."

There is a move on foot in Congress now to have the remainder of the Hiwassee dam appropriation made during this session to insure completion of the project.

The Hiwassee dam become law last fall when President Roosevelt officially affixed his signature to a deficiency bill appropriating the first one of \$12,000,000 for local construction.

If the remaining \$11,000,000 or so is not made during this session of congress and the bill asking for \$29,000,000 to construct the Fontana dam is passed, it is believed that Murphy will be definitely out of the picture until congress convenes again.

Monday's action, however, is an no wise a definite move. The statements were made purely on a basis of recommendation. Forthcoming Congressional action will determine the moves.

While many here look upon the situation as alarming in view of the advantages the Hiwassee dam has presented to Cherokee county, there is nothing in the recommendations that would "kill" the Hiwassee project, but merely prolong construction provided the rest of the appropriation is made and the Fontana project goes through.

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