

ARRIVES HERE TO OVERSEE WORK OF TVA ROADWAY

J. Scott Tolbolt Represents Codell Construction Company

J. Scott Tolbolt arrived here this week to act as superintendent of the principal access road construction work at Fowler Bend dam for the Codell Construction company, of Winchester, Ky.

The contract was announced by the TVA last Wednesday and will amount to approximately \$177,000.

Between 100 and 200 men will be used on the job.

The contract calls for the clearing, grading, and construction of all structures for a roadway thirty-one feet wide from shoulder to shoulder, extending twelve miles eastward from the damsite to Turtletown, Tenn. It is expected that the surfacing of the highway will be done by the Authority's own forces. The road will follow a right-of-way varying from 100 to 250 feet in width. The contract includes also the building of two steel bridges over Shoal Creek, one sixty feet long, the other ninety feet.

The contractor received instructions from the Authority to proceed with the work at once. Work on the roadway will be divided into two sections, the eastern strip between the damsite and Shoal Creek to be finished first. Construction time on this first section is fixed at 120 days, and on the second section between Shoal Creek and Turtletown, on Tennessee Highway 68, at 180 days.

Regular Picnic Meet Held Here By Lions Club

The Murphy Lions club held its regular monthly picnic meeting Tuesday night.

In the absence of President George Ellis, who is ill, Dr. R. W. Petrie, the first vice-president presided.

Reports were given that four local cripples had been carried to the orthopedic clinic at Bryson City several weeks ago and that glasses had been provided for one boy in the county with defective eye-sight.

A motion was made and carried to have the club meet at 6:30 hereafter instead of 6 o'clock as has been the practice.

Other routine reports were given at the meeting.

The picnic dinner was in charge of Mrs. Quay Kettner, Mrs. Fred O. Scroggs, Mrs. K. C. Wright and Mrs. Arthur Barber.

CANNERY WANTS MORE BERRIES; ESTABLISH CAMP

In an effort to acquire more berries for the Murphy cannery, E. R. Thompson, cannery manager, established a berry-picking camp in the lower end of the county this week.

The Mountain Valley Mutual Canning association is paying four cents per pound cash for berries at the cannery. Truck routes have been provided by Mr. Thompson for those who can not bring their berries to the cannery.

One family, the manager said, picked over \$6 worth of berries one morning this week.

"Berries are a source of good income right now", Thompson declared, "and we want all that we can possibly get."

J. N. HILL AT SCHOOL

J. N. Hill, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Hill, of Murphy, was enrolled in the first term of the University of North Carolina Summer school at Chapel Hill which closed this week. It has been announced. The second term will continue through August 29.

FAIR CATALOGS WILL BE GIVEN OUT THIS WEEK

First distribution of the catalogs for the Cherokee County Fair to be held in Murphy Sept. 22-26 will be made this week-end. A. Q. Kettner, county agent, has announced.

The booklets, just off the press and describing more than \$1000 in premiums for Cherokee county products, will be given out free.

Mr. Kettner will distribute them over the county, and anyone may obtain a copy by calling at Mr. Kettner's office in the Murphy court house or at the Cherokee Scout office.

TOWN BOARD TO DISCUSS POOL ROOM ELECTION

Will Also Study Parking Problems At Meet Thursday Night

The town commissioners will meet in regular session here Thursday night, August 6, to officially decide on the outcome of the pool room election held here several weeks ago.

Fred Christopher, town attorney, said Tuesday he would notify the alderman that although the "details of the voting" were misunderstood by the people "that the election declares pool rooms legal in Murphy under American Legion supervision by a vote of 178 to 72".

It was commonly believed here prior to the election and during the period of registration that to register was automatically a vote cast against pool room operation in Murphy.

However, following the election in which a total of only 250 votes had been cast after a registration of nearly 500 citizens, Article 7 of Section 7 of the Constitution of North Carolina was revealed. It reads:

"No county, city, town, or other municipal corporation shall contract any debt, pledge its faith or loan its credit, nor shall any tax be levied or collected by any officers of the same except for the necessary expenses thereof, unless by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters thereon".

It is believed that the board will order a reelection on the question.

Also the council will occupy itself with determining more adequate parking facilities on the main streets of Murphy.

Two Skeletons Found On Farm At Bates Creek

Messrs. C. B. Hedrick and E. E. Styles, of the Bates Creek section, reported Saturday that they had found two skeletons on Mr. Hedrick's farm, the former Bud Voyles place which is now owned by the Southern States Power company and they have surmised from ornaments and trinkets found around the bones that they were possibly Indians.

They explained that there is an old road running from Mr. Hedrick's home into the highway which has been travelled for the past 25 years.

The other day while one of Mr. Hedrick's sons was dragging a plow over the road one of the skulls was unearthed. The other skeleton had been found last May.

From the size of the bones they estimated that one was a man nearly six feet tall and that the other was a woman. They were found almost side by side lying near and facing the Hiwassee river and although years of exposure had disjointed the bones they had not been disturbed.

A number of beads, buttons and other trinkets were found near the bodies, it was said.

FHA OFFERS AID FOR HOME CONSTRUCTION

Many Here Expected To Avail Themselves of Building Funds

An announcement made early this week by Scott Radeker, field representative of the federal housing administration for Western North Carolina, that there are now funds available in abundance for finance construction of the residences in Murphy, Andrews and Robbinsville costing from twelve hundred to three thousand, is expected to be the spring board that will launch a house building era in Murphy that will surpass anything of the kind that has ever happened in the city.

The abnormal demand for new houses here, arising out of the preliminary work incident to the construction of the Fowler Bend Dam coupled with the housing administration policy of driving for more residence construction in the below-three thousand dollar field are working together to solve a problem of housing that is growing more serious daily in this section.

Through this plan, Mr. Radeker, pointed out, it is now possible for the owners of city property in these towns to build new homes under the insured mortgage plan of the FHA and have them ready for occupancy by the time the peak of the demand arrives.

It is this type of construction, Mr. Radeker said, that is expected to take up the slack in the multi-billion dollar national plan of residential construction throughout the United States, which is now well under way.

He pointed out the fact that too many are building houses which will sell, exclusive of land cost, for above three thousand dollars, and too few are building in the range below three thousand dollars.

He called attention to the technical bulletin issued by the FHA under the title of "Principles of Planning Small Houses" which is published by the government as an effort of the FHA to direct the thought of the building industry toward the production of substantial, sanitary comfortable houses costing, exclusive of the land, less than three thousand dollars.

He said attention to this field of building had not developed until recently because of the fact that credit for financing small homes in this section had been almost an unknown quantity in the past, but that it is no longer a deterrent factor in this type of construction in this section because of the fact that representatives of lending agencies, operating on a national scope, are now seeking investment in FHA insured mortgages based upon new residence construction of this type in this section.

He stated that the insured mortgage system of the federal housing administration enables potential builders with steady employment and good credit records to put in as little as twenty per cent of the value of the house and lot and apply for an insured mortgage loan for the balance up to as much as eighty per cent of the appraised value of the lot with the finished house on it.

In illustrating the operation of the FHA plan in a situation like the one here he assumed that the 20 per cent down payment required might represent the value of the building lot. Construction of the new home, then, may represent the entire loan, or 80 per cent of the appraised value.

New houses for the purpose of FHA financing must be urban residence property designed for not more than four family occupancy.

S. G. Owens, who has been liquidator for a number of banks in this section for the past few years will assist interested applicants in making out their applications and gathering the necessary data.

J. B. Gray, is chairman of the Murphy Better Housing Committee.

BEAN GROWERS TO GET EXTRA PAY ON THEIR CONTRACTS

The directors of the Murphy cannery announced Wednesday that "a substantial revenue not expected" would be paid bean contractors this season.

The contracts stipulate a payment of 45 cents for Grade 1 and 30 cents for Grade 2 beans. The exact supplementary payments could not be stated this week.

"That's the good thing about a cooperative cannery", E. R. Thompson, cannery manager, said. "All crop benefits are reflected back to the grower."

The canning of beans as well as berries has already started.

COUNTY DISTRICT LAW CHALLENGED IN COURT ACTION

Suit Is Appealed To Supreme Court Which Convenes This Fall

A suit was brought by Lee Watkins, Dr. Fred Herbert, A. M. Simonds and J. C. Townson on behalf of themselves and other citizens of Cherokee County against Josh Johnson, W. R. Rockery and W. P. Odom, members of the Election Board of Cherokee County, in which suit plaintiffs allege that Chapter 526 of the Public-Local Laws of 1935 dividing Cherokee County for the purpose of nominating and electing one commissioner from each district was unconstitutional. They asked that the defendants be restrained and enjoined from in any manner putting into effect the provisions of the act and secured a temporary restraining order, returnable before his Honor W. F. Harding, on the 20th day of July, 1936.

The defendants, Josh Johnson and W. R. Dockery, for the County Board of Elections filed a demurrer to the complaint setting out the fact that under section 14, Article 7 of the Constitution of North Carolina, the act was constitutional and that the Legislature had a right to enact this law.

Upon the hearing of the matter before Judge Harding on the 20th the demurrer was sustained and the restraining order vacated.

The plaintiffs appealed to the Supreme Court which appeal will be heard September 2, 1936.

It is said that one district is predominately Republican and one district predominately Democratic and the other district more evenly divided.

The plaintiffs were represented by Edwards & Leatherwood, Attorneys of Bryson, N. C., and the defendants were represented by J. D. Mallore, Attorney of Murphy, N. C.

Wins Bicycle In Salesman Contest

James Abbott Hyatt was awarded a bicycle by the Parker Drug company this week for receiving the most votes in a salesman-ship contest conducted by that firm.

James had 8050 votes. Magdalene Cook was given a fountain pen as second prize, she attained 4541 votes.

Others in the contest were: Kenneth Christopher, Jack Barnett, Jack Crawford, William Townson, Carolyn Carter, Marian Axley, John Dickey, Wade Ricks, J. C. Townson, Dorothy Baker, Jean Daniel, Jack Sharp and Mary Frances Bell.

GROWS LARGE CABBAGES

A number of unusually large and fine cabbages, weighing between eight and 10 pounds, were sold to the Fain Grocery Company this week by J. Vanbuskirk, of the Warne section. Mr. W. M. Fain said the cabbages grown by the former Oregon farmer are the largest and best he has ever seen.

ALUMINUM CO. WILL SUPPLY POWER TO DAM

Firm Is First Contractor Of Power Generated At Norris

The Aluminum Company of America today became the first contractor of industrial power generated at Norris Dam with the signing of a contract between the Company and the Tennessee Valley Authority, it has been announced at TVA offices.

The contract was executed as TVA began first preliminary tests on the huge Norris generating units.

In addition to the purchase of industrial power, the contract provides that the Company will supply power to TVA for full construction requirements at Fowler Bend Dam, to be built by TVA on the Hiwassee River. The Authority will reimburse the Company for construction power by supplying an equal amount of power transmitted from Norris Dam to Alcoa, where the Aluminum Company plant is located.

Two transmission lines will be required. A 154,000-volt line will be constructed between Norris Dam and the Company's plant at Alcoa, near Maryville, Tenn. A second line will carry power from Santeeville, Dam owned by the Aluminum Company to Fowler Bend damsite. Both lines are to be constructed by TVA, and each will be about 35 miles in length.

The contract calls for the purchase by the Aluminum Company of Norris Dam power in blocks not to exceed 20,000 kilowatts demand. Terms of the agreement dispose of a class of power which municipalities and other public agencies could not use, it was explained, since it will be available only after all other requirements have been met.

The contract describes this class of power as the Authority's "surplus over navigation and flood control requirements and other loads and commitments."

The rate for power purchased by the Company is the regular TVA rate for transmitted secondary power.

June 1, 1937, is given as the date for initial power delivery to the Company. The contract will be in force for a period of four to six years, depending upon the construction time for Fowler Bend Dam. January 1, 1937, is given as the date for initial delivery of power to the Authority at Fowler Bend.

Paving Of Road To Blue Ridge Is Commenced

Paving of the Mineral Bluff-Blue Ridge highway was begun Wednesday morning.

Work on this link of road which will provide a paved trunk line from the East to Atlanta and the South which culminates years of effort on the part of local citizens to provide a main eastern-southern paved highway through Murphy, is under the direction of Ralph Manning.

About 60 men, of whom the majority will be local workers, will be needed when the job gets under full sway.

Old convict camps have been rebuilt in the vicinity of Mineral Bluff, and stone for the project will be crushed in the Culberson vicinity.

The paving, which is being financed by the state of Georgia, will be of macadam finish and will be 21 feet wide.

Two years ago North Carolina completed paving of the new highway from Ranger, several miles below here to the Georgia state line, and the current paving project will complete the route.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

Harry P. Cooper, member of the Joe Miller Elkins post of the American Legion here, was in Asheville the first of the week attending the annual Legion convention.