

TOPTON-WESSER ROAD CONTRACT LET THURSDAY

Bidder and Terms Not Revealed; To Let An- other In October

The Nello-Tier construction company of Durham has been awarded the contract for relocating nine miles of road from Tipton to Wesser, it was learned last night. The contract, which is subject to confirmation, states that construction will begin in about 30 days. The bid was approximately \$135,000.

Contracts for relocating, widening and straightening nine miles of No. 19 highway, "North Carolina's Main Street", from Tipton in the upper end of Cherokee county to Wesser in Swain county were let Thursday, but it has not yet been learned who received the bid.

The information was given to D. H. Tillitt, Andrews attorney, by Frank Miller, who is connected with the state highway department, at Waynesville last week.

Mr. Tillitt said he had also learned from a different source that a contract for seven miles of relocating, paving and straightening from Wesser to Almond would be let some time in October.

Specifications for the bids have not been revealed here. The two stretches of roads referred to are recognized as the most treacherous and undeveloped on any highway or truck line in the state.

Between Murphy and Bryson City No. 19 winds and twists over two of the most precipitous mountains in the state. Although no more than the average number of fatalities have been recorded on these two stretches, they are looked upon as dangerous by officials and they require exceedingly low speeds for safe driving. Making quick trips impossible.

The two stretches under contract represent parts of the first road laid over the mountain about 15 years ago. It is of macadam finish. The shoulders have become sharp and rugged, and cars, in most places, are forced to pull off the paving when passing.

Mr. Tillitt, Percy B. Ferebee, Dr. J. N. Hill, Charles D. Mayfield and others from this section have been contacting the state highway department for several years urging them to repair the road.

Young Democrat Party Planning Andrews Rally

A rally sponsored by the Young Democratic club of Cherokee county will be held at the Junaluska Terrace in Andrews Saturday evening at 8 o'clock (CST). Bill Cover, of Andrews, chairman of the local organization, has announced.

The meeting will be held in the form of a banquet, and a number of state and local speakers will be heard on the program, according to the plans.

"The banquet fee will be kept as low as possible, and all young people are invited to attend. There is every indication that there will be a large crowd present", Mr. Cover, said.

Murphy Wins Twin Bill Here Sunday

Henry Hickman saw to it Sunday that his boys took over both ends of his twin-bill ball game schedule which marked the dedication of the local grandstand.

About 1200 fans were present to see Jerry Davidson pitch the Boomers to a 9 to 5 win over the Blairsville CCC boys in the opener; and Harry McNally, of Copperhill pitched airtight ball to beat Franklin 3 to 1 in the night cap.

"WETTEST" SPOT IN COUNTRY LOCATED JUST ABOVE MARBLE ENGINEERS SHOW

One of the very wettest places in the United States—from a precipitation standpoint—is three and one-half miles up Hyatt's creek from Marble. Last year exactly 76 inches of rain fell there. For comparison there were 42 inches in Murphy and 50 at Andrews, these two towns representing the average.

These figures were revealed by Garland Reichle, a member of the engineering data force of the TVA stationed in Murphy.

This division is employing three men here at present. They run all over Cherokee county; even into Georgia and the Copper Basin. They put out buckets to catch the rain fall. They nail up accurate thermometers to record the temperatures, and they go down to the river every morning with their milk bottles to see how much of the precious soil has run into the river during that bad storm last night.

Accurate records is something new to Cherokee county. Heretofore the average citizen told how much rain fell by the way his fields were flooded. He knew it was pretty cold if he had to pour hot water over the pump handle for about 10 to 15 minutes.

It has long been an established fact that a man can leave Murphy with the sun a-shining, run into a cloudburst up about Marble and find it hasn't rained a bit at Andrews. They didn't know a thing about how wet it was on Hyatt's creek until Mr. Reichle and his cohorts, James Smallshaw and Ed Madden moved in. There are some of the rainfall fig-

ures taken for the first three months in 1935: January—Murphy, 2 and one-half inches; Hyatt's Creek, eight. February—Murphy, four inches; Hyatt's Creek, seven. March—Murphy, seven inches; Hyatt's creek, 11.

The reason: at this point the rainfall lands on a ridge. It's as simple as that, Mr. Reichle says. However, he also stated that the record hasn't been as high so far this year as it was last year at this time.

The next wettest spot, he declares, is at Flat Top, in Georgia, 15 miles below Copperhill. He said 66 inches were recorded there last year.

As for the temperature, Murphy evidently hasn't fared bad at all when you compare the hottest and coldest temperatures with the rest of the country. In fact there was no cause to gripe about the matter at all.

The coldest temperature registered here last winter was that memorable morning about sun-up when the thermometer dropped to 4 below. Drug store thermometers read 44 below; but then they are not accurate like those the TVA have, and besides a thermometer can do a lot to make a guy cold anyway.

And while the rest of this country of ours has been sweltering this summer under temperatures ranging from 110 to 120 Murphy saw the sun bear down to the tune of 101 degrees on one occasion.

When people talk about the drouth, the blizzards and the heat waves, these here engineering data fellows do something to cheer our souls.

Three Hurt In 5 Wrecks Over Week End Here

Three people were seriously injured and five others escaped injury in five automobile wrecks over the week-end in Cherokee county.

Dr. W. C. Mason, 69, of the Culbertson community, and Mrs. M. A. Health, of Atlanta, Ga., were confined to the Petrie hospital in Murphy Saturday after cars in which they were riding collided four miles south of here. Dr. Mason suffered a fractured left thigh and chest injuries and Mrs. Health was hurt about the chest and stomach. Mr. Health riding with Mrs. Health, and another man driving the car in which Dr. Mason was riding were not badly injured.

J. H. Harrell, of Jacksonville, Fla., was also conveyed to the Petrie hospital Friday afternoon suffering a fractured knee and cuts about the head after his car crashed into an abutment near Coalville.

Three trucks were also reported badly wrecked over the week-end, the drivers escaping injury.

Attendants at the hospital said this week all the victims were improving.

INVITATION IS SENT PRESIDENT TO VISIT COUNTY

President Franklin D. Roosevelt Monday was extended a formal invitation to visit Cherokee county during his proposed trip to Greensboro to attend the Green Pastures Democratic rally there on Thursday Sept. 10.

Originally the president had planned to visit the Great Smokies area, but important matters in Washington will probably bring about a change in his plans.

The wire sent by A. W. McIver, chairman of the Democratic Committee of Cherokee County, reads as follows:

"On behalf of the citizens of Cherokee county wish to extend you a most cordial invitation to visit Murphy during your forthcoming visit to North Carolina with a possibility of having you observe construction of work on Fowlers Bend dam here."

Seeks 3-Foot Pipe; Gets Snake Instead

Burt Shields, floor manager of the Murphy cannery, wanted a piece of pipe to do some repair work.

Going to the office he found assistant manager Ray Brown there. He told him he wanted about three feet of one-inch pipe and asked him where he could get it.

"You'll find it in that box in the corner", said Brown. So Shields went over, thrust his hand in the box.

But instead of bringing out the pipe, he had grasped a wiggling three-foot snake.

It took them but a few minutes to kill it and they are still trying to figure out whether it is a copperhead or a moccasin.

Miss Frances Barr, of Charlotte has arrived to stay with her aunt, Mrs. Esther Frear, and go to school here.

RECORD ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT MURPHY FAIR SEPTEMBER 22 TO 26

Last year about 20,000 people walked through the admission gates of the county fair, rather proudly sized up their jar of bean seeds, stroked "Bossy" a couple across the neck, took them a ride on the ferris wheel and a crack at the Beano stand, called it a good day and went home.

This year officials expect even a greater attendance at the annual Cherokee county exposition which will be held in Murphy Sept. 22-26, and are subsequently making preparation to have the biggest fair of all times.

A large number of improvements have been made to the grounds and the fair building has been improved and remodelled inside and out. There will be ample space this year, the officials say, for all exhibits and they are looking for the largest display in the history of the eleven seasons the fair has been held.

Generous again they are too for offering more than "one grand" in prizes for the best products of Cherokee county. Of greatest interest to the people at large, the officials say, is the big general farm exhibit which carries a total of nearly \$100 in cash prizes.

All information pertaining to the

"Fowler's" Bend Or "Farrow's" Bend?

"The Tattler" says, swears in fact, in his column, "Things Unusual" in this issue of the Scout, that the TVA and other folks are all wet when they say "Fowler's" Bend Dam.

It's not "Fowler's", he declares, but "Farrow's", and it seems he knows, because it was named after his great-grandfather, or somebody, and he surely ought to know what his great-grandfather's name is.

"I don't," he says "want to start any argument, but . . ."

CANNERY SHOWS FINE RECORD OF OPERATION HERE

To Remain Open 3 More Weeks; Production Peak Is Passed

Although the Murphy cannery will be in operation about three more weeks, E. R. Thompson, manager said Monday the season was about over and that 4000 cases of vegetables had been cured.

Bean yields during the year, he said, were good, but the acreage was small and weather conditions hurt tomato production.

Thompson declared this was the best season in the history of the local cannery, and that many farmers were looking forward to its operation here again next year.

"The cannery has been able to pay extra good prices for good quality vegetables and the farmers have realized a nice profit," he asserts.

In citing a number of instances of good beans yields Thompson disclosed the following figures: N. W. Abernathy, Martin's Creek, one-half acre, 4822 pounds. W. M. Clayton, Brasstown, six-tenths acre, 4324 pounds. Fred Martin, Unaka, one half acre, 2680 pounds. Poley Derreberry, Marble, one-half acre, 2845 pounds. John Deal Brass town, one acre, 4327 pounds (first picking).

Record Enrollment Of 975 Students Revealed

An enrollment of 975 students in the Murphy elementary and high school has been announced here by H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit.

This number is slightly higher than any enrollment heretofore, and more are expected as the school year progresses.

However the figure represents "only an average gradual increase", Mr. Bueck said.

fair is set out in a booklet that is being distributed free by A. Q. Ketner, Cherokee county agent. Copies may be obtained from him or from the Scout office.

No fair is really a successful fair without a good carnival to provide a little recreation, the people feel. And to this end the officials have again served the public well.

For this year again they have contracted with the Greater Krause shows to have their big free acts, their rides, and their concessions brought here.

Most of the officials of the fair association have served right through the previous ten fairs and the experience they have gained in putting on a fair for the county is being used to the advantage of the people.

They have learned how to do it so as to provide the greatest amount of entertainment to the people at the smallest expense.

"Every indication points to our greatest year", W. M. Fain, president of the association said this week. "There is no doubt about the enthusiasm. The people are really taking a greater interest in the fair this fall than they ever have before."

Competition is open to Cherokee and its surrounding counties in North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

LON RAPER IS GIVEN SUPPORT BY DEMOCRATS

Indorse Him As County Commissioner On Independent Ticket

The Democrats of Cherokee county decided at a call meeting Saturday to indorse Lon Raper, of Oak Park, for county commissioner from the third country district. He is running on the independent ticket.

The action was taken after W. J. Sneed, of Ranger, who had been nominated on the Democratic ticket for the post withdrew from the race.

Mr. Sneed's Republican opponent is W. A. Adams, of Hangingdog, present chairman of the board of county commissioners.

Mr. Raper was defeated for the office in the Republican primary elections last spring. Later he filed on the Independent ticket.

Although the third district is predominantly Republican, Democratic majorities are conceded in the other two districts. The candidates for the first district at Valleytown are: Turner Holland, Rep., and L. B. Nichols, Dem., and for the second district at Murphy: Tom Axley, Rep., and Sam Lovingood, Dem.

Other routine business including discussions of delegations to the Forest City and Greensboro Democratic rallies were discussed at the meeting presided over by A. W. McIver, chairman of the Democratic party of Cherokee county.

DISCUSS PLANS TO HONOR TVA FAMILIES HERE

To Name Committees To Make Arrangements For Entertainment

TVA employees and their families will be formally welcomed to Murphy at a get acquainted meeting to be held in Murphy soon, according to plans drawn up by a group of citizens at the Methodist church here Tuesday night.

The Lions club, the Woman's club, the Young Womans club, the Charity league and a committee of local merchants will sponsor the affair.

Committees will be appointed this week by each of the clubs to make arrangements and set the date for the entertainment.

The first meeting of the general committee has been set for 7 o'clock Friday night.

A recent survey shows that there are now about 125 TVA men and members of their families residing in Murphy.

Local citizens, including the business and professional men of the town, have expressed their desire to bring about such a meeting in order that the TVA employees and the townspeople might become better acquainted.

Teachers of the Murphy school will also be invited to the meeting.

A Lions committee composed of Tom Case, Kenneth Wright and Sam Carr conferred last Friday night with Mrs. H. Bueck and Mrs. Harry Bishop to enlist the help of the other civic clubs in the matter.

No members of the ladies' organizations were present at the meeting Tuesday night but they recommended that the TVA men and their wives be entertained together, that the teachers be invited and that the meeting be held, if possible, Friday, September 11.

LABOR OFFICIAL HERE

H. P. Williams an official of the United States Department of Labor, stationed at Raleigh was in Cherokee county Tuesday in the interest of placing North Carolina veterans in regular positions. He was the guest of Harry P. Cooper while here.