

Ministerial Conference Will Meet On Monday

The regular Ministerial conference will meet at the First Baptist church in Murphy Monday morning at 10 o'clock...

The subject for discussion will be, "Pastors' Devotion and Church Devotion". The Rev. Claude Pipes, of Peachtree, and the Rev. Walter Jones of Unaka, will have charge of the subject.

All ministers are cordially invited to this service. Mr. Graham, a member of the program committee, said.

ARTHUR BRISBANE, NOTED JOURNALIST DIES ON CHRISTMAS

Arthur Brisbane, pioneer of news-dramas and the editor of "Today", syndicated newspaper column, died Christmas morning from a heart attack.

Two fifty-three years a veteran newspaper man, after dictating and proof-reading his last editorial comment, he died while sleeping under an oxygen tent in his fifth avenue apartment. He had been ill for several days.

Brisbane will be remembered in history for many years to come and his genius as a journalist will never be replaced.

He was a weekly contributor to the pages of the Scout.

INCOME OF \$3,600 NECESSARY, SAYS FEDERATION HEAD

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said Sunday night every family should have an income of at least \$3,600.

This recalled that John L. Lewis his arch-enemy in organized labor, said last labor day that "the minimum wage for unskilled labor should be \$2,500 a year."

"Before industry can reach capacity production everyone who wishes to work must have employment and every family must have an income of at least \$3,600", Green said in a statement reviewing labor events of 1936.

BEST YEAR IN . . .

(Continued from front page) not seen much activity in their line of business owing probably to the addition of more stores here, grocery merchants expect witnessing a favorable change in sales.

Mr. Noah Lovinwood, manager of the Murphy Supply company in Murphy, has reported an increase in business as well as other merchants including A. W. Melver, of the firm of Davidson and Melver, D. V. Carringer, of Carringer's Department store, and E. L. Townson, who, as one of the oldest merchants here, has operated his store for 17 years in Murphy and reports one of the best years in its history.

All the rooming houses in Murphy including the Regal hotel, the famous Dickey house and the Henry house have been filled to capacity and at times forced to turn patrons away due to lack of accommodations. Housing itself has almost become a problem with many TVA families moving in but no active real estate transactions have been evidenced.

In Andrews where the Teas Extract company and the F. P. Cover and Sons Tannery have large weekly payrolls, merchants have reported good sales during the past year report they notice no appreciable influence from the TVA.

Business Good In Andrews

The Junaluska Terrace hotel, which is also run by Mr. Ferebee in Andrews, and the Bradley hotel there have had good business during the past year as well as a large number of filling stations which are operated by leading station oil distributors in this county.

In Murphy the filling station business has been on the boom as well as the cafes. Practically all leading stations have been rebuilt to meet adequate supply since the TVA came here and at least ten restaurants have opened up here in the past year.

Murphy is without a regular payroll except for the Brumby Knitting mill which is operated by B. G. Bramby, formerly of Marietta, Ga., and gives regular employment to about 45 people. The talk mines at Kinsey three miles from here, which are owned by J. W. Bailey, and the Columbia Marble company at Marble, ten miles from here, are the only other two business employing people on a large scale in this county. All have had unusually fine business this year.

Financially the county finds itself in exceptionally good shape. During the past fiscal year officials report collection of approximately \$136,000 of which \$61,500 represented back taxes. Also during the fiscal year some \$10,000 in outstanding bonds was retired.

Democrats replaced Republicans in all the principal county offices during

the past elections. Not only have the past officers made an enviable record in office but the new officials have an unusually bright outlook in the future.

Taxable Land Reduced.

While many acres of land taken over by the TVA for the building of the Hiwassee dam is expected to deprive the county of approximately \$4,500 or one-twentieth of its total taxation each year, P. C. Hyatt, county accountant, said recently he expected adjustments to be made, probably in the form of slightly higher evaluations that would offset any loss of revenue through the building of the dam.

Tax evaluation, too, remains Murphy's most serious problem. While Murphy's tax evaluation has not been changed since 1933, Mayor J. B. Gray, has revealed that the city's expenses have been practically doubled during the past year. It is estimated that about \$450,000 worth of taxable property in Murphy will be covered up by the waters backing up from the dam when it is completed.

Railroads, bus lines and trucks operating out of Murphy have shown increased revenue this year, the survey reveals. The Southern and the Louisville railroads have witnessed and increase in freight and passengers while operating expenses have been cut and truck lines to the cities of Asheville, Knoxville, Chattanooga and Atlanta run regularly by Henry Axley and Hadley Dickey, both of Murphy, have shown them a profit, they state.

A bus line instituted during the past year by Dewey Doyton to Knoxville by way of the Hiwassee dam site has been running at full capacity. Likewise the Smoky Mountain Stage bus line has shown an increase of passengers.

Farming Good This Year.

Fairly good weather during the past year has greatly aided Cherokee county agriculturally. Although the farmers had to contend with an unusually wet winter that threatened their crops with floods, they saw their crops turn out well with fairly good prices prevailing.

Poultry and cattle have also added to their revenue and Cherokee's main industry. Its farming interests, proved profitable.

The Mountain Valley Associated Cooperative cannery, which has operated at Murphy for the past three years as a unit of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Canning association, which has its headquarters in Waynesville, also witnessed its best year of operation, said E. R. Thompson, cannery manager, and John L. Barr, president of the association have announced that their program will be larger in scope next year than ever before. New products have been added to the list to be canned and marketed here and a recent survey conducted by them reveals that more farmers are taking an interest in the cannery than ever before.

Principally Murphy and Cherokee county rely upon their agricultural interests, but they have always had many tourists and travellers to stay in their homes when upon incoming highways were not closed.

With the completion of the relocating and rebuilding projects on highway No. 19 between Syria and Tooten, and the paving of a 12-mile stretch of road between the North Carolina-Georgia state line and Blue Ridge, Ga., next spring, Murphy and Andrews will be assured of the best tourist and travelling business in their history as this will then be the main trunk line between Asheville, Atlanta and the South.

Added to this will be the huge mountain lake formed by the Hiwassee dam when it is completed. This lake with a 200-mile shore line in this end of the Great Smokies will prove a haven to fisherman when it is stocked with bass and bream.

Indications are that cranes will line its shores and paved highways will make any point of it accessible to the motorist. Local citizens see Murphy as one of the most thriving tourist centers in Western North Carolina when the lake is formed.

The TVA with its dam project and another break for the farmers should see Cherokee county eclipse any point of progress in its history in 1937.

The Cherokee county citizens are generally optimistic over the future.

TVA NOW PAVING . . .

(Continued from front page) Construction company, of Winchester, Ky. The contractors have been working on the road about four months and approximately 250 men have been employed under J. Scott Talbott, the superintendent.

When this road is finished sometime before spring, machinery necessary in construction of the \$15,000,000 dam will be hauled over it from the sites of other dams constructed by the TVA. Principally the ma-

chinery will come from Norris as the type used on this project and the Hiwassee projects will practically be the same. Cement and other materials necessary for construction will also be hauled over the new highway.

The calcium chloride finish on the road will make it hold up under any load even during the worst weather. In a strict sense the surface never becomes hard but is the ideal finish for hauling and motoring as to non-skid, all-weather, serviceable and economical factors. The estimated cost per foot has not yet been revealed.

C and M Division in Charge

The work of paving the highway comes under the construction and

maintenance division of the TVA. E. L. McElfrish is the engineer on the project, and H. H. Williams and John Wilkerson are inspectors.

This principal access road, which has proven to be quite an engineering feat will be the scene of vast activity when completed. It will connect with highways, railroads and truck lines at Turtletown, and a state highway, not paved but kept in good condition, will connect it with Murphy about five miles from the dam site.

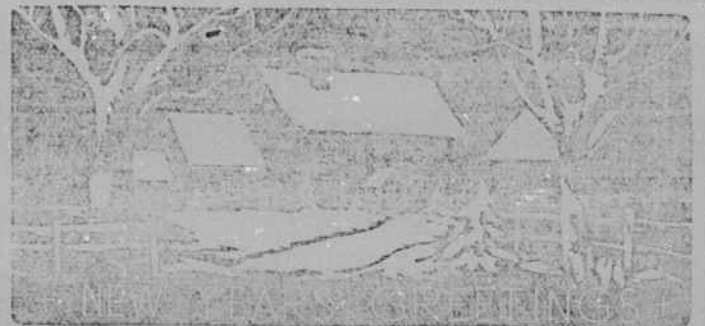
The road begins at the proposed town site on the north side of the river and winds its way over an 800-foot mountain. Two large bridges were necessary to connect it with Turtletown.



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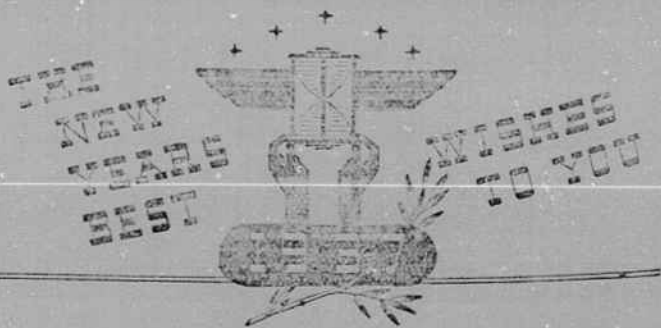
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New Year's Eve Midnight Show and Friday, January 1st

Marion Davies and Clark Gable, In-- "CAIN and MABEL"

with Roscoe Karns and David Carlyle Admission 15c and 35c

Saturday, January 2nd

TIM McCCOY, In--

"THE SQUARE SHOOTER"

Also Chapter No. 3 of Ken Maynard, In-- "Mystery Mountain"

Monday, January 4th

Will Rogers and Janet Gaynor, In--

"STATE FAIR"

with Lew Ayres, Sally Eilers, Norman Foster, Louise Dresser, Frank Craven and Victor Jory.

Tuesday, January 5th

Heroes On The Gridiron

"ROSE BOWL"

with William Frawley, Eleanore Whitney, Tom Brown, Larry Crabbe and Benny Baker