

VANDEVENTER LAND IN DAM BASIN BOUGHT

**Huge Tract Of 1882.92
Acres Bought By TVA
For \$18,135.30**

Purchase of 1882.92 acres of land in the Hiwassee dam basin was recorded in the register of deeds office in Murphy this week.

The transaction represented the lands of the former Hiwassee River Power company. The deed, the largest ever to be filed here, covered 54 of the 66 tracts owned by the Vandeventer interests in the basin area to be flooded by the TVA's newest dam project.

The land was sold for a consideration of \$18,135.30, M. F. Foley, chief title examiner of the land acquisition department of the TVA, said Tuesday.

The huge deed named Garafilia Vandeventer, James Vandeventer, Hugh F. Vandeventer and wife, and Louise C. Vandeventer all of Knoxville as owners of the property.

TVA's condemnation proceedings on the land was filed in the United States district court at Asheville last January but an agreement was worked out with the Vandeventer interests and all but 12 tracts comprising 335 acres, which contain title defects, was purchased, Mr. Foley said.

As soon as the title on the remaining 12 tracts are cleared they will be purchased, he added.

Although this is by far the biggest deed ever filed in the office of the register of deeds and even larger one is expected when the interests of the Southern States Power company is bought over in the future.

Tillitt Renamed Head Of Local Wholesale Co.

Col. D. H. Tillitt, of Andrews, was re-elected president of the Wofford-Terrell company in Murphy at the annual meeting of the stockholders Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Other officers of the wholesale dry good and grocery named were R. H. King, vice-president, and George Mauney, secretary and treasurer and general manager of the wholesale dry goods and grocery company.

Directors appointed for the coming year besides Mr. Tillitt, Mr. King and Mr. Mauney were: P. C. Hyatt, C. M. Wofford, Tom Terrell and H. B. Elliott.

A report was read at the meeting to the effect that the company "showed a nice profit for the past year" which, they decided, would be put in reserve rather than distributed in dividends.

"The company is making plans for enlargement so we can better serve the trade in this part of the state", Mr. Tillitt said.

Court To Convene For Civil Trials

The regular January term of Cherokee County Superior court will convene Monday for a two week's trial of civil cases with Judge F. Donald Phillips presiding.

Twenty cases and four motions appear on the docket.

Weather Vane

Following are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year.

Date	1936		1935	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
5	43	32	51	24
6	52	37	61	32
7	64	46	52	39
8	68	51	51	45
9	74	50	56	45
10	70	45	57	24
11	60	48	54	28

Rainfall
1937 1936
Since Jan. 1 3.98 inches 6.45 inches

Boomers Split With Robbinsville Teams

The Boomers boys and girls teams split with a high stepping crowd of Robbinsville basketball players on the local court Tuesday night. The girls team won 24-16 while the boys dropped their end of the fracas 23-19.

Saturday night the Boomers will meet both Andrews teams on the local court and next Tuesday night two Boomers boys teams will play Hiwassee at Young Harris.

LIONS MAKE UP FUNDS FOR BLIND WORK IN COUNTY

**Annual Dinner Planned,
Mayfield Elected, Com-
mittees Named**

Members of the Murphy Lions club Tuesday night subscribed a large amount toward \$50 needed by a group of blind people in Cherokee and Clay counties to start up a mattress repairing factory soon.

The appeal for funds came from James Penland, blind telephone system owner, of Hayesville, through his friend, Lion J. B. Gray, mayor of Murphy. The money given by the club to finance the project will be used as a revolving fund to help in blind work when it is returned, the club decided.

Mr. Penland, who has been active in blind work in this community was in Murphy Tuesday explaining his plan for a mattress factory for the blind and crippled to business men. He stated that about \$50 would be needed to complete the equipment. The amount donated by the Murphy club Tuesday night was not revealed as subscriptions will be taken for several days yet, but the sum necessary is believed to be reach-

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Gaddis Will Go On Trial In Polk Tuesday, Jan. 19

Emett Gaddis will be tried at Ducktown, Tenn., on Tuesday, Jan. 19, on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of D. W. McFadden, Asheville contractor, near Isabella, Tenn., last May 19.

Judge Sue K. Hicks, presiding over criminal court at Madisonville, Tenn., set the date and said he had instructed the Polk county jury commission to meet in special session and summon a panel of 300 veniremen for this one murder case.

The regular session of Polk county criminal court is scheduled to open Monday, Jan. 18.

Jointly accused with Gaddis in the murder indictment are Clarence Brooks, 21 and Loyd Parton, 30. All three are out on bond set by the late Judge John Blair.

Gaddis was wounded twice at the time McFadden was killed.

Masons Install 1937 Officers Monday Night

The Cherokee Lodge No. 146 of the Masonic order held their regular communication Monday night, Jan. 4, and installed the following officers for 1937.

J. C. Hembree, W. M.; J. Franklin Smith, S. W.; R. R. Beal, J. W. R. D. Lovingood, treasurer, and W. A. Hembree, secretary.

The W. M. then appointed the following officers: Nelson Leatherwood, S. D.; Fred Swain, J. D.; Tom Palmer and Homer Ferguson, Stewards; the Rev. Stewart H. Long, chaplain; P. C. Gentry, arshall, and Sam Capps, Tyler.

Communications is held every first Monday night and all visiting Masons are invited.

NEW TVA FIRE ENGINE

A new fire engine was taken to the Hiwassee dam site 18 miles below here Wednesday by the TVA to protect buildings and other property there from fire.

Roosevelt Ball Committees Are Making Plans

The President's ball in Cherokee county will be held in the Andrews gymnasium Friday night, Jan. 29, it was tentatively decided this week.

While committees under the general chairmanship of W. M. Mauney were making arrangements for the affair, the committees of this and surrounding counties were anxiously awaiting tickets to go on sale.

The Junior Womans club and the Charity League, both of Murphy, and the Koneheeta club of Andrews will be in charge of decorations, obtaining an orchestra, advertising and ticket sales.

A large crowd is expected as no other President's ball will be held within 75 miles of Murphy.

Believing Friday night would be a better night to have a dance and that it would be easier to secure an orchestra than Saturday night, on which President Roosevelt's birthday falls, plans are being made accordingly.

Seventy per cent of the money taken in over the expenses of the affair will be retained locally and 30 per cent will be forwarded to national headquarters for the prevention and cure of paralysis following the annual custom.

Baptist Pastor Arrives Here To Begin Work

The Rev. J. C. Ammons, with his wife and daughter, arrived in Murphy last week to take up his duties here as the pastor of the First Baptist church of Murphy. They are residing in the former home of W. G. Owenby.

Speaking highly for Mr. and Mrs. Ammons was an editorial which appeared in "The Leaksville News", of Leaksville, N. C., where the Ammons family has been residing for the past ten years.

"This week Leaksville lost two of its best and most influential citizens when Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Ammons left for Murphy, N. C., where Mr. Ammons has accepted the pastorate

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RELIEF FUNDS TO BE HANDLED BY WELFARE AGENT

All persons seeking relief in Cherokee county were advised Tuesday by Mrs. Margaret Lemay Mauney, county welfare agent, to apply at her offices in the court house in Murphy rather than to members of the board of county commissioners.

She explained that very little relief is being offered by the Federal government here anymore and that the county is making no direct expenditure on relief outside of the county home.

All relief projects either national or local, she disclosed, are being handled locally through her office lone.

Large Legal Document Requires Much Work

A deed filed here during the past week transferring 1882.92 acres of land belonging to the Vandeventer family, of Knoxville, to the TVA was described as "being by far the largest deed ever filed in Cherokee county", by B. L. Padgett, register of deeds for Cherokee county.

The huge legal document required 51 legal-sized type-written pages and \$18.50 worth of legal document stamps. It took Mrs. Bob McCombs, daughter and secretary of Mr. Padgett, two days to complete the tedious task of copying it.

Containing approximately 25,000 words, the deed took on the proportions of a small sized novel and used up three perfectly good type-writer ribbons in its preparation.

Board Takes Steps To Cut Town Expenses

Seeking to cut down expenses, the Murphy board of aldermen Monday night decided to put one of the two town's trucks into temporary retirement and drop one policeman from the force.

A successor to W. G. Owenby, member of the town board who recently moved to Marietta, Ga., will be named at a future meeting, it was agreed.

SUNDAY MOVIES BILL REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**Three Other Cherokee
County Measures Re-
ceived In Senate**

RALEIGH, Jan. 4—The house bills to legalize Sunday movies and baseball in Cherokee county were received in the senate Tuesday and referred to the senate committee on judiciary one. Senator Thomas J. Gold, Guilford, is chairman of this committee, and senator A. Hall Johnson, Buncombe, is a member.

These two bills and a third measure to fix a schedule of fees for the Cherokee county sheriff were referred to this committee at the request of Senator Kelly E. Bennett of Bryson, who represents the thirty third senatorial district composed of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon and Swain counties.

Senator Bennett was absent from Monday nights session, but he had previously requested Lieut. Gov. W. P. Horton, presiding officer of the senate to refer the bills to judiciary one.

The three bills were passed by the house at its brief session Saturday under a suspension of rules upon motion of the sponsor, Representative Harry P. Cooper of Cherokee.

One measure provided that "it shall

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Unaka Road Is Being Repaired By Highway Men

A crew of about 45 men are repairing the road from Murphy to Unaka over which TVA workmen and machinery are hauled into the Hiwassee dam site, according to Grover Mauney, superintendent of the work.

Heavy rains recently have put the unpaved road in bad condition, but Mauney said Wednesday it was now in a "fair stage for travelling." Three miles of the road from Dockery's Mill to Grape Creek have been paved, he added.

Four trucks, a rock crusher, an air compressor and other machinery are being used putting the road in good condition.

Murphy Lions Group Attend Sylva Party

Ten Lions and Lionesses of Murphy attended the Charter Night celebration of the newly organized Sylva club Thursday night.

Fred Brown, of Asheville, presented the charter and it was received by M. F. Constantineau, president of the Sylva group. Judge Sam Cathey, of Asheville, delivered an address on blind work in the state.

The Sylva club was organized recently through the joint sponsorship of the Murphy and Asheville clubs.

About 150 Lions and their escorts from Murphy, Asheville and Sylva attended the dinner which was followed by a dance.

Attending from Murphy were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Case, G. W. Ellis, Dr. E. E. Adams, W. M. Fain, H. G. Elkins, R. B. Wooten and Sam Carr.

BEING REPAIRED

State highway forces are rebuilding the lower Valley River bridge in Murphy. It is over this structure that TVA workmen and equipment must go to the Hiwassee dam project.

COUNTY UNABLE TO BACK HEALTH UNIT AT PRESENT

**Decision Made at Special
Session Of Cherokee
Commissioners**

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Thursday notified the North Carolina State Board of Health that "no funds were available" at this time to finance a county health unit which was proposed here by state and TVA officials Dec. 14.

The action was taken at a special meeting of the group in the Murphy court house Wednesday.

In their letter to the state board of health, the commissioners declared if a county health unit was formed here it would have to be financed entirely by the state until the end of the fiscal year.

The county group is generally believed to be in favor of the establishment of the county unit, but feel they do not have the money necessary as their part to back it. The letter said the county board would first like to "find out how much the home-stead exemption plan will effect the evaluation of Cherokee county".

Under the plan outlined here Dec. 14, the county would provide \$2500, offices and minor necessities for its upkeep; the state \$3000; the government, \$8000, and the TVA, \$2500 per year.

The board in stating they thought it "best to defer establishing the

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Dr. G. W. Dickey Is Visitor In Murphy

Dr. G. W. Dickey has returned to his home in Westville, Okla., after spending a couple of weeks with relatives here.

Dr. Dickey was reared in Cherokee county and 32 years ago went West where he began the practice of medicine in Westville, Okla., which was Indian Territory at that time. He drove "Broncos" to a buggy as did the other doctors of that country.

Dr. Dickey who has traveled practically all over the United States and extensively in Mexico, and Dominion of Canada said he had not seen a town better situated geographically or with greater possibilities than Murphy.

He was very much impressed with the progress the town has made since he visited here ten years ago.

Catholic Pastor Talks To Student Body Here

Father Lane, pastor of St. John's Catholic church at Waynesville, gave a talk during Chapel hour at the high school last Monday morning. He was presented to the student body as guest speaker by H. Bueck, principal.

The subject of his talk was "Duty".

Father Lane presented as a little memorial gift a new book on manual training. He said that he was very much interested in the new manual training course that had been established this school year in a new little building on the school ground. Father Lane preferred to call this new little building by the simple name of carpenter shop, because the ordinary carpenter shop had been highly honored in the person of Christ.

This was the first time that a Catholic priest had ever talked in the public schools of Murphy.

Funeral Conducted For Carl Scissom

Funeral services for Mr. Carl Scissom, an employee of the Columbia Marble company, were conducted at the Marble Springs Baptist church Monday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. J. B. O'Kelley officiating. Burial was in the Moss cemetery. W. T. Forsythe, of Andrews, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Scissom died Saturday night in Andrews.

Surviving are his wife; four children, two brothers and six sisters.