

\$10 Prize Offered for Name For New Lake Near Murphy

Contest is open to all; No charge to enter, and Rules Simple

The Murphy Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Nantahala National Forest, has announced a contest to select a suitable name for the recreation area now being constructed on the Persimmon creek of the Hiwassee reservoir. A prize of \$10.00 is offered for the best name submitted.

The contest is open to any person, regardless of age, living in Cherokee county, except the directors of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce and their families, or employees of the U. S. Forest service and their families.

All contestants are subject to the following rules:

1. No name of a living person will be considered.
2. Entries must be mailed, or brought to the office of the U. S. Forest service in Murphy.
3. All entries must be sealed and have the name and address of the sender plainly written on the paper, and entries must be rendered not later than April 15, 1941.
4. The decision of the judges will be final, and all entries become the property of the U. S. Forest service.

The winner of the contest will be announced in the April 24 edition of the Cherokee Scout, and the award will be presented on the date of the opening of the development.

Plans are now being made for a huge opening celebration on the day the recreation center is opened to the public.

NEW RULE EXPANDS MATTRESS PROJECT

A new ruling concerning the mattress project in Murphy was recently passed whereby more mattresses are available to those families who have been limited heretofore.

The new rule makes the provision that families of more than three members may secure three mattresses.

The local mattress factory has turned out 1507 mattresses since the project was started, having made 92 during the past week.

Plans are also under way for a comforter project to start soon in the county, and those who have mattresses may also get comforters to be made under the same plan.

Helen Wells Honored

Miss Helen Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Wells, was initiated in the Chemistry Club of Woman's college in Greensboro on Tuesday, February 18. Miss Wells is a freshman in the college.

The Weather Vane

Listed below are daily maximum and minimum temperature and precipitation for the past week compared with similar for last year:

	1940		1941	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
Feb. 20	40	32	44	19
21	38	32	46	14
22	34	29	43	16
23	52	16	50	9
24	49	36	46	13
25	45	34	54	32
26	56	14	50	22

	1940	1941
Total for this week	0.32	trace
Total for month to date	3.60	0.80
Total for year to date	6.93	4.03

Project is Scheduled to be finished soon as Work is Rushed

Although construction has progressed rather slowly through the winter on the recreation area at Persimmon creek, the spring months are expected to speed up the work, and completion of the project should be reached by early summer.

Soundings have been completed for the foundation of the dam, and workmen are expected to start pouring concrete within the next ten days, probably the last of next week or the first of the following week.

Materials for actual construction of the dam are now on the site, and about 35 men, of the local CCC unit, are at work on construction.

Pouring of concrete in the dam will be started at the center and bottom of the structure, with the ends following. Extra speed will be required in order to complete the work before the waters of the Hiwassee dam reach full height, as the water level of the larger dam will reach within two feet of the spillway top of the small dam. The walkway across the small dam will reach three or four feet above this level.

The large concrete and stone dam will be built so as to hold a constant level lake of approximately 65 acres. This lake will provide fishing, swimming and boating. The principal recreation developments will be located on the east side of the lake.

The full picture of the development, as it will be when completed, starts on highway 294; at the point where a drive turns off at Persimmon creek bridge. About one half mile out the road there will be a parking lot, from which a large stone staircase will lead into the area.

At the foot of these stone stairs two trails will lead out, one to the left and one to the right. The trail to the left will lead to the bath house, and the trail to the right will follow the edge of the lake to a beautiful picnic unit, and the continue for the complete circuit of the lake.

The bathhouse will be a large, commodious building, housing bath and toilet facilities for the recreationists. In front of this building is a large sand beach leading to the water. The swimming area graduates from one to four feet in depth. The sand bottom area is 200 feet long and 50 feet wide, providing a safe place for the beginner or non-swimmer to play in the water. Just beyond is a diving platform where the expert swimmer can enjoy diving and swimming to the utmost. The water here is much deeper.

The bathhouse trail will continue south to a beautiful handhewn timber shelter. Surrounding this shelter will be 22 picnic tables, including some with simple fireplaces for those who wish to cook picnic lunches.

Fresh, cool, pure water will be piped to convenient stone fountains about the area.

Meetings of 4-H Clubs Scheduled for March

Two meetings, one of the Home Demonstration club's county council for Feb. 28, and one to be conducted by the food expert, Mrs. Cornelia Morris, for the clubs March 4, have been postponed indefinitely. Mrs. Ailine King, home agent, announced this week.

These experts and officials who would have conducted these meetings, have been called for special work in the defense program and will be unable to hold the meetings until later.

BLUE RIDGE ROAD PAVING PROJECT GETS NEW BOOST

Joe Ray Enlisting Aid of Leading Citizens in Campaign by Mail

Joe E. Ray, president of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, attended the annual banquet of the Asheville chamber of Commerce given at the Battery Park hotel in Asheville Saturday afternoon, and at the same time made several contacts with officials in behalf of Murphy and development of this section.

Ray addressed the gathering briefly in behalf of bringing about the paving of the 12-mile stretch of gravel road from the North Carolina line to Blue Ridge in Georgia. This is a contract on which the state of Georgia has fallen short in the past seven or eight years.

He also contacted E. L. McKee, highway commissioner for this district, and Mr. Stikeleather, former commissioner.

Stikeleather recalled the agreement between the two states with reference to the paving project, but said no binding or definite written contract existed.

McKee promised his support of the drive for paving of this Georgia stretch of road during the remainder of his term of office. He also advanced reasons for the halting of work on the Tipton stretch of road, now in process of construction, and stated work would not be resumed for about thirty days, due to inclement weather. This delay is proving very costly to Cherokee county, because many tourists and other travelers refuse to cross the stretch.

Ray also stated that, in cooperation with the

WHAT OUR LEGISLATURE IS DOING

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The biggest news of the eighth legislative week was the introduction of the long-expected liquor referendum bill and the passage of the revenue act.

The liquor bill calling for a statewide vote next November 4 on the question of prohibition, was introduced in the House by Representative McGowan of Pender County on Friday, together with a bill to restrict the importation of liquor and wine into the State.

The revenue measure was given final passage Thursday when the House concurred in a batch of minor Senate Amendments. The biennial budget appropriations measure is expected to emerge from Committee this week. The thirty-odd other bills passed during the week, most of them local in nature, included acts creating a Motor Vehicles Department and a State Marketing Authority.

Of the 170 bills introduced during the week, the preponderance of public measures, once more, related to roads, commerce, education and agriculture, plus a goodly sprinkling of municipal and county legislation.

One bill affecting local units would place every county and municipality whose governing body does not notify the Retirement System's board of trustees otherwise by January 1, 1942, under the statewide teachers' and state employees retirement system. This would mean that municipal and county employees would receive pensions, contributing 5 per cent of their salary while the town or county ap-

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Two Workers Killed In Slide at Nantahala

HIGH SCHOOL RADIO PROGRAM GETS NEW SPOT ON SUNDAY

The radio program recorded by the Murphy schools for broadcast on Friday, March 7, has received such recognition by radio authorities at WWNC in Asheville that it has given a better spot on the schedule Sunday night.

In a letter this week to C. D. Killian, who directed the recording here, Mr. McIntosh, program director of the station, stated that he preferred to place this broadcast at 6:30 to 7 o'clock Sunday night, one of the most desirable spots on radio, instead of the former schedule of 2:30 to 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Miss Virginia Richardson, whose voice has been recognized as extremely suitable for broadcast, carried the connecting announcement burden of the program, and this particular clear feature was held largely accountable for the recognition the program received.

MasIntosh also suggested that pictures and news articles be furnished for the daily papers in publicizing the program.

Committees Nearing Full Membership in New Power Project

A check-up of committeemen working in Suit, Culberson, Wolf Creek and Persimmon creek communities on the rural electrification project recently begun there shows a total of 120 memberships paid, with the one remaining community, Ranger, not reported as yet.

These memberships represent the sum of \$221.50 guaranteed revenue monthly, which is short of the amount needed, \$340. The Ranger report is expected to bring the total up, however, until only \$50 will remain to be subscribed. Enough subscriptions have been promised, but not paid yet, to more than reach the necessary quota.

An official of the Blue Ridge Electrification association, which is promoting the system, stated that results from the project have been extremely gratifying, and shows greater promise than any project yet undertaken.

Many of the residents of these communities have been holding back until the system is installed with the idea in mind of receiving the service cheaper. This cannot be done, the official stated, as late entrants will be charged an average of that paid by original subscribers and will actually cost them much more.

Those wishing to become members may contact the committeeman serving their community or the county agent, A. Q. Ketner.

Methodist Churches Will Note Sunday as "Day of Compassion"

More than 1900 Methodist churches in North Carolina will participate in a nation-wide observance of Day of Compassion on March 2. Special sermons and services will emphasize the extraordinary world situation.

It is expected that North Carolina churches will contribute \$41,000 on this day in the \$1,000,000 drive to relieve human suffering. One half will be used for overseas relief. The mother Church in Britain will get \$250,000. The remaining fourth million will be used in meeting religious needs in draft camps.

John Nichols, Allen Lovingood Crushed by Rock Avalanche

Two men, John Nichols, 26, of Andrews, and Allen Lovingood, 39, of Marble, were killed Sunday night by a rock slide in the stone quarry on the Nantahala Power and Light company dam project at Nantahala. Both men were employees of the Utah Construction company.

Both men were killed while clearing loose stone after a blast it was reported. Nichols died instantly, but Lovingood, who was completely buried, lived for almost two hours while workmen frantically tried to uncover him.

Following the tragedy it is said that 21 fellow employees of the two victims quit their jobs.

The quarry crew of the construction company had been dynamiting the walls of the quarry for stone, it was said, and Nichols and Lovingood had gone to the top of the quarry to release some loose rock that had failed to fall when blasted.

Apparently the amount of stone loosened by the blast was more than they estimated, and a huge avalanche of stone, from gravel to boulders, carried them to their death at the bottom of the quarry, witnesses stated.

Lovingood was conscious during the entire two hours he was buried and the heroic efforts of the company doctor, who crawled under the mass himself to administer a hypodermic, only affected a lessening of the pain until merciful death took him.

Final rites for Lovingood were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Marble Baptist church. He is survived by his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Warren Stepp, Mary Nell and Madeline Lovingood, all of Marble; three sisters, Mrs. Julia Bettis and Mrs. Cora Anderson, of Marble, and Mrs. Lee Gibby of Aquone; four brothers, Mildred, Charlie and A. Lovingood, all of Marble and Nathan Lovingood of Davidson.

Pallbearers were: Messers W. B. Dockery, Forest Abernathy, Pearley Arwood, Wayne Anderson, Fred Barton, Gordon Parker.

Funeral services for Mr. Nichols were held from the Andrews Methodist church Wednesday with the Rev. Dulin and the Rev. Baker officiating. He is survived by his widow and two small children; his mother, Mrs. E. A. Nichols, two brothers, Paul and Adam, all of Andrews.

Pallbearers were: Messers J. D. Kinsey, Clyde McJunkins, Marvin Pulliam, Lee Pulliam, Ned Pulliam and Ed Newmon.

High School Dramatics Class Enters Tourney At Western Carolina

Four members of the Murphy high school dramatics class, under direction of Miss Evelyn Brown, will compete with ten other western North Carolina schools in the annual dramatics tourney at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, Friday and Saturday.

The local contingent will present "Pink and Patches", a one-act play by Margaret Bland. The cast is composed of Elizabeth Franklin, Mattie Lou Crisp, Leila Mae Stiles and Edgar Darnell.

Awards will be made at the end of the tournament to the best group presenting a play, and one each to the best boy and girl actors appearing.

The tournament is sponsored by the Western Carolina Players of Cullowhee.