

UTAH MEN SOON TO BLAST AWAY ENTIRE MOUNTAIN

Drillers Honeycombing Rocky "Goliath" With "T" Shaped Passages

One of the biggest blasts in the history of this section will be set off near the proposed site of the Nantahala Dam with the next couple of weeks, when the dynamite crew of the Utah Construction Company will literally blow up a mountain. Incidentally the mountain is almost solid rock.

Work on the dam project has slowed down considerably of late, as preparations are made for the gigantic blasting. Rock and earth from the mountain are needed for the construction of the actual dam, and until these have been made available through use of dynamite, there has been a let up in hauling, and in other work. A large number of employees have been given temporary lay-offs, as a result, with a consequent shrinkage on the Utah Company payroll that has been felt by practically all the merchants in Andrews.

Once the dynamiting is finished, however, all the men now enduring lay-offs are expected to be put back to work, and operations are expected to move forward with a rush that will show no slowing until the project has been completed. It is reported that even more men may be needed than have been employed, heretofore, at the local labor peak.

Preparation for blasting away the mountain now is largely in the hands of the "hard rock men", those strong muscled iron-nerved workers who bore deep into the heart of a mountain, standing in cramped quarters in the dimmest of light, and taking their lives in their hands every minute of their working day.

These drillers are now cutting channels into the solid rock. Drilling a passageway six feet high by three feet wide, they advance 100 feet underground; then turn and drill at right angles for another 100 feet; then come back and drill at a left angle for 100 feet more. The result is a giant letter "T".

According to workers, at least six of these "T" shaped channels will be carved out, until the big mountain will be honeycombed with passage ways, all through its base.

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Jurymen Selected For March-April Court Term Here

The following is the list of jurors drawn by the Cherokee county board of commissioners March 3, 1941, for the March-April term of superior court for Cherokee county:

First Week

G. G. Stiles, Marble, J. F. Palmer, Murphy, J. R. Gladson, Culberson, N. B. Graham, Letitia, Thomas Spencer, Murphy, Burton Wheeler, Andrews Luther Coffey, Marble, Homer Mulkey, Murphy Rte. 3, I. A. Shields, Culberson, S. F. Abernathy, Murphy Rte. 3, D. A. Keener, Tomotla, Dewey Mills, Murphy Rte. 3, J. S. Keener, Tomotla, John Lovingood, Murphy, Rte. 3, Noah Hembree, Murphy, J. P. Baxter, Andrews, Garland Adams, Andrews, T. W. Axley, Murphy, D. L. Shields, Murphy, J. W. Stover, Andrews, W. B. Clonts, Letitia, J. Herman Keyes, Murphy Rte. 3, C. L. Dobbs, Murphy, J. M. Mason, Culberson, E. E. Jenkins, Culberson, Fred Taylor, Murphy Rte. 2, D. T. McNabb, Suit, James Graham, Unaka, John Arrowood, Marble, D. R. Lovingood, Murphy, Rte. 3, A. H. Hatcher, Murphy, Rte. 2, E. N. Allen, Postell, M. E. Mills, Murphy, Rte. 3, W. H. Nelson, Andrews, Rte. 1, A. D. Taylor, Murphy, R. E. Dockery, Murphy, Rte. 3, Austin Ramsey, Murphy, Rte. 3, W. T. Truett, Culberson, J. R. Hughes, Murphy, Rte. 2, Cross Pullum, Andrews, R. C. Pipes, Murphy, Rte. 1, G. O. Hickey, Oak Park.

Second Week

R. B. Stiles, Letitia, W. F. Woods, Murphy, Lon Farmer, Grandview, Clayborn Radford, Grandview, A. J. Dockery, Murphy Rte. 3, N. T. Penland, Murphy Rte. 2, C. W. Thomasson, Murphy Rte. 1, J. A. Voyles, Ranger, J. D. Hughes, Murphy Rte. 2, L. L. Mason, Murphy, F. L. Abernathy, Marble, Clifton C. Mills, Murphy Rte. 3, Guy Suit, Postell, Boyd Stiles, Murphy Rte. 2, W. H. Cornwell, Murphy, Otis Adams, Andrews, A. H. Stiles, Postell, E. L. Little, Culberson, Rte. 1, Ross Bradley, Andrews, B. B. Palmer, Marble, John Killian, Murphy Rte. 3, Harve Kephart, Murphy Rte. 3, Charlie McDonald, Murphy Rte. 3, O. L. Tilson, Culberson.

4-H CLUB LEADER HERE

Miss Frances McGregor, assistant state 4-H club leader, visited in the county for a conference on club work Thursday and also attended a combined boys and girls meeting of the Martins creek club.

Nantahala Power Company Abandons Fontana Project

LOCAL DEFENSE WORK IS STUDIED AT MEETING HERE

Agriculture Given Primary Interest In Cooperative Move

One or more representatives of every public governmental agency or organization in Cherokee county met in the Murphy courthouse Wednesday afternoon to discuss and plan this county's part in the defense program, primarily from a standpoint of local agriculture.

The meeting was conducted under leadership of A. Q. Ketner, and D. C. Snodgrass, county agents. Fred Sloan, district farm agent for western North Carolina, T. W. Cathey state AAA committeeman, and W. B. Collins, farm management supervisor, were prominent speakers on the program.

Sloan, speaking generally on defense work in this country and specifically on the need for improvement in this county, discussed every phase of agricultural development possibly achievable. Particular stress was laid on the need for encouragement and development of the "small" farmers, who generally are classed in the low-income group.

Cathey directed his remarks toward the unification of all agencies and organizations in the ultimate purpose of building defense within our own bounds. He urged every farmer and every person, who if not participating in the program should be, to look into the future lest they be caught in another great depression. He particularly urged them to "save for a rainy day" and put their earnings into the ground from which they drew their primary living; and to further make themselves self-supporting to the extent that surplus may be used for the defense of this country.

County agent Ketner pointed out that a co-workers council has already been organized for this county, and a coordinated effort is being made through this body to bring about a more economical and widespread use

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PRIZE FOR NAMING LAKE IS BOOSTED; \$15 NOW OFFERED

The prize for offering the best name for the new recreation lake near Murphy has been boosted from \$10.00 to \$15.00 to the winner, Joe Ray, president of the chamber of commerce, announced Wednesday.

Ray stated that the additional money was promoted with the idea of obtaining more entries and therefore providing a greater range from which to choose a good name. He also said that possibly second and third prizes may be offered later, the amount above to stand as the total at present, however.

The contest is now open to everyone in Cherokee county who wishes to enter. The final closing date is April 15. All entries must be mailed to the office of the U. S. Forest service in Murphy. The winner will be announced the following week in the Cherokee Scout.

Weather Man Serves A Variety of Dishes; None of Them Good

If variety is the spice of life the weather man should have been in seventh heaven Monday night as the elements coughed enough weather to last the year round.

Beginning with a very mild day and warm night, a gradual wind rose later, and at midnight had grown into a howling tempest bringing with it a torrent of rain, accompanied by frequent flashes of lightning and oiling thunder. The rain changed to a very brief hail, which quickly turned back to rain, then sleet, and finally the heaviest snow experienced this winter.

Radio Broadcast Set For Sunday Evening

The broadcast of the radio program of Murphy high schools will be heard from station WWNC in Asheville on Sunday night, March 9, at 5:30 o'clock, instead of 6:30 as was stated in this paper last week.

The exceptional merit of the program, as prepared and given by the local students and faculty, brought about the change of date and hour from Friday afternoon to Sunday night, one of the best spots on the radio.

Western Carolina Sunday School Ass'n Will Meet in Conference Here March 14

A special one-day Sunday school conference of the Western North Carolina association will be held at the First Baptist church of Murphy on Friday, March 14, from 10 o'clock a. m. to 3:55 p. m.

Similar conferences are being held some time this spring in every association in the Southern Baptist convention. These conferences are promoted jointly by the associational Sunday school organization in each association, the Sunday school department of the state mission board and the Baptist Sunday school board.

The purposes of these conferences, as stated by the state Sunday school department, are to encourage completion of organization for promotion of Sunday school work, to help

Commission Handed Notice of Withdrawal By Firm Wednesday

The Nantahala Power and Light company gave notice to the Federal Power commission Wednesday that it had abandoned intentions to construct a \$35,000,000 hydroelectric project at Fontana in western North Carolina. Receipt of the notice was announced by the commission.

The notice to the federal commission, which was signed by J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the power company, stated that "after further consideration, the company has abandoned its intentions to construct said project."

Although the company has been contesting a commission ruling that a federal license was necessary for the construction of the project, no reason for the decision was given by the Nantahala company in the notice.

Arguments had been scheduled to begin Monday on the company's motion for a rehearing on the requirement of the federal license which, the commission contended, was made necessary due to the fact that the Little Tennessee river, on which the project was to be constructed, was navigable.

Commission officials said no action has yet taken on the company's request for withdrawal of its declaration of intention to construct the development which asked that the commission discontinue the proceedings "without prejudice."

The proposed project was to have been a 300,000 horsepower plant on the Little Tennessee river in Graham and Swain counties, near Robbinsville and Bryson City.

The Nantahala company contended that the river on which the project would be constructed was non-navigable and therefore a permit was not required under the federal power law controlling hydroelectric projects on navigable streams.

The power commission had asserted, however, that the Little Tennessee river had been navigated by "steamboats, gasoline towboats and other river craft."

The supreme court recently ruled that if a stream could be made navigable within "reasonable costs" a federal license would be required.

The Fontana dam was proposed as an addition to projects now under construction by Nantahala Power and Light company in North Carolina, one known as the Nantahala project on Nantahala river in Macon county, and the other as the Glenville project.

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Mrs. Fletcher Crown, Garden Authority, To Lecture at Auditorium Here Friday

Flower arrangements, home beautification from the outside, lawns, shrubs, yards, etc., will be discussed and partially demonstrated by Mrs. Fletcher Pearson Crown, noted garden authority, at her lecture at the school auditorium Friday, March 7.

Mrs. Crown will explain in detail why certain arrangements are desirable in one's yard or garden, and why others are not, giving practical demonstrations of each particular phase of arrangement.

Illustrations will probably be used and various other methods of imparting to the gathering of women from Murphy and vicinity, including neighboring counties, the necessity for planning to obtain service, pleasure and beauty.

Probably the greatest stress will be placed on flowers in all arrangements around the home. Particular emphasis will be placed on the use of color in flower displays, taking many illustrations from the various large flower shows over the south in which Mrs. Crown has recently participated.



Mrs. Crown has studied throughout the United States in several schools and nurseries, and has visited and studied the many gardens of European countries. Thousands attend her judging and flower shows.

The lecture Friday is being sponsored by the Murphy Womens club and is being made through the courtesy of Rich's in Atlanta.

102 Cherokee Men Given Defense Jobs; Openings For More

A total of 102 men from Cherokee county were placed in good jobs in the defense at Holly Ridge or Fort Bragg during the month of February. C. I. Calhoun, head of the Local office of the North Carolina employment service, reports. In addition to this there were 26 private placements.

Of the number given jobs in defense work, 46 were skilled workmen while 56 were laborers.

In the skilled group were 38 carpenters, 2 linemen, 1 shovel operator, 1 labor foreman, 2 cement finishers, and 2 plumbers helpers.

Calls continue to come in, Calhoun stated, asking for men in every trade and profession. The latest bulletin received asks for 25 sheet metal workers, 4 physiotherapy aides, 4 tractor mechanics, 1 architectural draftsman and 1 baker at Fort Bragg; 1 combination watchmaker, jeweler and engraver, and 1 restaurant manager, at Fayetteville.