

PLUNGE OF ROCK CLAIMS ANOTHER WORKER AT DAM

Robbinsville Man Die En Route To Hospital Following Accident

Another worker on the Nantahala Dam project was killed late Monday night, the tragedy occurring at almost the same place as the fatal accident of two weeks ago. As in the former case, the latest victim had his life crushed out by a plunging Boulder.

Monday's victim was Olin Phillips, of Robbinsville. He was killed shortly before midnight when struck by a stone which came hurtling down a distance of from 50 to 75 feet.

Clarence Wilson, another employe of the Utah Construction Company, who was working with Phillips, was injured in the same accident, but hurts are reported to have been minor. Phillips was still living when picked up, and was rushed to a hospital in Franklin; but died on the way.

An inquest was conducted Tuesday by Coroner Charles M. Moore, of Macon county, whose verdict was that the death was due to an unavoidable accident. Whether the roar of other work was too great for the victim to hear the stone as it came crashing down, or whether the fall of the great rock was too swift for him to get out of its path probably will be determined.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Robbinsville Baptist church, with interment in the Old Mother church cemetery. Mr. Phillips is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Phillips, of Robbinsville, seven sisters, and three brothers.

The sisters are: Mrs. Dixie Colvard, Mrs. Nina Ayers, Mrs. Otis West, Mrs. J. J. Dula, Mrs. Lester May and Mrs. Posey Waldroup, of Robbinsville, and Mrs. Harley West, of Murphy.

The brothers are: Marshall and Rufus Phillips, of Robbinsville, and Pearl Phillips, of Waynesville.

Final Tribute Paid W. M. Anderson, 64, In Rites Thursday

Final tribute was paid W. M. Anderson, prominent farmer of the Culberson community, in funeral services conducted from the Shady Grove Baptist church Thursday morning, March 13, with the Rev. Thomas Truett officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Townson funeral home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Anderson, apparently in good health, died suddenly at noon Tuesday in his home. A member of the Shady Grove church he had always been a leader in the church and in the community. He was 64 years old.

Surviving are his widow; five daughters, Mrs. Beulah Dodson, Mrs. Eulala Voyles, Mrs. Hazel Hawkins, all of Culberson, Mrs. Maude Jones of Blairsville, and Mrs. Ruby Anderson of Winston-Salem; three sons, Orville, Claude and Hubert, all of Culberson; one brother, Ad Anderson, of Culberson; six sisters, Mrs. Emma Gibson, Mrs. Nora Davis, and Mrs. Blanche Lambert, all of Culberson, Mrs. Lydia Anderson of Ranger, Mrs. A. E. Nichols of Marietta, and Mrs. W. W. Anderson of Cumberland, Ky.

EXAMINING PHYSICIAN

Dr. F. V. Taylor of the Petrie hospital has accepted the appointment of examining physician by the local draft board this week.

Lions Form Plans For Annual Dinner Friday, March 28th

First plans were made for staging the annual Cherokee county dinner by the Murphy Lions club Tuesday night at its regular meeting. Arrangements are now incomplete, but the date for the affair is definitely set for Friday night, March 28.

The Lions also made plans to play host to the district Court of Honor of the local patrols of the Boy Scouts at their regular meeting Tuesday night, April 1. The club is sponsoring the Murphy patrol.

Arrangements for the annual dinner call for the attendance of all the Lions, their Lionesses and guests, and a number of out-of-town guests, a total of around 200 persons. The banquet will be served by the ladies of the Methodist church in the basement of that church, which is the regular meeting place of the club.

Originally begun about nine years ago, the dinner was staged for the purpose of serving all edible foods produced by Cherokee county. This display was found too difficult to acquire after the first few years, and since then each dinner has been devoted to some particular county product.

The main speaker of the evening has not been chosen as yet, but the committee in charge of this particular phase of the program has promised a prominent North Carolina person will be selected. Other committees are also at work preparing the various arrangements necessary.

A special feature of the program at Tuesday's meeting was the showing of a moving picture on scouting by James T. Osborne, prominent scout leader of this district. The movie, which was in technicolor and accompanied by a voice describing each scene, gave a clear picture of what the Boy Scouts of America are doing—their purpose, methods, and inspirations. The picture scenes began with the cub scout just starting out and carried right through to the finished scout going out into the world an adult.

PLAY, 'HONEST ABE' TO BE DRAMATIZED BY SENIOR CLASS

The play "Honest Abe" has been chosen by the graduating class of the local high school for presentation the last week in March as the annual senior play. The play is a story of Lincoln's life in Illinois written by Charles George.

The cast chosen for the play includes Billy Taylor as Lincoln; Edgar Darnell, Carl Torrence, Edwin Mulkey, Fred Johnson, Walter Carringer, J. R. Palmer, Virginia Richardson, Ollie Mae Tilson, Louise Mann, Jennie Ruth Ballew, La Fay Wood, Frankie Wilson and Elizabeth Franklin.

Mrs. Virginia Cobb is director of the play, and Miss Dorothy Lide and Mrs. C. B. Chambers have charge of arrangements.

Felton Ledford, 18, Dies at Hayesville

Funeral services for Felton Ledford, age 19, who died of pneumonia last Wednesday at his home in Hayesville, were held Thursday from the Hayesville Baptist church with the Rev. J. H. Wilson and the Rev. Clemmer officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ledford, and two brothers, Eddie and Coolidge Ledford.

MALLONEE ASKS REORGANIZATION IN TOWN OFFICES

Bill also Presented To Nullify Penalties On Tax Certificatees

Two bills, one to regulate office terms and salaries of officers and employees of the town of Murphy, and another to abolish penalties on county tax certificates during past years were presented to the legislature during the past week by J. D. Mallonee Jr., representative from Cherokee county.

The first bill, which affects only the town of Murphy, asks that the term of office of the mayor and board of commissioners be reduced from two years to one year. The measure also provides that the chief of police shall receive a maximum salary of \$100 per month and his assistants a maximum salary of \$75 per month. Further, the bill would prohibit any of these officers to collect costs, commissions or bonuses.

The salary of the town clerk would be set at \$100 per month in another provision of the bill, and he shall be assigned also to the duties of treasurer and to collecting taxes, water rents and light rents.

The second bill offered for abolishment of penalties on Cherokee county tax certificates for the years 1928 through 1937 provided they are paid before October 1, 1941. It would reduce interest on these taxes to three per cent, and on all others to six per cent. The same law would apply to municipalities in the county.

WHAT OUR LEGISLATURE IS DOING

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BILLS INTRODUCED: SB—Senate Bills; HB—House Bills.
HB 758. (Town of Murphy)

"To Fix the Terms of Office of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy, Cherokee County, and Fix the Duties and Salaries of Certain Officers of Said Town." (Mayor and commissioners would serve 1 year term. Police chief's salary would not be over \$100 per month; assistant or assistants, not over \$75 each per month. Police officers to receive no costs, commissions or bonuses. Clerk to be tax collector, under rules set out, and also to collect water and light rents and perform duties of treasurer under charter. Clerk's sole compensation to be \$100 per month.) Introduced by Mallonee, March 6.
HB 759. (Cherokee County)

"For the Relief of the Taxpayers of Cherokee County." (Would bar collection of all interest above 3 per cent, and all penalties, on tax sales certificates held for collection by Cherokee County or any municipality or other governing body therein for years 1929-1937, if taxpayer pays them by Oct. 1, 1941. Applicable to pending tax suits where final judgment not yet entered. Costs of advertising, court costs and attorney's fees in foreclosure suits already started not disturbed. Where certificates have been bought in good faith by persons other than governing body, the taxpayer may redeem same before foreclosure on payment of full amount plus necessary and proper expenses plus 6 per cent.) Introduced by Mallonee, March 6.
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Fontana Dam Controversy Brings Retort from Thorpe

JACKSON DAY FETE IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAR. 22

The annual Cherokee county Jackson Day dinner will be held Saturday night, March 22, in the dining rooms of the Regal hotel in Murphy. H. A. Mattox, county democratic chairman, announced this week.

A prominent speaker will be present for the banquet, and several other notable members of the democratic party from all over this section. Mattox said that complete plans for the dinner would be announced later.

The affair is staged yearly all over the United States by the democratic party, the purpose being to raise funds to relieve obligations of recent election campaigns. All democrats of the county are invited to attend.

Tourists Escape Death By Eyelash As Car Hits Cabin

Two tourists escaped death by the proverbial eyelash last Friday evening when an automobile driven by Clarence Dean left the road out of control and plunged through the tourist cabin they had rented, barely a moment after they had stepped outside.

The car tore its way through the cabin, leaving it a complete wreck. The automobile was badly damaged, but Dean, its driver, escaped unhurt.

Dean said he was driving down the road, when he was blinded by the lights of a truck coming from the opposite direction. The roadway was slippery from rain and sleet, and for a moment he lost control of the car.

The occupants of the tourist cabin, a man and his wife from the North, had stepped out, just before the crash, to go to a nearby store. Dean volunteered to pay for the damage done to the cabin. Nevertheless, he was arrested charged with driving while under the influence of liquor. He was given a hearing in Andrews Monday evening and was bound over for the next term of court.

Noted Garden Expert Lectures in Murphy To Women's Gathering

Mrs. Fletcher Crown, noted southern garden authority, lectured before a comparatively small but interested and appreciative gathering of women from the western section of the state at the Murphy school auditorium Friday afternoon.

Home planting and care after planting were subjects stressed in Mrs. Crown's address, giving explanations and illustrations of each phase of gardening discussed. She particularly explained use of color and art in flower arrangements about the home from the principal standpoint of beautification.

Mrs. Crown pointed out the possibilities for beautifying the town's public square, and made a number of suggestions for developing such improvements.

The lecturer appeared here under the sponsorship of the local Woman's club, and through the courtesy of Rich's of Atlanta.

C.M.T.C. SUSPENDED

A bulletin by the U. S. Army information states that no Citizens Military Training camps will be held during 1941 and that no applications should be made this year.

Nantahala's President Answers Charges of Federal Commission

Charges of the Federal power commission that the Nantahala Power and Light company was impeding national defense by not building the Fontana Dam under a federal license were characterized as "unfair" by J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the company in a statement issued to the press Tuesday.

The Nantahala company, a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America, had petitioned the commission to dismiss without prejudice its declaration of intention to build the Fontana project the later part of last week. The commission, however, refused the petition and charged the company's decision was impeding the program of national defense.

The controversy between the company and the commission regarding its withdrawal of intention to build the \$45,000,000 hydroelectric project resolved into a legal question Monday, the date previously set for re-hearings on the petition and the decision of the FPC. The commission, on denying the petition of the company to withdraw, has ordered hearings to proceed as planned.

The attorney for the power company appeared only briefly before the commission examiner, however, and contended the company had a legal right to withdraw the declaration since it had abandoned plans to construct the project following the commission's decision that a federal license would be required. He walked out of the hearing before it had adjourned, commenting to the press, "We are not going ahead with the project so why go through with a lot of empty motions."

Thorpe had previously explained that the company's reason for withdrawing the declaration of intention to build was that the company did not feel that it wanted to risk \$45,000,000 of the stockholders' money if the project had to be built under jurisdiction of this body and with a federal license.

He said that such a license would permit the government to take over the project at a price which might be "grossly unfair, depending largely on whether the federal power commission's supervision of the project had been fair or arbitrary."

Commenting on the ruling of the commission Thorpe said: "It is regrettable that the federal power commission found it necessary to cast doubt on the sincerity of the efforts of the Aluminum Company of America on behalf of national defense, in the commission's attempt to defend its own unreasonable and arbitrary action in refusing to dismiss the petition with respect to the Fontana hydroelectric project."
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The Weather Vane

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

	1940		1941	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
March 5	48	38	55	16
6	52	22	55	25
7	58	21	53	41
8	48	35	50	34
9	48	23	51	29
10	64	22	61	24
11	62	33	62	29
Precipitation				
Total for this week			1940	1941
Total for this month to date			0.01	1.54
Total for this month to date			0.63	2.45
Total for this month to date			8.91	6.77