

SENATE APPROVES TVA APPROPRIATION

TVA Plans to Build Cafeteria in Murphy

TVA WILL BUILD FONTANA PLANT, KNUDSEN SAYS

2 Power, 2 Storage Dams Will Be Built

Investigation Made Into Recent Report Of Food Poisoning

In anticipation of a huge influx of workers into Murphy immediately following approval of the proposed projects to build four Dams in this area by the TVA a decision was reached to build a large cafeteria in Murphy at a meeting here Tuesday of TVA officials, local restaurant and hotel owners, and health department officials.

This move was made necessary by the discovery, through a canvass of local food and lodging establishments, that adequate accommodations were not now available for the large number expected here within a few days.

In addition to the approximately 300 employees of the TVA now stationed here, an extra 500 is expected immediately upon approval by congress of the \$40,000,000 appropriation for the construction of two storage and two power generating dams in this section.

A report of an investigation of the alleged food poisoning of approximately 20 persons recently was also made, offsetting any fear of a recurrence of this situation.

Hurried conclusions drawn by various persons not acquainted with the facts presumably caused an ill opinion of the town and started ugly rumors among the populace. This, however, was thoroughly explained.

The proposed cafeteria for Murphy would be constructed along the same plan as the one operated at Hiwassee Dam while that project was under construction. This establishment will be under the strict supervision of the TVA's own sanitarians and sanitary engineers and will be operated strictly "Grade A."

The investigation into the facilities for feeding such a huge number of persons also disclosed the lack of high grade eating establishments in the town, many of which were suddenly confronted with the task of feeding an extremely abnormal number of people, an unanticipated situation.

Being caught thus unprepared the entire town suffered from the temporary "boom" and many adjustments. (Continued On Back Page)

Sun Strikes Matches, Match Lights Cigaret, But Cal Can't Smoke It!

In newspapers there frequently appears a picture of some beautiful Washington gal frying an egg on the sizzling hot sidewalk; in Mississippi during hot weather it is an old trick to douse sheets in ice water before retiring; but Murphy has any "hot weather" story ever known beat. Cal Jackson, local and well-known negro will vouch for it.

Wednesday afternoon Cal was working in the yard at the home of Bo Brumby, and so very hot he took his cigarettes and matches out of his pocket to avoid wetting them with perspiration. Very carefully wrapped them in his handkerchief and put them on the walk. A brief lapse of time Cal turned to get a cigarette, only to see handkerchief, cigarettes and matches all going up in smoke. It was so hot that the sun had ignited the matches, and set fire to the whole works. Now you tell one.

Federation Picnic Set for Saturday at Peachtree School

The annual Cherokee county Farmers Federation picnic will be held on Saturday, July 12, at Peachtree High School and hundreds of farm families are expected to gather for the all-day celebration which will begin at 10 a. m. and last until 4.

Musicians, singers and entertainers from all parts of Cherokee county are invited to come and have part in the program. The Farmers Federation string band, led by Pender Rector, will play throughout the day.

Fred Sloan, Western North Carolina district farm agent, will deliver the chief speech of the day, and James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, the Rev. Dumont Clarke, leader of the Lord's Acre movement, A. Q. Ketner, Cherokee county farm agent, and Melvin Prospt, Federation manager at Murphy, are scheduled to make brief talks.

A basket lunch will be spread out on tables at noon, and free water-melons and lemonade will be furnished by the Federation.

Foot races for boys and girls and a tug-of-war for the men will launch the afternoon program. Then the (Continued on back page)

4-H Club Members Go To Camp for 5 Days

County agent A. Q. Ketner escorted 15 4-H club members to the club camp in Swannanoa Monday for a stay of five days, the group to return Friday.

The camp, which will have about 100 club members, includes clubs from Clay, Haywood, Swain, Yancey and Cherokee counties. Each club in Cherokee county is represented at the camp.

While there these youths will study under direction of two camp supervisors.

Carload of Phosphate Delivered in County

A carload of phosphates, containing 515 100-lb. bags, was delivered in the county Wednesday afternoon for distribution. D. C. Snodgrass, assistant county agent, has announced.

This phosphate will be distributed to the Grandview and Persimmon creek watershed areas which were organized in May. Part of the shipment will also go to fill garden applications to applicants from old watershed area organizations.

Cherokee County Boy Wins 4-H Scholarship

One of the delegates from Cherokee County to the 4-H Short Course at State College this year will be Charles Hughes, of Murphy, Rt. 2. He was named the outstanding 4-H Club boy in the county, the honor carries with it a scholarship to the Short Course, awarded by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, of which A. G. Floyd of Raleigh is State director. The scholarship pays all expenses and is worth \$5.50.

R. F. Williamson of Jefferson City spent last week end here.

Agreement Reached By Aluminum Co. and Authority Recently

The Tennessee Valley Authority and the Aluminum Company of America have reached an agreement for the construction of the Fontana Dam and power facility on the Little Tennessee river in Swain and Graham counties. It was announced by William S. Knudsen, director of the OPM Friday.

The agreement was reached after a series of conferences sponsored by the Office of Production Management, the authority and the aluminum company, providing for the construction of the project by the TVA. The agreement on the part of the TVA is subject to securing the necessary appropriation from congress.

Exact cost of the project, with reference to the two parties involved, and details of the agreement have not as yet been disclosed but it is supposed, that if the project is approved, it will be constructed along the same lines as formerly planned by the aluminum company.

In October of 1940 the aluminum company announced intentions to build the Fontana project at a cost of \$50,000,000. The federal power commission ruled, however, that the dam would have to be constructed under federal license which would give the government the right to take over after 50 years.

The aluminum company decided this too great a sacrifice for the investment of such a large sum and asked that its petition of intention to build be dismissed. The petition was refused and the company withdrew (Continued on Back Page)

EIGHT ALUMINUM PLANTS SOUGHT; N. C MAY GET ONE

Definite Information Concerning Plants Not Available Now

A recent announcement was made by William Knudsen, director of the Office of Production Management, that the OPM planned the construction of eight new aluminum plants, one of which would be located in North Carolina.

Representative Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, who is working in conjunction with officials of the Office of Production Management, the war department and the Washington office of the state board of conservation and development in an effort to secure the site for western North Carolina expressed himself recently as being highly optimistic concerning the selection of this section for the plant.

The recent announcement of the OPM stated that the eight plants would be sought, but no official government recognition has been given the plan as yet. It was also indicated that no announcement would be made concerning the program until some definite official action has been taken by the government either accepting or refusing the plan proposed.

"In view of the power facilities of the Tennessee Valley authority it is logical that the plant should be established there (Cherokee county)," Mr. Weaver said. "A great deal of data covering Cherokee county has been submitted for consideration not (Continued On Back Page)"

USO Funds Drive Meets With Success Throughout County

A drive for funds by the USO committee in Cherokee county is meeting with greater success than anticipated and the quota is expected to be reached and passed soon.

The county quota was divided among the various communities, one of which has already been filled. Dr. G. M. Young, committeeman of Post-ell has reported the quota for his community raised and turned in the first in the county. This is exceptionally fine cooperation on the part of the people of that community.

Murphy Chairman Frank Forsyth stated this week that the drive in the lower part of the county was very successful and a complete list of contributors will be available for next week's issue of the SCOUT.

P. B. Ferebee has turned in the following list of contributors in Andrews:

- Chain Grocery Company
- Nantahala Power & Light Co.
- Nantahala Talc & Limestone Co.
- Citizens Bank & Trust Co.
- Ferebee & Watkins
- Davis Drug Co.
- Andrews Drug Co.
- Terrace Hotel
- R. T. Heaton Lumber Co.
- Andrews Motor Co.

Oxford Singing Class Coming Here Tuesday

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will appear here in their annual performance on Tuesday evening, July 15, in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

The group this year, smallest to travel in many seasons, will consist of 14 boys and girls. The program planned has many features of singing, dancing, skits, etc., and promises to surpass any former performance.

The class appears here under sponsorship of the Masons, the orphanage being a Masonic sponsored institution.

Two of Wreck Victims Reported as Improving

Mary Enloe and Walter Kopec, victims of an automobile accident last week which took the life of one and injured seven, were reported Wednesday as improving nicely at a local hospital. The five others injured have already been discharged.

Both Miss Enloe and Kopec suffered fractured skulls and various other injuries. Carl Stahl, of Philadelphia, was slain in the wreck which occurred on the Hayesville highway near Brasstown.

Huge Turnip Raised On Farm of Joe Ashe

Joe Ash of the Martin's Creek section, displayed a huge turnip in the Scout Office Wednesday. The vegetable was of the purple top variety, weighing 4 pounds and 7 ounces. Mr. Ash said he believed the turnip would have grown much larger if it had been left in the ground until the top was fully matured. It was five inches in diameter and was 32 inches in height, having been grown in the garden of Mr. Ash, who has also some unusually large beets.

Preliminary Work Completed; to Rush Immediate Building

A bill to appropriate \$40,000,000 for the construction of four dams in this section, two storage and two for power generation, was passed by the Senate today (Thursday) and sent to the Whitehouse for the President's signature.

The four projects, together with other smaller projects for increasing power generating and distributing facilities, were proposed early in May to overcome a serious shortage of electric power needed for national defense industries.

Preliminary work has been underway on the sites of the four projects for several weeks preparatory for immediate action as soon as congressional approval was given. The bill passed the house of representatives some time ago, and now lacks only the president's signature.

Power generated from the extra plants is expected to afford the manufacture of approximately 400,000,000 pounds of additional aluminum per year.

Two of the dams will be storage dams, while the other two will be power dams. The storage dams are expected to supplement the flow of streams into power dams during dry seasons.

One of the storage dams will be located in North Georgia on the Nottely river and the other will be on the Hiwassee river in Clay county. These two projects are expected to be rushed through in seven or eight months time each.

A power dam will be located on the Hiwassee river below the present Hiwassee Dam at Appalachia. Another power dam will be constructed on the Ocoee river above the No. 1 and No. 2 dams, to be known as the No. 3 Ocoee dam. Construction on these two dams will require a longer time but will be rushed through as quickly as possible.

During the past several weeks large crews of drillers have been at work seeking suitable foundations for the dams at all four sites. Temporary warehouses and other necessary buildings have been erected and put into use as fast as possible.

All available office space in Murphy has been taken and other offices are being prepared. These offices house the personnel of the Land Acquisition, engineering, reservoir, construction and maintenance, electric, and project planning divisions of the TVA.

More than 100 men are now at work with the engineering department (Continued On Back Page)

REV. CASH ACCEPTS CALL AS PASTOR OF LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. A. B. Cash, pastor of the Adairsville, Ga., Baptist church for the past twelve years, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the first Baptist church of Murphy. He plans to begin his work here Sunday, July 13.

During the past five years Rev. Cash has been a member of the executive committee of the Georgia Baptist convention. For a number of years he was superintendent of schools at Kingston and Adairsville, Ga. He attended the University of Georgia and Atlanta Law school before taking seminary work.

Rev. Cash plans to move his family Mrs. Cash and two children, Jacqueline and Amos to Murphy some time in August.