

Thousands More Jobs Open As Work Begins On Huge Douglas Dam

Men Especially Wanted For Clearance Work And Construction

Thousands of brand new jobs for dam and road workers were made available Monday when the TVA moved in on its latest project—the construction of the Douglas Dam on the French Broad River. A work-deadline has been set, under which the Dam must be in production next year.

This is the Dam that Senator McKellar opposed so bitterly, and for a long time, so successfully. The Tennessee Senator claimed that the waters would drive hundreds of farm families from rich lands under intensive cultivation to supply canneries. These farmers, he said, could not find land as fertile without moving too far away to make sales to canneries practical.

Residents of the rich valley which the dam will inundate were solidly opposed to the dam, and for months the matter lay in committee in Washington, with no appropriation made to start the work. Even President Roosevelt's personal recommendation of passage was ignored.

This opposition of McKellar and the farmers was finally over-ruled last week, when TVA investigators reported six times as much land just as rich and in the same immediate section, as was planted by the canneries.

The TVA also promised not only to pay these farmers a fair price for their lands and homes, but also to help them get relocated in the same territory, at the least possible expense. It was predicted that, far from being injured, the farmers would actually benefit as a result. Trained agricultural workers are to be sent to assist in developing the new farms to the highest possible point of productivity.

The dam will be located near Knoxville, 32 miles above the mouth of the French Broad River. The nearest town is Dandridge, Tenn., 13 miles distant.

A five mile railway and a six mile road will be built from the dam-site to the nearest main highway, and construction on these two projects will be rushed as fast as men can be hired to do the work. An employment office was opened within a few hours after Congress passed the appropriation.

When completed, the dam will be 150 feet high and 760 feet long. There also will be ten earth dikes, as auxiliaries. The project will create a reservoir extending upstream 40 miles in the French Broad valley, and about three miles across, at its widest point. The lake, when filled, will cover about 30,500 acres, and power production will be close to 100,000 kilowatts, available 24 hours a day.

Machinery from other dams nearing completion is already being moved to the Douglas site, and more than 5,000 men will be employed. Immediate applications for jobs are being sought from men who can do clearance work, and especially from those who have had experience in heavy construction work. The fact that a job hunter may already have an application non file for work at another dam need not stop him from getting a job at Douglas.

Laborers will be paid 50 cents an hour for a 40 hour week with time and a half for overtime—of which there will be plenty. Pay for skilled workmen ranges up to \$1.75 an hour, with the same work week and the same rate of overtime.

It is not necessary to go to the dam to apply for work. Applications may be gotten at any post office, or by writing to the Workmen's Examination Section, TVA, Knoxville, Tenn.

HIWASSEE DAM

The Junior-Senior banquet is to be held at the Hiwassee Dam High School gymnasium on Tuesday, February 10, at 7:30. A very enjoyable evening is anticipated.

The scheduled teachers meeting for Friday has been called off indefinitely, due to scarcity of rubber.

Teachers have been asked to assist in the registration on 16.

Sgt. Wilkes of Police Dept., gave a lecture Monday morning to the high school boys on "Highway safety and safety in the home."

Bass Carroll, principal is anticipating a series of lectures for both the high school boys and girls along the lines of National Defense, home defense and social defense. He hopes to be able to get a good doctor and a nurse who will donate their time in the near future to speak to his students.

The P-T. A. is soliciting books for the school library, everyone who has a good book you wish to donate please contact either Mrs. Gilbert, president or Miss Houck, librarian.

Misses Gene Hawkins and Jeanne Kames are assisting Miss Johnson in compiling adds for the schools first annual, the business men of Murphy have been very co-operative.

The Young People's League at Reed's Chapel is assisting Mrs. Geschwind in winding up the Red Cross bundle for Britain which they hope to finish this week.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Miss Parlee McConal visited Mrs. Allie Elliott one day last week.

Mrs. Lum Mull is very sick at this writing. We hope her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Joe Roberson visited Mrs. Lum Mull over the week-end.

Rev. Howard Keasler will preach at Snowhill Church February 8, 1942. We hope there will be a large crowd out.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Evans visited Mrs. Fred Baity Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruby Kaler has been visiting her friends and relatives in this section this last week.

SUNNY POINT NEWS

Mrs. Mattie Whitener and family, and Mrs. Esta Mason spent Sunday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Beavers of Violet.

Mrs. Jewel Forrister and baby, and Miss Sadie Forrister spent Friday with Mrs. Laura Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Johnson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

Mr. Charley Styles of Gastonia spent a week recently visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Ella Whitener spent a week with her sister, Mrs. Vesta Beavers of Violet.

MARTIN'S CREEK

Miss Ethial Carter entertained several of her friends last Friday night with a birthday party. The evening was spent playing games and Miss Carter served cake and hot cocoa to the following:

Misses Ruth Allen Pauline Elliott, Wilmer Arrant, Ruby Cornwell, Louise Mann, Elizabeth Mann and Pauline Davis.

Messrs. Herbert Hall, Carl Smith, Frank Ramsey, Grover Hampton, Clifton Elliott, Jr. Hampton, John Allen, Cecil and Carl Davis, Hugh Elliott and Charles Mann.

Rev. James Truett will preach at the Glade church next Sunday, Feb. 8.

Mrs. Jack Hall is improving after falling and badly spraining her ankle.

Mrs. Frank Ingram and Mrs. Ben Mann visited Mrs. Lillie Chastain last Friday afternoon.

Miss Louise Mann, of Akron, Ohio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mann.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ingram is improving after spraining her ankle.

Mr. John Dockery has been ill for the past week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Helen Dockery has been out of school several days on account of an attack of the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cunningham are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Miss Fay Carringer is able to be back in school again, after having the flu.

Louise and Elizabeth Mann spent

the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hughes at Nolita.

Betty Joe Wade spent the week-end with Dorothy Ingram.

Mrs. Leona Carter of Wolf Creek visited Mrs. Floyd Clark last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Bradford Hughes was buried at the Baptist church at Martins Creek last Monday.

Mrs. V. I. Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. David Phillips one day last week.

Mr. Woodford Johnson, of Peachtree, spent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carringer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stiles spent last week with Mrs. Patton Stiles, who has been sick.

KINSEY NEWS

Mr. P. A. Mauney spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Radcliff of Copperhill, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Paschal Hughes and small daughter spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kilpatrick.

Mr. Eugene Nichols was a visitor in Copperhill, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Crisp announced the birth of a son, January 28.

Mr. Eugene Nichols left Saturday for Lenoir City, Tenn. where he was transferred with the T. V. A.

Mr. George Mauney of Sylva visited Mr. and Mrs. Paschal Hughes Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Hall attended the "Food Leaders Meeting" in the Murphy Library Friday and Mrs. W. D. King accompanied her home.

Mr. John Hyde spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Paschal Hughes.

The Mount Liberty Sunday School Association held its convention at Rogers Chapel church Sunday February 1.

Mr. John Hyde spent three days in Chattanooga, Tenn. last week.

Little Miss Clara June Hughes spent Saturday with Louise Hyde.

The vegetable garden fills a prominent place in the farm program, since it serves the double purpose of providing a health insurance policy and a savings account for the family.

LETITIA NEWS

We are all sorry to know that J. G. Clonts is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. Vegie Taylor from Gastonia is visiting her father and mother this week, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clonts. Harvey Stiles visited Plez Hedrick of Ranger Sunday.

C. B. Hedrick of Ranger visited his sister, Mrs. Julia Cearley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cearley and daughter, Helen, visited the latter's parents Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hedrick of Ranger.

Frank Taylor who has been employed at Gastonia has returned to his home here.

Mrs. Julia Cearley and daughter, Helen, visited Mrs. Blanche Clonts Saturday evening.

Miss Nora Bell Clonts of Murphy visited her parents Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clonts.

Miss Norma Stiles spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Stiles.

Miss Inez Millsaps of Robbinsville has been visiting Mrs. Nora Campbell for a few days.

PATRICK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Rae and baby, of Farmer, Tenn., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Picklesimer Sunday.

Lee Horton was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Perlie Croft, at Farmer, Tenn. Sunday.

George Reid and daughter were the guests of his mother, Mrs. Martha Reid Sunday.

Miss Carrie Berrong of Tenn. is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charlie Boring. Mrs. Boring is slowly recovering after a severe illness.

Mr. A. L. Kilpatrick and family of Watts Bar Dam are expected to arrive this week at his old home place and start selling goods again. He has been greatly missed and we welcome them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cobb and children were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reid Sunday.

The whooping cough and mumps are very bad in this section, there are a number of cases of each. We hope

the epidemic will soon cease.

John Picklesimer was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Perlie Croft, at Farmer, Tenn., one night last week.

Mrs. Ada Allen of Pleasant Hill was the guests of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Duell Burgess recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Estell Hamby and children were Murphy visitors Monday afternoon.

Nip Adams is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. Eller Adams of Pleasant Hill was the guest of Mrs. Martha Reid and Mrs. Lauretta Williamson recently.

WOLF CREEK NEWS

G. O. Simonds made a business trip to Murphy, Thursday of last week.

Prof. and Mrs. Byron Lighthall of Postell, N. C., made a short visit with friends here Sunday.

J. H. Pack of Copperhill, has bought G. O. Simonds old home place and will move to it in a few days.

Mrs. Josie Garren is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Nancy Morgan, in Hayesville, who is very ill with a heart attack.

R. B. Garren of Ellijay, Ga., was the guest one night last week of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Morgan.

Charles Morgan and Wayne Burgess have been gathering up scrap iron, etc., and placing it on the market for the last several days.

Herbert Garren spent the week-end here with his father, W. L. Garren.

Denis Hyde, Veteran Of World War I, Dies

Injuries received in World War 1 caused the death, Sunday, of Denis W. Hyde, in the Oteen Veterans' Hospital, Asheville. He had been a patient there for many weeks.

Townson funeral home brought the remains back to the ex-soldier's old home, in the Culberson section and funeral services were held Tuesday in the Shady Grove church, with the Rev. Tom Truett officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Use Classified Ads

WANTED-1 to 10 ACRES

WILL BUY OR LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS

Must be reasonably close to town, but must also be a considerable distance from dwellings.

The land is sought by the Town of Murphy for use as a dumping ground.

If you have property that is suitable for this purpose, write stating size, location and price of property, or see

E. O. CHRISTOPHER

Town Clerk, Town of Murphy