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TVA PLANNING HIWASSEE DAMS

Two To Be Built In N. C. Fontana Dam May Yet Be Built

Announcement was made Wednesday that the Tennessee Valley Authority is planning to build four new dams in the Hiwassee river basin. All available office space in Murphy has been taken for the engineering and land acquisition engineers, it was also learned.

As proposed, the four dams would be built as follows:

(1) A power dam on Hiwassee river near Appalachia in Cherokee county.

(2) A power dam on the Ocoee river near Ocoee Dam No. 2 in East Tennessee, about 12 miles from the North Carolina state line.

(3) A storage dam above Hiwassee dam on the Hiwassee river in North Carolina.

(4) A storage dam on Nottely river in North Carolina.

For Defense Needs

It is stated that the new storage and power dams are necessary in the face of possible shortages in case of drought and the needs of increased demands for defense production.

Indications point to an early start on dam construction. It was explained that if Congress hesitates to vote more funds for the TVA, the necessary money could be allotted from national defense funds.

These would greatly increase power facilities in addition to the 22 million dollar Hiwassee dam built in 1935-39; and the huge power house built 1939-41. This dam is generating power for other TVA projects, for Murphy and rural lines. Necessary materials of war demand additional expansion to TVA power.

May Build Fontana Dam

The possibility that TVA may build the Fontana dam on the site considered by the Aluminum Company of America, was announced in Knoxville this week. TVA officials, however, have remained silent on the possible plans.

James Terry Higdon Passes On Monday

The infant son, James Terry, of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Higdon, 19 days old, died at the home on Monday at 4 a. m. after a few hours' illness with membranous croup.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock; the Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, officiating. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery.

Surviving besides the parents are two sisters, Julia Ann and Beverly; and two brothers, Alfred, Jr., and Tommy; and one half brother, John Crawford.

The sympathy of many friends are with Mr. and Mrs. Higdon in their bereavement.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Wm. McCoy

Funeral services for Mrs. Judith Louise McCoy, 81, were held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Gold Mine Baptist church. The Rev. James I. Vinson, a Baptist minister of Dillard, Ga., route 1, officiated, assisted by Rev. Frank Holland, of Cullasaja. Interment was in the Gold Mine cemetery.

Mrs. McCoy died at her home in the Gold Mine section on Tuesday night at 10:30 o'clock following an illness of 11 years. Death was caused from paralysis.

A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William and Elizabeth Vinson Peck, Mrs. McCoy was born on April 30, 1859, and has been a life-long resident of Macon county. On January 30, 1879 she was married to William N. McCoy. At the age of 16 years she joined the Gold Mine Baptist church.

Surviving are her husband and ten children; five daughters, Mrs. Montgomery Holland, of Gneiss; Mrs. Radford Holland, of Cullasaja; Mrs. S. N. Reid, of Gneiss; Mrs. Price Dillard, Willets, Jackson county; and Mrs. Lee McClure of Gneiss; and five sons, J. A. J. T. S. E. S. M., and H. L. McCoy, all of Gneiss; four sisters, Mrs. Annie Jones, of Franklin; Mrs. Millie Evans, of Cullasaja; Mrs. Doris Dendy, of Gneiss; and Mrs. Callie Vinson, of Dillard, Ga.; and one brother, George Peck, of Richwood, W. Va.; also 62 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

Workers Council

Of Defense To Meet With TVA And AAA

The Workers Council of Defense of Macon county will meet on Saturday morning, May 24, at 10 o'clock, at the Agricultural building.

At this time the TVA and AAA committee will meet with the council. Since June 1st is the time set for all Live-At-Home enrollment cards to be returned to the county agent's office, Sam Mendenhall, county agent, and Mrs. Florence Sherrill, home demonstration agent, have called this meeting.

Pig Chain

Given By Rotarians For 4-H Clubs And FFA

Through the cooperation of the Franklin Rotary Club, a pig chain is being started in Macon county.

The Rotary Club has purchased 11 purebred small bone Poland China pigs, 10 females and one male. These pigs have been distributed to Macon county 4-H Club boys and Future Farmers of America. These boys are to raise these pigs to maturity and from the first litter of pigs they produce they will give one pig to the Rotary Club to be passed on to some other deserving 4-H Club member or Future Farmer.

The supervision of this project is to be under the direction of the Vocational Agricultural teacher and the County Agent's office of Macon county. It is their intention to instruct these boys in approved methods of caring for and handling these animals until completion of their project.

A project of this type will not only introduce good breeding stock into the county, but will be of great value to the boys participating," said T. H. Fagg, assistant farm agent. "It will teach them the value of purebred breeding stock in their farming program, good feeding practices for their swine, better methods of housing and sanitation, and above all it will give the boys a small business of their own with a certain amount of responsibility.

"The vocational agricultural department, county agent's office, and boys cooperating in this project are deeply indebted to the Franklin Rotary Club for the fine work it is doing to help the rural youth of Macon county," said Mr. Fagg.

MORRISONS ON S. S. ZAMZAM

C. A. Setser Gets Message Daughter and Family Landed in France

The anxiety of many friends and relatives was relieved Wednesday morning when C. A. Setser received a wire that his daughter, Mrs. W. Kirkpatrick Morrison, her husband and two children, who were passengers on the torpedoed Egyptian liner, Zamzam, were safe.

The steamer which was en route

from Brazil to Capetown, West Africa with 322 passengers—many of them missionaries and their families—overdue for 26 days was first reported from London torpedoed in the Atlantic. A German broadcast Monday night reported that the vessel was sunk, but that all passengers, including 128 United States citizens, were safely landed at St. Jean de Luz, France. It was probably from this information that Mr. Setser's telegram was sent. No direct news has come from the passengers of the torpedoed vessel.

Mrs. Morrison, the former Miss Elinora Setser, daughter of C. A. Setser and the late Mrs. Pink Dalrymple Setser, went to the Belgian Congo, West Africa, as a Presbyterian missionary about 14 years ago. She married the Rev. W. K. Morrison, also a missionary, while there. They returned on furlough in the Spring of 1940 with their two children; Lois, 9, and Kirkpatrick, 5; visiting their family here at that time.

Mrs. Morrison has many relatives in Macon county on both the Dalrymple and Setser sides, including Mrs. Louis Phillips, Mrs. Furman Angel and many others.

One sister, Mrs. Alexander Shive, is also a missionary in the Congo. She is the niece of Miss Callie Setser, Route 2, and John Dalrymple, Route 1, Franklin.

Drought Damage To Macon Crops

The continued dry weather has damaged the lespedeza crop sowed this spring by at least half, and also the potato crop, according to Sam Mendenhall, county farm agent. He stated also that spring oats have suffered most among other crops, at least an estimated 25 per cent.

The frost last week hit the gardens hard, and reports from many sections state that a number of gardens will have to be partly or completely re-planted.

Agent Requests Return Of Enrollment Cards

Of the 2,050 enrollment cards mailed out to Macon county farmers from the farm agent's office for the "Food and Feed for Family Living" campaign, only about 600 have been returned to date. The final date set for this enrollment is June 1, Sam Mendenhall, farm agent, requests all who have not yet mailed in their cards to do so as soon as possible.

With 60,000 or more farm families already enrolled, John W. Goodman, assistant director of Extension at State college, says a concerted drive will be made to enlist another 40,000 in the "Food and Feed for Family Living" campaign before the June 1 deadline for enrollments.

When a farmer or his wife signs one of the "Food and Feed for Family Living" cards, there is nothing binding on them except their conscience. The cards merely state that the farm family wishes to voluntarily have a part in making for a stronger, healthier rural North Carolina in 1941.

Governor Broughton will sign

a certificate of recognition for every family which grows and conserves at least 75 per cent of its food and feed requirements for the year.

Postmasters

Of 11th District To Meet Here Saturday Night

The 11th Congressional District division of the National Association of Postmasters will meet in Franklin Saturday evening, May 14. The meeting will be held at the American Legion hall at 7:30 o'clock and dinner will be served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

Postmaster T. W. Porter, of Franklin who will be host to the visiting postmasters, states that he is expecting between 60 and 75 in attendance. E. W. Eubank, Hendersonville postmaster, will be the principal speaker. J. C. Allen, of Hickory, president of the North Carolina chapter of the association, will not be able to attend. Mr. Porter expects a full meeting which will precede the annual state convention which will meet in Hickory June 10 and 11. He has invited a group of Franklin citizens to be his guests on this occasion.

The guests will be welcomed by Mayor John O. Harrison and Guy L. Houk, and the response will be made by J. H. Howell, postmaster of Waynesville.

S. K. Yelton of Spindale will deliver the president's address, and J. E. Rickman, former postmaster of Franklin, will deliver the benediction. Dr. J. L. Stokes II will offer the invocation, and there will be a full musical program also.

Decoration Day At Bethel Cemetery

All persons who have friends or relatives buried at Bethel cemetery on the Highlands road are asked to meet there on Monday morning, May 26, for the purpose of cleaning the grounds in preparation for Decoration on Sunday morning, June 1. Everyone interested is urged to come prepared to work.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

LONDON

Berlin has admitted heavy losses from RAF intensified bombing raids. There has been a lull in bombings of Britain, following the terrific destruction of the recent attacks that damaged many more historic buildings in London. Churchill expects the battle of Crete to continue "with increasing severity."

CRETE

A fierce battle is raging on the historic island of Crete—Greek-owned British stronghold since the downfall of Greece. British and Greek troops are repulsing with terrific fury troops landed from the air and the sea—estimated 10,000 to 12,000 the first day (Monday). By parachute, air transport and glider Nazi troops continue to descend. Troops disguised in uniforms of New Zealand soldiers—1,500—were reported killed. The slaughter of Nazis has been great. British claim that the invasion has been checked.

Military sources declare that no invasion of an island can succeed without mastery of the sea. Germany would have to destroy British sea power in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic to make effective an invasion of Crete or the British Isles. If Crete were occupied, the Suez canal would be almost hopelessly exposed to capture.

Heading Crete's combined forces against the Nazi air-borne invasion is the famous General Freyburg, a New Zealander.

BERLIN

German bombers claim to have dealt heavy blows to the British fleet in the Mediterranean, hitting one battleship, five cruisers and a destroyer, leaving four in flames—presumably near the island of Crete. No confirmation of this from London. Berlin radio claims Nazis have captured some strategic positions.

Hitler has declared unrestricted sea warfare in the Red Sea, following the announcement that American ships were delivering supplies to Britain in those waters.

CAIRO

The Duke of Aosta's entire Italian army has surrendered to the British in Ethiopia, with 19,000 taken prisoners. The British are busy completing their conquest and releasing thousands of troops to the battlefields of Syria and Iraq and Northern Africa. Last reports were that the British were smashing heavily, beating off German

Baptist Sunday School Convention Meets Sunday

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet on Sunday afternoon, May 25, at the Highlands Baptist church, it has been announced by Paul Swafford, president.

The program which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 o'clock, will open with a congregational song, followed by devotions led by Glenn Shuler of Highlands. Immediately following the roll call, reports from the various churches, and the announcements made, the Rev. J. G. Benfield, pastor of the Highlands Baptist church will speak on "The Sunday School and The Revival."

Miss Marie Neely, of Highlands will sing a solo, and Rev. G. W. Davis, pastor of the Cowee Baptist church, will deliver the principal message.

All churches in the county are urged to send a large delegation. The public is invited to attend.

Will Graduate At Brevard College

The following Macon county young people will graduate at Brevard Junior college on June 10: Hazel Bradley, Otto; Virginia Tessier, Marie Scott, Franklin; Eugenia Duncan, Franklin Route 1; Frank Fleming, Jr., and Fritz Waldroop, Franklin Route 1.

51 Macon Farmers Secured Land Bank Loans

In Macon county, 51 farmers secured land bank and land bank commissioner loans totaling \$47,780 for the period May 1, 1938 to December 31, 1940, according to a release issued by the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia, S. C.

In 1940, six farmers of the county availed themselves of the short-term credit service offered by their production credit association, the amount loaned being \$1,400.

Both national farm loan association and production credit association are affiliated with the Farm Credit Administration. Land bank and land bank commissioners loans are made for the purpose of improvement of farms or for the refinancing of mortgage indebtedness on farm land. Production credit loans are made for the growing of crops and livestock, and for almost every purpose for which a farmer needs short-term credit.

OTTER CREEK SCHOOL FINALS

Successful Year Completed Diplomas, Certificates, Prizes Awarded

The Otter Creek school drew down the curtain on a successful year Thursday night.

On Sunday, May 11, Dr. Stokes of the Franklin Methodist church, preached the baccalaureate sermon. His subject was "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou earn thy daily bread."

On Wednesday night, May 14, the elementary students gave a program built around the theme of patriotism.

Thursday night Charles Holloman of Western Carolina Teachers college addressed the seniors.

Gordon Moore, chairman of the county board of education, also spoke briefly.

Prizes for attendance were awarded to Joe Evans, 8th grade, Annie Rose Smith, 2nd grade, and Newman Wilson, 1st grade.

The Crisp medal, given annually by a former teacher, to the student of the high school making the most outstanding record went to Miss Margie Wikle, a senior. The award was made by William Crawford, also a former teacher.

Graduating Class

Mr. Houk presented the diplomas to the graduates. Those receiving diplomas were: Maggie Wikle, valedictorian; Grace Yonce, Salutatorian, Frank Baldwin, Jessie Baldwin, and Warren Owenby.

On Thursday night the following students of the Nantahala school district also received certificates for having completed the 7th grade:

Camp Branch, Emmett Dills,

Kyle; Chloe Baldwin, Fay Waters, Eldridge Smiley, Jack Wood, James Yonce.

Otter Creek: Reno Wilson, Coolidge Douthit, Cecil Ayers, Ralph Mack, Bobby Caldwell,

MAIN STREET ASPHALT LAID

Final Surface Completed By WPA; Gives Town Fine Streets

The resurfacing of Main street which necessitated the closing of the entire business section most of last week, was completed Saturday. The result is one of the best asphalt streets that can be had, and an improvement that gives Franklin a business street equal to any.

The widening that was completed last fall provides added space for parking, and this last stage of resurfacing gives a permanent and finished surface from curb to curb.

The asphalt surface has been spread from the post office on the eastern end of Main street to Forest street on the Georgia road. Palmer street surfacing extends from the intersection with Main at the foot of the hill to the Georgia road.

The work was done by WPA under