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Nantahala Case To Be Reopened; No Hearing

Raleigh--The State Utilities Commission agreed Tuesday to reopen the case in which Nantahala Power and Light Co. is seeking a big rate increase in order to receive testimony that Nantahala can obtain power from the Tennessee Valley Authority to serve its customers in southwestern North Carolina.

Commission Chairman Harry Westcott set Aug. 27 to hear the additional testimony. However, indications were that the hearing would not be necessary.

This became apparent when attorney John Jordan, representing those fighting the rate increase, said his side was willing to rest its case on the transcript of testimony which the commission received July 19--when the commission heard additional testimony in a companion case--one on an application by Nantahala to sell its distribution system to Duke Power Co.

The hearing July 19 featured the testimony of James E. Watson, power marketing director for TVA. He told the commission that Nantahala could obtain electricity from TVA to meet the future needs of its public utility customers.

At the July 19 hearing, Nantahala president John M. Archer said Nantahala would not buy its power from TVA because it would result in regulation of the company's rates by the TVA board of directors.

In arguing for reopening of the rate case to receive the testimony offered at the July 19 hearing, Jordan pointed out that the commission had set a precedent by reopening the rate case. Jordan said he felt Watson's testimony was more applicable to the rate case than it was to the sale case.

Lawyers for Nantahala opposed the motion to reopen they were willing for it to consist of the testimony offered at the July 19 hearing. Said attorney W. T. Joyner, Jr., "we don't think the evidence is in any way relevant or competent" and that it would be "completely unjustified" to reopen the case. "We do not fear the consequences of this evidence on our rate case" he asserted.

He pointed out that the record in the case already is more than 4,000 pages long and the added testimony would "just clutter up the record."

Westcott asked the lawyers which they would agree that the record of the July 19 hearing would constitute the rehearing in the rate case. "We'll either have a stipulation or a hearing," said Westcott.

In the rate case, Nantahala is seeking rate boosts averaging about 35 per cent, that would cost its customers more than \$1 million a year. It has had the higher rates in effect more than a year under an agreement to repay its customers with interest all or any part of the increase which the commission disallows.

At the July 19 hearing, Watson said TVA would be willing to sell power to Nantahala under the same type

of arrangement it has with two privately-owned public utilities in Tennessee. He said rates Nantahala would charge would "have to be agreed upon between the two parties."

TVA's director, he said, would have the power to terminate the contract of Nantahala's rates were unreasonable. Joyner declared that under such an arrangement "the utilities commission would have the veto power and nothing else" over the rate to be charged Nantahala's customers.

Off To School

There's rejoicin' in th' household;
There is talk of rate and rule
'Cause today's the day my little tad
Starts tradin' off to school.
And my old heart it is happy,
And my old heart it is gay;
For my six-year-old is suppin' out
T' start to school today.

And I'm proud as all things of him;
And his face and mine both shine
For I'm just as sure as he is,
That he's bound to top th' line.
Yet my eyes--they just will water
Like a blitherin' old fool,
Because today my little tad
Starts tradin' off to school.

(Editor's Note: This was sent in by a subscriber, Mrs. Pearl Roberts of Murphy. She writes, "Since school begins this week, I think it is a good time to print this little poem.")

The First Year

(Wanda Simonds dedicates this poem to mothers and their first graders.)

At last, has come the long awaited day,
When we'll send our little one on her merry way,
To her first step on the stairway of learning,
So she may open all the doors of her yearning.
Knowledge, Lover of her fellow man, Life in all respect
is at her command,
First Teachers, Principles, Books, all they can give to
lend a hand.

Oh, we'll help her to learn as much as we can,
But mostly we'll love her and send her off spick and
span.

I'll not worry for I want her to learn, and I know she's
in good care,
For those Teachers and Principals are Mothers and
Father, Her problems we'll share.

She's so excited, so anxious, so happy and glad,
So I'll try not to be even, you understand, a little sad.
"Here comes the bus," learn, be good and don't be
late my dear,
See how brave I've been, My Little Girl, Her First Year.
Oops there slipped a tear.

Cherokee County Lady Has Habit Of Graduating

CULLOWHEE -- When Mrs. Elsie S. Pletz, Route 1, Farmer, Tenn. (Cherokee County) retires, she will be a graduate of Western Carolina College Friday night, she set something of a local record. It was her eighth graduation ceremony.

She started collecting diplomas some years ago with graduation from Allen Elementary School and at Steele High School in Dayton, Ohio. Then she graduated from Greene Normal School in Dayton, and the next year when it became a three-year normal school, went back and graduated again. Four diplomas so far. In 1933 she took the bachelor

of science degree in physical education at the University of Cincinnati, followed by the R. N. degree at Mason Memorial Hospital in Murray, Kentucky, and a degree in physical therapy at College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda University, Los Angeles.

Following a long career as nurse, teacher, and physical therapist, she has enrolled for graduate work at WCC during the past three summers, and now holds the master's degree.

For the past two years she has engaged in full-time nursing in Cherokee County, and plans to teach near Murphy during the coming school year.



Dr. Richard S. Parker

Heart Attack Takes "Doc" Parker's Life

Richard S. Parker, 78, of Murphy died Saturday night August 18 in a Murphy hospital following a brief illness. Mr. Parker left his drug store at noon complaining of a pain in his chest. He suffered a heart attack at his home before 1 p.m. and another one at 8:20 p.m. He died at 8:20 p.m.

Mr. Parker, known to citizens of this area as "Doc" Parker came to Murphy in March, 1911 and started the business he headed for 51 years.

He was born January 30, 1884 in North Wilkesboro and was a son of the late James L. and Nancy Johnson Parker.

Mr. Parker was a 1905 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy.

He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner.

He operated Parker's Drug Store in Murphy since March, 1911. In 1919 he built the Parker Building on the square.

Mr. Parker served on the Murphy Town Council, was a member of the Murphy School Board for 20 years, and also

served as chairman of the school board.

Recently he was awarded an honorary position with King's College, Bristol, Va.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the home. The Rev. R. A. Potter officiated and burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Carringer, Elmer Kilgore, Wallace Williams, Richard Howell, Kermit Graves, Kenneth Godfrey, Jim Hendrix and Nat Kinney.

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Grace Abernathy of Hickory, whom he married in 1911.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. William G. Darnell of Murphy and Mrs. Elizabeth Williams of Tallahassee, Fla.; two sons, Richard S. Parker of Hickory and James A. Parker of Murphy; one sister Miss Dora Parker of Wilkesboro; two brothers, Virgil Parker of Lexington and Lawson Parker of Charlotte; seven grand children and one great-grandchild.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ASCS Elections To Be Held By Mail This Year

County and community committees will be elected during September, to 1 year terms beginning October 1, 1962. These are annual elections and this year the voting will be by mail. According to L. L. Kisselburg, ASCS county office manager, on or before Aug. 31, the county office will mail ballots to all eligible voters on record. Any farmer who does not receive his ballot promptly should contact the county office and obtain one.

Full instructions will be furnished voters along with the ballot. Voters will be asked to vote for 5 persons. After voting, the ballot will first be sealed in a blank envelope bearing no identification, and then placed in another pre-addressed envelope (requiring no postage) for mailing, or personal delivery to the

county office. Write-in votes will be permitted. However, the total number of persons voted for not exceed 5 or the ballot will be void.

The community committees met August 22 in the county office and completed the nominations for this year's elections. Where necessary the community committees will add additional persons to complete the slate. Also included will be nominations made by petitions signed and submitted by ten or more eligible farmers. County and community committees currently serving may be included in the nominations.

The county committee will meet on September 12 for the purpose of counting the votes and officially announcing the results. The person receiving the most votes will be community committee chairman and delegate to the county convention, the second highest will be vice-chairman, and the third highest, regular member will be alternate delegates to the county convention. The first and second alternate will likewise be chosen by the number of votes received.

The elected community committee chairman, as delegates, will meet in a county convention September 20 to elect the county committee. All committees will take office on October 1, 1962. All persons who are participating, or are eligible to participate, in any of the ASCS programs are eligible to vote.

That fellow that roams the mountains somewhere between here and Asheville ought to roam out this way sometime. He might just be lucky enough to get a taste of honest-to-goodness sourwood honey. I can tell where to find the man that has it.

My thanks to the friend that shared this delicacy with me.

Yours Truly,
Ole Smokey

Letter To Editor

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Golf Course To Be Built Near Murphy

An option on 300 acres 3 1/2 miles from the square in Murphy, has been taken by a group of Murphy businessmen, under the name of the Tomshawk Development Corp.,

The group took the option to buy the 300 acres for \$50,000.00 in thirty days. A proposed 18 hole golf course is planned with 75-100 buildings sites to be laid out around the

course. Plans are to build 9 holes in the first year. The 300 hundred acre tract is out the Harshaw Farm road directly across from the Harshaw Farms and is part of the J. B. Mulhew Farms. To date \$100,000.00 has been pledged by Murphy Businessmen to buy stock in the corporation. Plans announced at a meeting of the group Tuesday, August 21, at the Murphy Chamber of Commerce office include a re-convening of the Murphy area for additional pledges.

A prospectus prepared for the development corporation states that any person making any part of the initial investment in the project will have stock in it and that the stockholders by majority vote will determine the plans and policies of the corporation. Each person purchasing a lot in the proposed real estate development and golf course will have a share of stock.

It is planned to lay out an 18 hole golf course with 100 lots of adequate size around the course. A nine hole golf course with first class greens will be built within one year of the formation of the corporation. The other nine holes are to be completed if and when enough members are secured to support an 18 hole course.

Anyone owning one share of stock or one lot in the development is entitled to membership in the country club with golf privileges by paying the annual dues. New members will be taken into the club from time to time but must pay an initiation fee of \$300 plus regular dues. Persons proposed for membership who do not have a lot or share of stock must be passed on by members.

The stockholders in the corporation will own the golf course and such land as is left unsold.

Andrews Schools Open This Friday

ANDREWS -- Schools will open on Friday of this week. School buses will be in operation and students will be in school from 8:30 until 11:30 to receive class assignments and textbooks and to pay fees.

The state textbook fee for high school students is \$6.00. Special high school fees include a \$1.50 science fee, a \$2.00 vocational agriculture fee, and a \$10.00 typing fee.

Scholastic insurance for accidental injury is available to all students at cost of \$2.00. Elementary school students will pay a general fee of \$2.50 per student for the purchase of supplementary readers and other instructional materials and equipment.

Schools will open on Monday, August 27, with a full schedule and lunch rooms at Andrews and Marble will be in operation. There will be no change in the cost of student lunches during the 1962-63 school term.

Students are requested to come to school on Friday prepared to pay all fees.



Campbell College Appoints Dr. H. G. Hanson

Campbell College announced today the appointment of Dr. Howard Gordon Hanson of Erwin as associate professor in its departments of English and German.

Dr. Hanson spent six years in residence at Vanderbilt University and is a three-time graduate of the school in Nashville, Tenn. She received the Ph. D. degree there in 1956, with major study in English, French and German literature. The first student to qualify at Vanderbilt for the degree in comparative literature, she wrote her doctoral dissertation on the origin of the Holy Grail Legend.

At Vanderbilt she won election to the Phi Beta Kappa (scholastic) and Delta Phi Alpha (German) honorary societies. She is a member of the American Association of University Women and of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She comes to Campbell College from a year of travel in Europe and study in Vienna. For three years, 1957-60, she was instructor in modern languages at Young Harris College in Georgia.

Dr. Hanson is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Alex B. Hanson. The Rev. Mr. Hanson is rector of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Erwin.

Republican Candidate Withdraws

K. W. Radford, of Andrews, Republican candidate for Cherokee County Clerk of Court withdrew from the forth coming county-wide election Wednesday, August 15. Bad health forced the former Clerk of Court to tender his resignation.

Mr. Radford submitted his withdrawal by letter to the Cherokee County Board of Elections.

The Board of Elections voted Thursday, August 16 to allow the Cherokee County Republican Party to replace Mr. Radford's name on the ballot. A deadline for the replacement was set at noon, Saturday August 25.

Murphy Calendar

Thursday, August 23

7:30 p.m. Murphy Chapter No. 10 Order of Eastern Star will meet in the Masonic Hall.

7:30 p.m. Rescue Squad will meet in the Murphy Power Board Building.

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at First Methodist Church.

7:30 p.m. Republican Women Club will meet in the Herman West Construction office at the Professional Building.

7:30 p.m. The session of the Presbyterian Church will meet in the Westminster Building.

Sunday, August 26

6:15 a.m. Mass at Providence Hospital.

11:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Williams Catholic Church.

6:00 p.m. MYF at First Methodist Church.

8:00 p.m. Union services at First Methodist and Presbyterian at First Methodist Church. The Rev. R. A. Pomer, speaker.

Monday, August 27

6:30 p.m. Rotary Club to meet at Family Restaurant.

7:45 p.m. Women of the Presbyterian Church to meet in Westminster Building.

8:00 p.m. Wesleyan Service Guild to meet with Mrs. C. L. Alverson.

Tuesday, August 28

11:00 a.m. Murphy and Martins Creek Home Demonstration clubs to meet in the Murphy Power Board Bldg. with Mrs. Helen Moody, hostess.

6:30 p.m. Lions Club to meet in recreation hall of the First Methodist Church.

Wednesday, August 29

7:15 p.m. Mid-week services at First Methodist Church.

7:20 p.m. Mid-week services at Presbyterian church.

7:30 p.m. Mid-week services at First Methodist Church 8:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal at Presbyterian Church.

WEATHER

August	H	L	Perc
16	87	63	Trace
17	87	62	0.00
18	85	58	0.00
19	86	60	0.00
20	90	62	0.02
21	90	62	0.08
22	89	62	0.05

Forecast - Scattered afternoon and evening thunder showers, Thursday through Sunday.

Attention All Candidates In Cherokee And Clay Counties Both Democrat And Republican

The pages of this newspaper are available to you to publish your platform and views pertaining to the November election. All county candidates in both Clay and Cherokee are invited to express themselves in the columns of this paper.

Each county candidate will be given free one article written "straight from the horse's mouth." The article must be written as news stories but can deal with partisan views and objectives. The editor of the paper will assist any candidate in the writing of his or her news story. Please feel free to call us.

The newspaper invites the Cherokee and Clay County candidates, both Democrat and Republican, to come forth and take advantage of this offer. This paper feels they own this to the voters of both counties.

Articles will be written in the newspapers with a promise of such articles appearing in the issue prior to the election.



CHEROKEE COUNTY TOMATOES -- Receiving a box of Cherokee County grown tomatoes is John Gill, left, of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. Claude Stiles, right, presented the tomatoes for display and extended an invitation to attend the tomato field day Friday. Stiles is a successful grower of tomatoes in the Peachtree Community.

Tomato Field Day Set For Friday August 24th

by James M. Stewart
County Agricultural Agent

A Tomato Field Day is scheduled in this area for Friday at 1:30 p.m. on the farm of Claude Stiles. Stiles farm is located in the heart of the Peachtree Community, approximately one and a half miles from the Peachtree Baptist Church.

The purpose of the field day will be to acquaint local residents with trellised tomatoes. Vine ripe trellised tomatoes have become well established as a high income crop. This year in Western North Carolina a bush better than two hundred acres of trellised tomatoes

are being graded and packed through a farmer owned and controlled plant. The 1962 crop is expected to average better than 2,000 dollars per acre. Tomatoes packed in this plant are being sold in Canada and throughout the Eastern United States and South to New Orleans.

The Tomato Field Day is scheduled to show local residents this important crop and how it is grown.

Prizes will be given away to lucky persons who attend the field day. The grand prize will be a Registered Yorkshire Sow Pig. Refreshments will be served. The entire family will be welcome.

New VA Law

Hospitalized veterans with dependents will get faster service in receiving pension payments as a result of a new law enacted by the 87th Congress, according to J. D. DeRamus, manager of the North Carolina Veterans Administration Regional Office.

The law previously specified that when veterans were in VA hospitals more than two months, their pension payments would be reduced to \$30 a month, with the balance sent to their family in a separate check. This often resulted in delayed payments.

The \$30 pension limitation still applies to hospitalized veterans with no dependent