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APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY ASKS PERMIT

Would Build Dam Near Mouth of Hangingdog Creek to Back Water above Murphy

According to word received here a few days ago, the Southern Appalachian Power Company, with offices in Asheville, has made application to the Federal Power Commission for permit to construct a power dam near the mouth of Hangingdog Creek, several miles below Murphy, of such height so as to back water about one mile above Murphy.

Notice of this application is being carried in the advertising columns of this paper this week and all objections to the granting of permit for this structure by the Federal power Commission are expected to be filed with the Commission before the 23rd day of January, 1924.

It will be remembered that this same company has recently asked for a permit to construct a 170 foot dam about one mile above Murphy, at which place it is estimated that 50,000 horsepower of electrical energy can be generated. The second application for permit, if granted, would mean that the Appalachian Power Company would have control of the river from the mouth of Hangingdog Creek practically to the head of the Hiwassee River.

This second application for permit does not state how high a dam the company proposes to build nor does it state how high the water in the river near Murphy would be. Assuming that the fall of the river is constant, and assuming that the dam is just high enough to back water one mile above Murphy, it would mean that the water in the river in Murphy would be about seven feet deeper than it now is, for it is stated that the average fall in the Hiwassee is seven feet.

If any objections to the granting of these permits is made, it is expected that a hearing will be held in Washington regarding the objections before the permits are issued.

PYTHIANS HOME AT CLAYTON TO HAVE BUILDING

\$40,000 Already Raised-\$60,000 Balance to be Secured During Thanksgiving Season

According to announcement of local officers of the Knights of Pythias here, a whirlwind campaign will be waged throughout North Carolina among the members of the Order during the Thanksgiving season for the purpose of raising \$60,000.00 balance of the \$100,000.00 needed to construct another big building at Clayton, where the Pythians have had in operation an orphan home for many years, supported by members

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BILL BOOSTER SAYS

BEING AS HOW I DON'T EXPECT TO LIVE MORE THAN A COUPLE OF HUNDRED YEARS LONGER, AND CONSIDERING ALL THE THINGS I WANT TO DO, I FIGGER I AINT GOT A MINUTE TO WASTE KNOCKING GRUMPING AND WOLFING ABOUT THINGS I DON'T LIKE!



CAN KILL ONLY 12 BIRDS UNDER 1923 BIRD LAW

Open Season October to January—Hunters Must Procure Licenses

The prohibition against killing of birds in Cherokee County has led to the discovery of an act passed by the 1923 General Assembly of North Carolina making it a misdemeanor for any person to kill more than 12 partridges or quail in one day. The open season for hunting is from October 1st to December 31st. All hunters are required by the act to procure licenses from the Clerk of the superior court before hunting.

Residents of the county or those living out of the county but owning property and paying taxes in the county are to be charged a fee of \$1.00 for licenses to hunt quail or other birds, and those living outside of the State and not paying tax in the county shall pay a fee of ten dollars for hunting licenses in the county, according to the statute recently unearthed by those interested in preserving the game birds and wild life of the county.

The law provides that the money paid over to the clerk as license fees shall be put into a separate fund and be used to pay those who report violations of this statute. It provides that those reporting violations shall be paid five dollars by the clerk out of this fund. Violations, when detected, are made a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or punishment not exceeding thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Very few hunters are aware of this law and it is doubted if they have secured their licenses as yet. The clerk is expected to have a rushing business the next thirty days issuing licenses to hunters.

School Observes Thanksgiving Day

Thursday was observed by the school, banks, postoffice and many local business houses by suspending all business for the day. The school closed Wednesday afternoon for the remainder of the week. Appropriate exercises were held Wednesday morning in the chapel, the fifth grade rendering a number of poems, readings, and songs commemorative of the Thanksgiving spirit. Just preceding chapel exercises a collection was taken in each of the rooms for the orphans of the State and \$15.20 were thus raised. The second grade contributed more than any single grade, its contribution being \$2.17. Church services were held Wednesday evening at the Baptist Church, Thursday morning at the Methodist Church and Thursday evening at the Presbyterian Church, at which the Thanksgiving theme was stressed.

ANDREWS-MURPHY ROAD GOES TO GRAHAM - MOORE

At a letting of State highway projects in Raleigh Tuesday, the Murphy-Andrews road of 16.9 miles went to W. D. Graham for \$399,048 and the bridges and structures on the road will be built by the W. T. Moore Concrete Products Company, of Andrews, for the sum of \$100,270.

Combined road and bridge work on this project will amount to approximately one half million dollars. It is expected that work will be begun on the road in ten days from the time of the letting.

At the same time that this project was let, others were let in each of the nine districts, the total of all falling just under the two million dollar mark.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals and help stamp out Tuberculosis in North Carolina, which disease took 2,369 lives and cost the people of the State thirty million dollars last year. Buy your seals at the drug store, J. W. Davidson's or Tewson and Anderson. Put them on every piece of mail sent between now and Christmas. They will add cheer to your letters and packages.

HIS MAJESTY, THE TURKEY



The One Road to Graham County

By W. F. Weller, Resident Engineer, in North Carolina Highway Bulletin

Project 930 has three special points of value to the State. First, it is the neck of the bottle for Graham County—the only outlet for the narrow fertile farms and vast acreage of virgin timber lands. The valleys of Graham County are completely surrounded by some of the roughest mountains in the Appalachians. Before the Highway Commission came to the rescue, Graham County was practically cut off from the rest of the world during the winter months—and afforded no joy rides in the summer.

The second point for the road is that it affords one of the most beautiful views that can be offered our tourists.

Third, it is the first link in the proposed highway to Knoxville, Robbinsville, Graham County, is about equal distance from Asheville, Knoxville and Atlanta.

Project 930, Route 108, is 12.45 miles long, twenty feet wide, and surfaced with local substitute for gravel. Work was begun in September, 1921, and will probably be completed in October of this year. The grading and 9.5 miles of surfacing were done by Leo J. Smith Construction Company of Charlotte, with State convict and Indian labor. The concrete and rubble masonry structures, and three miles of surfacing were done by C. M. Dicus of Mills Springs and Topton, N. C.

These contractors had their troubles. It rained ninety days out of the first six months they worked. But they didn't have all of the troubles. Graham County belles married most of the guards and foremen.

Leaving the Asheville-Murphy-Atlanta Highway, at Topton, about 3,000 feet above sea level, the road crosses the Southern Railway by an overhead bridge. It then runs two and a half miles near the top of the mountain, above the Nantahala valley, to Tulula Gap.

The side of the mountain here is too steep to permit a fill, except in some of the hollows. The road, therefore, had to be notched into the rock, high above the valley. This

made it necessary to wind the road in and around the curves and points of the mountain. It is one of the heaviest pieces of work in the State. Where it was possible to use tangents on this stretch, they are so short that they are not noticeable. The driver sees only a succession of compound and reverse curves. In this 2.65 miles there are 82 curves. It cost about \$100,000.00.

To make this trip as safe as possible for the motorists, the outside of all curves have been elevated. Each curve had to be worked out for itself. In speeding along the road it is hard to realize that each car length covered represents careful computation, and even more careful inspection, to see that the completed surface is the best that can be given the motorists in a safe smooth grade.

Surfacing for this highway brought out new conditions. These hills are almost entirely made of a slate rock. The rock is hard underneath, and has thin seams. Blasting for the grade required skill of an old time powder man—and left his hair much whiter than it was. The rock rapidly degrades when exposed to the air. It was therefore useless for surfacing.

This country is at the head of all its streams. The streams are shallow and too swift for gravel deposits. A study was made and paragraphs inserted in the specifications especially to provide for the use of the mixture of small stone, sand and topsoil for a "gravel" surface.

On the left driving from Topton, are the nearly vertical sides of the cut, as high as 70 feet. On the right the outer edge of the road is the brink of a steep, partly timbered slope to the valley below. Driving along this road one sees a few hundred feet below the partly built grade of the late Graham County Railroad; several hundred feet below that, the southern Railway; and still further down the mountain side is the road from Asheville, climbing up from the Nantahala River to meet our road at Topton. From near Tulula Gap can be seen the Nantahala Gorge, far up

the river to the top of the Nantahala range; and the narrow valley down stream, walled in between steep towering mountains. This, seen from a thousand feet above the valley, is considered one of the most beautiful in America.

The turn through Tulula Gap is 140 degrees. From there the highway runs along Tulula Creek, through timber lands and narrow farms to Robbinsville, the county seat of Graham County.

The only other approach to Graham County is through the gorge of the Little Tennessee River, from Tapoca—another rough piece of

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Euick Agency Taken Over by Mr. Crook's

Among recent plantations to the citizenship of Murrinstown is Mr. R. F. Crooks and his family of Murphy, N. C., who has recently come to this city to make his home.

Mr. Crooks has taken over the Euick Agency in Murrinstown which he will continue at the same location on East Main street. He will operate a repair department, in addition to the sale of Buick cars, and will have associated with him in this capacity Mr. J. E. McCuffin, an expert mechanic.

Mr. Crooks served as postmaster at Murphy for a number of years and resigned this position to assume his new business connections. He comes to Murrinstown with the highest endorsement from scores of Murphy friends who are unanimous in declaring that in the loss of Mr. Crooks as a citizen, Murphy is the loser indeed. Mr. and Mrs. Crooks are warmly welcomed as citizens of Murrinstown. (Tenn.) Daily Gazette and Mail.

DEMANDS FOR MORE POWER ARE BEING MADE

Several Hundred Horsepower Additional Required to Supply Present Demands

The demands of local consumers for additional power in and near Murphy are growing more insistent every day and the time is approaching when steps will have to be taken to supply this power. The present municipal power plant is generating approximately 500 horsepower but all of this is contracted for at present. Not only the present users of power, but new concerns are asking for more power and the citizens of Murphy will have to begin considering how this additional demand may be met.

The Regal Blue Marble Company is the largest user of the municipal plant. This company is wanting to expand and put in new machinery and is insistent that additional power be supplied. The Marble Company is not now able to get all the power it wants and is compelled to use steam for certain of its machines. The manager has notified the city officials, according to the electrician, that the entire plant would be electrified if the city would furnish the power. Also, this company would add new machinery at the present quarry that would use considerable more power if it were available. The company is also contemplating opening up a new quarry and desires to electrify it if the power can be obtained.

The Murphy Coal and Iron Company is installing a crusher and other machinery that will require close to fifty horsepower and is looking to the city to supply this. Several smaller concerns are wanting more power and two or three new proposed companies are asking the city to contract to supply power for operations they desire to get under way.

This demand for power must be met somehow, or the growth of the town will be impeded as will also the expansion of industrial plants already in operation in and near Murphy, and new concerns will be kept away from Murphy.

"This is a problem that very vitally affects the welfare and prosperity of every citizen in the town and vicinity, and it is one that all should be thinking about. A solution to the question must be found somehow," said the Mayor in an interview a few days ago.

Other city officials and many of the leading citizens approached on this question, share the above opinion with the mayor.

Methodism in The Bounds of Waynesville District

A meeting of the pastors, charge lay leaders, and the district by the pastors charges of the Waynesville District was called by the Presiding Elder for last Tuesday, Nov. 20th at Sylva, N. C. Quite a large number answered the call, and an enthusiastic meeting was held beginning at 11 o'clock and adjourning the morning session at 12:30 to enjoy a sumptuous dinner served by the ladies of the Methodist Church in their dining room at the church. After wards

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What Churches Want

WHEN A CHURCH SEEKS A PASTOR THEY WANT THE STRENGTH OF AN EAGLE, THE RACE OF A SWAN, THE GENTLENESS OF A DOVE, THE FRIENDLINESS OF A SPARROW, AND THE NIGHT HOURS OF AN OWL. AND WHEN THEY CATCH THAT BIRD THEY EXPECT HIM TO LIVE ON THE FOOD OF A CANARY. Ex.