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POWER PLANT IS SOLD

Carolina-Tennessee Power Co. Contracts Notla Development

One of the largest business transactions completed in this section in some time was consummated the first of the week when negotiations were completed whereby the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company purchased the hydro-electric plant of the town of Murphy. The present consideration was two hundred thousand dollars and other rights and privileges, which will make the consideration greatly exceed this sum, according to terms of the contract, to be made public this week. The mayor and town council have already signed the contract of sale on the part of the town but an election has been called for the purpose of obtaining the approval of the voters of the action of the city officials.

The proposition of selling the power plant on Notla River came up some weeks ago but there was little prospect of a sale until early in the month when President W. V. N. Peterson of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company approached city authorities and made an offer to purchase the plant. Terms of sale and terms upon which the power company would buy the plant were exchanged between the contracting parties and showed a rather wide difference, but these differences were ironed out at a conference between the mayor and the power company at its New York office and the contract was formally approved by the board of commissioners this week.

The election has been called for December 23rd. For the purpose of the election a new registration is called. T. W. Axley has been appointed Registrar and H. D. Akin and Sid Pendley judges to hold the election. By the terms of the contract, the power company obligates itself to pay all interest charges and liquidate all bonds issued for the purpose of building the city power plant and pay the town the difference between the amount of the outstanding bonds and two hundred thousand dollars. The power company also obligates itself to furnish the city free street lights for a period of sixty years, which is the length of the franchise granted the power company by the city. The power company is to make bond to guarantee its faithful performance of its part of the contract.

The city plant consists of a certain dam on Notla River, about three miles from the city, power house, generators of approximately 500 horsepower capacity, riparian and other rights along the river, transmission lines, meters, poles, and other equipment necessary in the generating and distribution of electrical energy. Along with the plant, the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company receives a franchise to use the city streets for a period of 60 years for poles and transmission lines and all contracts the city has for supplying electrical energy. The sale of the plant will become effective January 1, 1925, if the voters approve of the sale, and there is every indication that such will be the case.

The sale of this plant has much more significance than appears on the surface. It means the active entrance of New York capital into this area and will no doubt hasten the development of the Hiwassee River, down which are flowing daily thousands of horsepower of energy awaiting to be harnessed and put to work. The Carolina-Tennessee Power Company has been in this field for ten years, buying riparian rights along the Hiwassee. For a good portion of that time it has been working with other power companies

right to develop the river. The purchase of the power plant of the town, it is believed, here, is the first step toward getting under way huge developments down the Hiwassee river. It is believed that power from the Notla dam will be used in constructing the first large dam down the Hiwassee. This will be of tremendous benefit to Murphy and Cherokee County and this whole section as it will undoubtedly bring in other industries and create much taxable wealth in the county, utilize our natural resources and furnish labor to many of our people. The Carolina Tennessee Power Company is a North Carolina corporation owned by New York Capital.

The city power plant was constructed in 1919 and 1920 and generates about 500 horsepower of electrical power. It is expected that its capacity will soon be increased by the new owners.

At Presbyterian Church Sunday

Themes for Sunday, November 23:
Morning — "Conversion."—Luke 22:32.

Evening — "The Transfiguration"
—Mark 9:2-10.

The first was discussed at the Methodist Church last Sabbath evening and the second is the Sunday school lesson.

Wednesday evening, November 26th, at 6:45 there will be a special Thanksgiving service. We shall endeavor to mine some of the wealth untold that is to be found in 103 Psalm. Our offering will go to the children of "Our Mountain Orphanage."

SECOND NUMBER LYCEUM COURSE GREATLY ENJOYED

The second number of the 1924-25 lyceum course, given at the school auditorium Wednesday evening was greatly enjoyed by a fair house. The company giving this number was the Farnum Trio, a versatile company composed of Miss Farnum, manager, and a Mr. and Miss Dalin, brother and sister. Mr. Dalin was substituting for a Mr. Waddington, who was to have been here.

This was an attractive company of artists. The violin, harp, and saxophone selections were artistically done. The audience was greatly pleased with Miss Farnum's readings, especially the dialect poems; and Mr. Dalin's rich bass voice was unusual. The audience was well pleased indeed with this number. It is to be regretted that more people did not avail themselves of the privilege of hearing this versatile company.

Thanksgiving Service AT Baptist Church

Thanksgiving service at the Murphy Baptist Church at 6:45 Wednesday evening, November 26th.

Prayer and praise.
Special music.
Annual Thanksgiving sermon.
According to the god and time-honored custom an offering will be made to the orphanage.

Let every member of the church be present.
—WASHER, Pastor.



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The American Red Cross
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Community Chest Organized By Woman's Club

At a meeting of the officers and committees of the Woman's Club Thursday afternoon of this week, the club went on record as favoring a community chest drive for Thanksgiving season. W. D. Townson's store was selected as headquarters for the collection of any articles of clothing, shoes, money, etc. These gifts will be used to relieve the needy in the community during the Thanksgiving season. All persons having

any such articles, or that are inclined to contribute to the cause are requested to bring any clothing, money, etc., to the above named place. A committee of the Woman's Club is in charge.

Gentry House Being Repaired

The residence belonging to P. C. Gentry is undergoing extensive repairs. The roof has been removed and a new composition shingle roof is being put on. Other small repairs are being made. The property was recently purchased by Sheriff W. P.

Proclamation By The Mayor

Whereas, the continued dry weather has caused a shortage in our city water supply, and

Whereas, an adequate water supply is necessary for the health and comfort of the people of the Town of Murphy, and

Whereas, a wise use of our water supply during this present emergency will probably render it sufficient for drinking, cooking and other absolutely necessary purposes.

Now, Therefore, I, W. M. Fain, Mayor of the Town of Murphy do hereby proclaim a shortage in our water supply and call upon the people of the Town to cease using water except for absolutely necessary purposes. Garages, business houses, public places of every description and character, together with all residents of the Town are asked to use just as little water as is absolutely necessary until the emergency is relieved by rain. With the cooperation of every individual user of water, it is believed that we can go through the present emergency without taking action to regulate the use of water. The help of every good citizen is asked to the end that this may not become necessary.

Done, this the 19th day of November 1924.

W. M. FAIN, Mayor

B. W. SIPE, Clerk

Many Forest Fires Giving Much Trouble In The Mountains

DEMOCRATS GET 2 COMMISSIONERS IN GRAHAM

Republican Majority Cut Down In
Sister County—Weaver
Gains Strength

According to belated returns from the sister county of Graham, the Republicans elected all officers in the county but two of the commissioners, but the Democrats generally made gains in all the races, the Republican majorities being cut down from around 225 in 1922 to less than 100 at this election. Congressman Weaver's growing strength and popularity is shown in the decreased majority against him this year as compared with that of two years ago. Fisher's majority of two years ago 146. Hamlin's majority this year was only 25. The returns in full follow:

National Ticket	
Republican Majority	66
U. S. Senatorial Ticket	
Republican Majority	49
State Ticket for Governor and other Offices	
Republican Majority	34
Congressional Ticket	
Majority for Hamlin	25
Senatorial Ticket 33 District	
Republican Majority for Henry G. Robertson	42

County Ticket—For sheriff, Riley Orr, Republican, 34 majority; for Register of Deeds, Will Sherill, Republican, without opposition; for Surveyor, F. W. Smiley, Republican, 43 majority; for Coroner, F. W. Howell, Republican, without opposition.

For county commissioners, J. B. Walters and W. M. Phillips, Democrats, elected by majorities of 2 to 47 respectively, and Thomas Ditmore, Republican, 70 majority.

Department Store To Be Opened In Near Future

The Golden Rule Store is the name of the new department store that is to open its doors in the Grant building adjoining the Murphy Bakery and the Davidson and Carringer Grocery. The building is now being remodeled and painted and the window display space and shelving put in order. The store will probably open its doors before the first of December.

G. R. and J. D. Rowan are the proprietors of this new business house. They have been in the goods business a long time, having come here from Black Mountain, N. C. The new store will feature ladies ready-to-wear, although a full line of men's clothing, shoes, etc., will be in the stock.

Thanksgiving Service At Peachtree No. 27th

There will be a Thanksgiving celebration at the Peachtree Baptist Church, on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 27th. The program announced follows:

- 1.—Exercises beginning at 9:30 a. m.
- 2.—Song.
- 3.—Introductory talk by H. B. Elliott.
- 4.—History of Thanksgiving by Frank McIntosh.
- 5.—Recitations, monologues, and plays by the Sunday school students.
- 6.—Song.

Forest Fires have been raging in the nearby mountains during the past week or more. During the day the sky has been partly hazed with smoke from burning debris on the mountain side, while at night great red blazes can be seen winding their slow and tortuous way across the nearby mountains. The fires are closer than they have been during the past several years. A great many acres of land have been burned over, and considerable damage has been done. The unusual dry weather of the fall has contributed largely to the continued burning blazes.

But not only near Murphy, but at other places in the county have fires been raging. The first of the week district fire warden, C. I. Peterson, of Asheville, reported that wardens in this county had checked ten fires, which had burned over some five hundred acres of mountain land; in Haywood, there have been 12 fires covering about 2,300 acres; Clay, 4 fires, covering 250 acres; Henderson, 3 fires covering 250 acres; Transylvania 3 fires covering 900 acres; Polk 4 fires covering 40 acres, and Madison one fire covering 100 acres. The fires this year are reported as being worse than last year. Some wardens claim they have been worse than they have seen in a number of years. The damage has been done to second growth principally.

Minstrel To Be Given At Hayesville Nov. 22

A very humorous and thrilling entertainment is to be given at the Hayesville High School auditorium, Saturday evening, November 22nd.

This entertainment, in the form of a negro minstrel, is being very carefully planned and will be rendered by the students of the Hayesville High school. The proceeds will be used for additions to the library and for athletic equipment. Mrs. W. R. Anderson and Miss Madeline Pinson are the directors of the performance. The program, for which a small admission will be charged, will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Pat Cearley Buys Townson General Store

Mr. Pat Cearley recently purchased the general store of the Murphy Coal and Ice Company, beyond the Hiwassee River, and the tie contract of the same company. Mr. Cearley has enlarged the stock of goods and is giving the business his whole attention. He will continue to buy groceries.

Hall Appointed Street Tax Collector

L. J. Hall, was at a recent meeting of the town council appointed street tax collector for the present year and the receipt and summons books were turned over to him the first of this week. All persons between the ages of 21 and 45 years are required to pay street taxes or to work the equivalent on the streets of the town of Murphy. The tax is \$6.00 a year.

A Correction

Last week the Scout, in giving the election returns for Cherokee County, made an error in the returns for sheriff. The final tabulations gave George Crawford 1794, instead of 1794. This was a geographical transposition of the machine.