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## POWER COMPANY APPEALS FROM ASSESSMENT

Southern States Power Company and Holding Company says Assessment Unequal and Unfair

Notice of appeal from the order of the Board of County Commissioners fixing assessment valuation of property holdings in Cherokee county, was served upon E. C. Moore, chairman of the board, last Friday by the Southern States Power Company, owner of the power development furnishing power and lights to the town of Murphy, and holder in eminent domain of the riparian rights of the Hiwassee river dam site below Murphy, and the Cherokee Land and Development Company, a subsidiary company organized for holding the lands acquired above the water line.

The notice was given through Martin and Martin, of Asheville, attorneys for the power companies, and was accompanied by a statement of grounds for appeal, together with notice that the companies were appealing their cause to the State Board of Assessment, at Raleigh.

Meeting as an equalization board, the county commissioners, on August 8th, set the valuation of the lands of the Southern States Power Company at \$75, \$40, and \$30 an acre, and the valuation of the lands of the Cherokee Land and Development Company at \$8, \$12.50, \$40 and \$75 an acre, in accordance with the location and value of the lands for farming purposes.

On the first Monday in September, the county commissioners reduced the valuation rates of the Southern States Power Company's property to \$40, \$25, and \$20 an acre, instead of leaving it at \$75, \$40, and \$30. However, the valuation rates of the holding company was ordered to stand.

In their statement of complaint, the power company and the holding company charge that the board violated the law when it undertook to make and did make a horizontal increase in the assessed value of their property, but did not undertake to make an equalization of the valuations of their property with other similar properties in the county, but assessed the property of the appellants largely in excess of the assessments of other similar properties, and in excess of its actual market value.

The complaint further recites that in so increasing the assessment of the property of the appellants, and not making horizontal increase in the assessment of other lands in the county having equal value, the action of the board is "unjust, unlawful, discriminatory, unfair and non-uniform."

The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is cited and pleaded, charging that the commissioners systematically and intentionally discriminated against the appellants in that they assessed their property at more than 100% of its actual value in money, while it systematically and intentionally assessed the property of other taxpayers of equal value at not in excess of 50% of its actual value in money.

Because of this alleged discrimination, the appellants ask that the order of the board of August 8th be set aside and annulled.

E. C. Moore, chairman of the board of county commissioners, said that the allegations of the power and land companies were untrue, and cited the action of the board on the first Monday in September to prove his statement. He said the highest assessed valuation of the Southern States Power Company now was \$40 an acre for all the lands under the water line, and some of the bottom lands of the power and holding companies included many acres of the finest farming land in the county.

The highest assessed valuation of like bottom lands of the farmers and other taxpayers of the county was \$75 and acre, he said, with a minimum of \$3 an acre for the extreme inaccessible mountain ridges.

J. D. Mallonee, county attorney, was referred to for any further statement on the matter. Mr. Mallonee said a demurrer would be filed with the State Board of Assessment as soon as it could be prepared, and probably a date for hearing the matter would be set soon by the State authorities.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Savage were host and hostess to a dance given at the Regal Hotel last Friday evening. Everyone had a delightful time.

## THREE GEORGIA BOYS JAILED ON LARCENY COUNT

Three boys were lodged in the Cherokee county jail Saturday charged with larceny and breaking into the garage of J. C. Simonds last Friday in the Shoal Creek section.

They are Ezra Bell, 16; Hansel Hawkins, 17 and Claude Ware, 18, of Sweetgum, Ga. At a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace W. L. Garren last Friday night, they were bound to superior court under bonds of \$200 each. Deputy Sheriff Ed Dodson, of Shoal Creek Township, brought the boys to Murphy and lodged them in jail in default of bonds. A fourth member of the quartette escaped and is still at large.

## MURPHY UNIT SCHOOLS FEEL ECONOMY ERA

Less Allotted For Incidentals This Year Than For Murphy Proper Last Year

The Murphy School system will feel the pinch of economy as practiced in the state under the new eight months school law, according to allotment figures certified by the State School Commission and made public here this week by local school authorities.

For instance, less money has been made available for supplies and incidentals for the entire Murphy unit, comprising five other schools besides Murphy proper, for the eight months State supported term than was allotted last year for the six months term of the Murphy school only.

The allotment by the State School Commission includes instructional supplies, \$64; janitor's salary, \$400; water and lights, \$85; janitor's supplies, \$64; fuel, \$480. The only exception is fuel, which amount compares favorably with the allotment for last year.

The teachers of the Murphy school will receive less for teaching eight months this year than they received for teaching only six months last year. Some of the teachers are receiving less than \$12 a week, which is the minimum wage set for labor in the President's NRA code agreement.

The amount of money allowed this year for eight months transportation of pupils to and from school is about the same as was allowed last year for the six months term.

H. Bueck, superintending principal of the Murphy unit, said because of this strict economy practice imposed upon the local schools, it would be necessary for the parents, pupils and teachers to lend their closest co-operation in order to secure the same degree of efficiency as was maintained last year.

## Brasstown Clubs Guests Of Murphy Lions Tues. Night

The Brasstown men's and women's clubs were guests of the Murphy Lions at a picnic outing at Riverside park here Tuesday night, at which some 28 Lions and guests were present.

A sumptuous feast was enjoyed under the trees, following which a short speaking program took place. W. M. Fain, president of the Lions Club, welcomed the visitors and presided. Co-operation and fellowship as expressed in get-together meetings like this one was the general theme of all the speakers. Short talks were made by Miss Marguerite Butler, Miss Caroline Kidder, and Prof. Fisher, of the Folk School.

Dr. Edw. E. Adams, secretary of the Lions, introduced the new members of the Lions club, as follows: The Rev. T. F. Higgins, R. F. Williamson, Walter Coleman, Harry Lahn and Harold Hatchett.

Officers of the Brasstown Men's Club are Park Fisher, president; George Bidstrup, vice president; and Leon Deschamps, secretary-treasurer. Officers of the Brasstown Woman's Club are Mrs. L. L. Scroggs, president; Miss Louise Pitman, vice president; and Mrs. Virge Coker, secretary-treasurer, all of whom were present.

Davidson, N. C., Sept. 11—Along with 245 others one man from Murphy enters Davidson College for the first time. He is J. W. Bailey Jr.

## SCHOOL NEWS

The State of North Carolina has furnished four new bus bodies in Cherokee County for Mr. W. J. Mintz driver of the Grandview and Harshaw route. Mr. Hawkins driver of the Hot House route; Mr. Frank Crawford driver of the Unaka route; and Mr. Cook driver of Wolf Creek route.

All students who ride these buses were taken home at the lunch hour on Friday, September 8, in order that the driver could go to Moore County to get the bodies which were made by the McDonald Body Company.

O. W. Deaton, football coach, has changed football practice from the afternoon to the noon hour. Practice starts at 1:4 in order to provide a time for the boys from the rural section to practice. This new schedule began Tuesday 12th, and thus far has proved successful.

In school news will appear weekly in the Scout this year and items written for this column will come from students of the Senior class who are studying journalism in connection with their regular English course. This class is being taught by Miss Lois Latham who has charge of Senior English in the High School. Miss Latham has had special work in Journalism from Columbia University and is well qualified to supervise the school news.

Bates Creek reports an enrollment of 50 pupils. This school having opened two weeks earlier than the others in the Unit will have two weeks in-termission now for the purpose of pupils helping with the harvesting of corn at their homes. Mr. J. Franklin Smith teacher of this school visited the Murphy school Tuesday and borrowed some readers for pupils.

Mr. Bueck visited Tomotla, Grape Creek schools last week and found the classes well organized and work being carried on well by the teachers in charge of these schools. Teachers desks have been sent to the rooms of schools in this unit. There were a number of extra ones at the Murphy building which were not needed.

A sample of the spring water at Kinsey school was sent to Raleigh by Dr. Hill to determine whether or not pupils could drink this water rather than carry it in buckets from nearby wells. The report from Raleigh says the water is ok.

Through the courtesy of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Mr. Bueck received 4,000 book covers with a "safety message" on the front. These are being distributed to children in the grades.

Mrs. Kidder from the Folk School made a visit to the Murphy School last week to talk over some health work she plans to do in the County. She is especially anxious to go to all the schools in this unit. Mrs. Kidder's work is being financed by friends of Mrs. Campbell of the Folk School.

## DO YOU KNOW

There are three more teachers in Murphy High School than ever before in the history of the school.

Some of the students come forty eight miles to and from school each day.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOY IS STRICKEN

Quentin Townson, a Junior in Murphy High School was stricken Sunday by what was thought to have been appendicitis, but what later proved to be a severe case of indigestion. He suffered the attack while enroute home from a ball game at Knoxville, Tenn.

Quentin is still in bed but it is thought that he will be completely recovered in a few days.

## FIRST PROJECT OF HOME ECONOMICS CLASS

The students of the first year Home Economics class underwent their first cooking project Sept. 9.

The class made a thorough study of preparing apple sauce.

Attractive posters were made to increase the students' interest in the study of fruits for breakfast.

The second year under the supervision of Miss Ruth Holsinger have been canning apples and tomatoes.

The girls furnish all materials for canning and take the finished product to their home for future use.

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## FUNERAL FOR MRS. E. H. SCROGS HELD MONDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Pearl Scroggs, 43, of Brasstown, were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Little Brasstown Baptist Church, about nine miles south of Murphy, by the Rev. Howard Hall, pastor, and the Rev. H. H. Hyde, of Andrews. Interment was in the churchyard.

Mrs. Scroggs had been in declining health for many years, and last July her condition became serious. Cancer was given as the cause of her death.

She is survived by her husband, E. H. Scroggs, and seven children: Hammie Scroggs, Mrs. Kate Reese, Frank, Mark, Lennette, Jennette, and Grace Scroggs, all of Brasstown; her mother, Mrs. Mattie A. Hampton, of Brasstown; seven sisters, Mrs. Florence Herbert, Warae; Mrs. Nell Scroggs, Cantop; Mrs. Pauline Hatchett, Bellevue; Mrs. Lilly Johnson, Mrs. Georgia Logan and Mrs. Hattie Lee Rice, of Murphy, and Mrs. Bessie Crawford, of Asheville; and three grand children.

## LOGAN AND HARRIS TAKEN AFTER CHASE

Officers Shoot Tires Down After Eight Mile Chase—Wanted in Georgia

Herman Logan and Jimmie Harris, of Atlanta, Ga., were lodged in the Cherokee County Jail for officers from Atlanta, and Sheriff L. L. Mason took possession of a stolen Ford sedan, as the result of the end of a wild ride which carried them through the main street of Andrews at sixty miles an hour about noon last Friday with State Highway Patrolmen closing in on the chase.

The capture was made by Sergeant G. L. Burnett and Patrolman A. B. Smart, after they had given chase to the speeding car for seven or eight miles. Two other men, Torris Logan, a cousin of Herman, of Brasstown, and Morris Moore of Peachtree, were in the car with Logan and Harris at the time.

The chase started at Rhodo, about five miles east of Andrews, when a speeding car, recklessly driven, passed the officers.

The patrolmen sounded their siren to no avail, and gave chase, and when the officers attempted to pass the speeding car, it would crowd them and block the road. One of the occupants of the speeding car said they passed through Andrews at between sixty and sixty-five miles an hour.

The chase ended a few miles south of Andrews on a side road which Logan had taken in an effort to dodge pursuit, when the officers shot the tires down.

Believing the car to be stolen, the officers communicated with the automobile underwriters detective bureau, Atlanta, and Chief T. O. Sturdivant, of the Atlanta Police Department, directed Sheriff Mason to hold Logan and Harris for the Georgia officers. The car was identified as belonging to a Mrs. Brown, of Atlanta, and was stolen about one o'clock last Thursday afternoon.

Charges of larceny of an automobile, driving while under the influence of whiskey, and being drunk and disorderly were lodged against Herman Logan, and Harris was charged with being drunk and disorderly. Torris Logan and Morris Moore were released when they were identified and told officers that Herman Logan and Harris had come by their homes earlier in the day and asked them to go for a ride.

Sheriff Mason said that Logan and Harris waived extradition, and officers arrived sometime Saturday and carried them back to Georgia for trial.

## Singing Convention At Murphy Oct. 8th

The annual Cherokee county singing convention will be held at the court house in Murphy on the second Sunday in October, which is October 8th, it was announced here this week by John Donley, of Peachtree, president of the convention. Earnest Trenham, of Andrews, is secretary.

Invitations have been extended to all the choirs and singing classes of the county to be present and participate in the contest for the banner, and singers and classes of adjoining

## TAX RATE \$1.75 SET FOR TOWN FOR YEAR 1933

Special Privilege Taxes Also Given Final Approval Last Friday Night

A tax rate of \$1.75 per \$100 valuation has been set by the commissioners of the town of Murphy for the 1933 assessment. This rate was fixed at a meeting of the board on Aug. 28th, and was given final approval at a meeting last Friday night called for that purpose. The levy lists \$1.25 for debt service and 50c for general or current expenses.

Special privilege taxes for the town were also given final approval last Friday night, and from a perusal of list, one would believe the town fathers of Murphy look upon gypsies, fortune tellers and phrenologists with fear and horror. The special privilege tax assessed against gypsies and fortune tellers for plying their profession in Murphy is \$500, while \$100 is assessed against the phrenologist for a like privilege. The lowly and almost extinct lightning rod agent is assessed \$50. Other privilege tax levied compares favorably with the assessments for last year.

C. D. Mayfield, chairman of the finance committee, who went to Raleigh last week to confer with the Local Government Commission on the town's finances, reported he was assured by the commission that it would send one of its experts to Murphy within the near future to help work out this perplexing problem with the city fathers.

The finance committee, composed of Mr. Mayfield and G. W. Ellis, was instructed by the board to investigate the over-due water bills due the town, and make recommendations as to the best way of handling them at the next meeting. E. O. Christopher, city clerk, reported that some 65 users were behind as much as ten months, while a large number were behind more than two years, and several were in arrears even longer than this.

A flat rate of \$1 a month is now being charged to household users of water, and meters are being installed, with some consideration being entertained for advancing the rate to \$2 a month for household users. The larger users of water, such as the ice plant, laundry, garages, etc., have already been placed on a flat rate of 7 1/2c per thousand gallons.

A meter was ordered placed on the school supply line, and the city clerk instructed to notify the school authorities that after October 1st, the flat rate of 7 1/2c per thousand gallons would apply.

E. P. Hawkins, chairman of the water and streets committee, was instructed to make proper provisions for water and sewage disposal for the new hospital being constructed by Dr. Petrie, and to see that the hospital section had sufficient fire protection. It was estimated that a three or four inch pipe line into this section would be sufficient for the hospital and residences. A half inch line is now supplying that section.

The board further instructed the clerk to secure a copy of the judgment rendered last week by Judge E. Yates Webb in the U. S. District court against the town in favor of the Davies-Bertram company, holders of bonds of the town, and to notify the taxpayers that property would be advertised for taxes after the second Monday in October.

Mayor Edmund B. Norvell presided.

"Deductive" and "Inductive" The deductive method in logic is the method of scientific reasoning by which from assumed or established general principles concrete applications or consequences are deducted. Inductive logic is the act or process of reasoning from a part to a whole, from particulars to generals, or from the individual to the universal.

counties are expected to be present but will not be privileged to enter the contest. Mr. Donley said he had assurances that the Cherokee Indian class from Yellow Hill would be present and take part on the program.

The annual singing convention is always an event which is eagerly looked forward to by rural Cherokee county, and the occasion has drawn together more than three thousand at one time. A banner is awarded annually to the class rendering the best singing in the opinion of the judges, and last year Union Hill, Shoal Creek township, received this award.