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Senator Reynolds "Granted a Hearing" By Dr. Morgan

Proposed Coleman Dam Site Most Feasible and Economical for Construction On Hiwassee

(It is a pleasure for the Scout to present the following article prepared by Dale Lee, former Army engineer and now connected with the local mercantile business. Undivided attention is respectfully called to the following data on the local TVA dam situation which has never been made public before—and written interestingly by a man who "knows" every inch of the area—Editor's note.

BY DALE LEE

Having formerly been connected with U. S. Corps of Engineers on the aero-topographic survey of the Tennessee River and its tributaries, the purpose of the survey being to determine the potential hydro-electric possibilities, flood control and navigation possibilities, I was with the Unit that surveyed the Hiwassee River in 1925 from headwaters to mouth of river and the following is a few of the facts that prove the Coleman Site is more economically feasible than any of the proposed sites down the river in Tennessee.

The drainage area of the Tennessee River is 40,600 sq. mi. Over one-fourth of this drainage area originates in Western North Carolina. The Hiwassee River is the second largest in Western North Carolina with a drainage area of 2660 sq. mi.

The proposed Coleman Site is 31 miles above the mouth of Hiwassee River and 15 miles down river from Murphy. The reservoir formed by the Coleman dam would have a shore line of approximately 100 miles. This shore line would consist of timbered lands and the reservoir would not fill up as quickly as a dam near the mouth of the river such as the Charleston site, which is in a flat, farming section and is not in a timbered area. The property damages to farming lands in the Coleman reservoir will be comparatively small as this area is owned by one company. There will be no damages to railroads and highways by the construction of the Coleman dam. The foundation for a dam at the Coleman site is of a hard granite and could not be equalled in the Tennessee River Basin. The Coleman site like the Norris site is a natural site for the construction of a dam. I doubt if the TVA can locate a site within the bounds of the Tennessee River Basin that will compare with the Coleman site with respect to a natural dam site.

Murphy is ideally located for the construction of the Coleman dam in that it has access to two railroads, the Louisville and Nashville and the Southern for the transportation of materials for construction purposes. There is a good road bed from Murphy to the dam site that can be put in good condition for trucking materials at very little expense. There is also a railroad bed leading down the river some five miles and can be extended on down to the dam site at very little cost should it be necessary to have a railroad from Murphy to the dam site for transportation purposes.

Can Have Two-Fold Purpose.

The Coleman dam can serve a two-fold purpose; first, as a storage reservoir for flood control relief on the Tennessee River; second, there can be generated approximately 25,000 K. W. of power which will greatly encourage small industries in this section, that being one of the aims of the TVA to establish small industries for the people of different sections of the Tennessee River Basin.

The following is a brief summary of the proposed dam sites on the Hiwassee River, in Tennessee, beginning at the mouth of the river.

Charleston Site is located 20 miles above the mouth of the river. The elevation is 675 feet and will conflict with Dam No. 1 on Ocoee River owned by the Tennessee Electric Power Co., which has an installation capacity of 22,500 K. W. The elevation of the minimum contour of this dam being 725. This dam will flood out a portion of the L. & N. Railroad between Benton, Tenn., and Wetmore, Tenn., as well as roads on both sides of the river.

The damage to farming lands will be tremendous as this particular section is made up chiefly of good farming lands. The head of past navigation on the Hiwassee River for steamboats and flatboats is 41 miles above the mouth of river which shows plainly that there is very little fall in the river in this vicinity. The formation in this section is a limestone formation which does not seem satisfactory for a dam site. These few facts prove that the Charleston site is not at all feasible for the construction of a dam by the TVA.

Data On Other Sites

Austral Site: The Austral site is located 45 miles above the mouth of the river and by its construction will flood out 3½ miles of the main Knoxville to Atlanta line of L. & N. railroad and will also flood out highways on both sides of the river.

Crumley Site: The Crumley site is located 53½ miles above the mouth of the river.

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ATLANTA ROAD IS NOW OPEN; GRADING ENDS

Surfacing Started On Road That Runs Direct To Atlanta And South

All grading on the 4.8 miles stretch of new road from Ranger to Blue Ridge, connecting highways 64 and 76 as a direct route to Atlanta, has been completed. A. B. Persinger, superintendent of the work, said Wednesday night.

Although the work of surfacing the road was started this week, the road is open for traffic, Mr. Persinger announced.

The road which goes through Culberson was started last February, and providing the weather is favorable all construction on it should be finished by December 1, according to Mr. Persinger.

The Federal government allotted about \$70,000 for construction of the stretch of road and actual building has been done by the T. M. Strider company.

Seven men are now located here crushing the stone that will be used in surfacing the road.

The new road will give motorists from Western North Carolina a straight shot through to Atlanta instead of the choice of two lengthy detours—one 45 miles by way of Blainsville and the other 43 miles via Ducktown and Copperhill. Mr. Persinger said the new road was 4.78 miles in length.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND SUPPORTED: MEETS SEPT. 17

A meeting for all that are interested or have subscribed to the Good Samaritan association will be held at the court house Monday September 17, at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Graham, of near Culberson, announced Wednesday.

Over 50 local people have subscribed more than \$200 to the fund that was originated by Mr. Graham for donation purposes to hospitals and first aid.

The petition drawn up and containing the names of the subscribers announced that 90 per cent of the funds taken in by the Good Samaritan fund would go to hospitals to help the unfortunate people that can not meet their bills. It was raised by popular solicitation.

More than \$75 was subscribed the first day, Mr. Graham said. The plan originated at an associational meeting of the Baptist ministers which met here this week. Rev. Graham stated the plan and the ministers endorsed it.

Reverend Graham and other members of the church have worked diligently to get up the fund and feel, they say, that they have been successful in their efforts.

The plan of the meeting is to organize the members and elect officers. A board of five directors will be named by the association at this meeting.

TVA OFFICIALS VISITORS HERE OVER WEEK-END

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Bock, James S. Bowman, H. M. Cortwright, all of Knoxville, and N. L. Poole, of Hiwassee, spent Saturday night and Sunday morning here. Mr. Bock is assistant chief engineer of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The party arrived last Saturday evening. They did not visit the Coleman dam site. Sunday morning they went out to look at the Notla power house and the Andrews power house, near Brasstown.

Leaving Sunday morning they were



Sen. Robert R. Reynolds

KNITTING MILL OPENS MONDAY FOR OPERATION

Final Arrangements Being Made, Fain Says; Brumby To Be In Saturday

According to present plans the Brumby knitting mill will start operations Monday, according to W. M. Fain.

After all necessary machinery had been placed there last week, B. G. Brumby, operator of the mill, left for Charlotte to make arrangements for yarn and other materials to be used in the mill when it gets under way. Mr. Brumby will return Saturday, it was announced.

"Current strike troubles may hold him up a bit," Mr. Fain said, "but it Continued on page two

Brasstown Club Visits Tennessee

Fifteen members of Men's and Women's Clubs of Brasstown made a joint excursion on August 25 and 26 to Norris, Tennessee, the model town of the TVA, 20 miles of Knoxville.

Starting early on the morning of the 25th, they reached Knoxville in time to visit first the site at which the Norris dam is being built. Then they drove through the town of Norris and saw the model dairy and the workshops where the men employed on the dam can get in their leisure time vocational training along various lines. They visited also the Community House, the center of the social life of the town and the Demonstration House where expert demonstrators show the use of electrical household appliances of all kinds.

After supper in the cafeteria maintained for the workmen living in the barracks, came the most interesting event of the trip. This was a second visit to the dam, where work goes on under flood lights. As the towering derricks, the great cables and the figures of the hundreds of men at work stand out from the surrounding darkness, the scene they report, gives an overwhelming impression of the vastness of the project under construction.

The night was spent at a tourist camp near Knoxville and the return journey was made by way of Robbinsville with a stop at the Santeetlah dam.

The party included Mr. and Mrs. Virge Coker, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cornwell, Mrs. Iowa Green, Mrs. Lena Brendle, Mrs. F. O. Scroggs, the Misses Louise and Elizabeth Pittman, Mr. Luce Scroggs, Mr. William Clayton, Mr. P. W. Fisher, Mr. J. A. Caldwell, Mr. Lake Tuckwell and Mr. Bradford Coolidge.

said to have driven up through Western North Carolina to view the scenery along the route.

WILL DISCUSS COLEMAN SITE SEPTEMBER 17

Asks That Large Delegation From Cherokee County Meet In Knoxville

A telegram from Senator Robert R. Reynolds to Harry P. Cooper, local attorney, Thursday, stated that the Senator has "been granted a hearing" by Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, director of the Tennessee Valley Authority, on September 27, and that he (Reynolds) urged Murphy and Cherokee county to send a large delegation to Knoxville for the meeting.

The telegram said that the exact place and hour would be revealed later.

A news story from the Asheville Citizen-Times Thursday morning said Reynolds had made an appointment with Dr. Morgan "for a conference regarding the proposed Coleman dam site."

When it first became known that a Tennessee representative had attempted to "go over the back fence" by going to President Roosevelt to have the dam built in Tennessee at the "Charleston site," a delegation led by Cooper composed of Josh Johnson, P. A. Mauney, Lee Shields and Willard Cooper, went to see Reynolds in Asheville to see if he could not promote the sympathetic feeling of Cherokee county toward the proposed dam.

A number of wires and letters were sent out and a number of contacts were made to organize a strong body to present to Dr. Morgan the attitude of the people of this section.

PLANS TO BUILD FOUR HOMES ARE UNDER WAY HERE

Construction has been started or was being planned on four homes in the city this week constituting one of the biggest building programs ever to be undertaken locally at one time, several prominent residents said.

Construction is well under way on a bungalow being built by Noah Lovinggood on Dillard Street. It will be finished on the outside by brick veneer.

Dr. R. W. Petrie's two story house, being built near the hospital off Peachtree street, is nearing completion. It will be finished on the outside with stone.

W. H. Murray has started a five-room log cabin on Moore Heights.

Excavation has been completed for what will probably be a residence off Sunset drive. It belongs to L. Hodges.

Since the TVA engineers and other workers have taken permanent residence here there has been an increased demand for homes.

R. F. Williamson, local lumber dealer, said there was an increased demand for lumber both for building purposes and renovations.

The recent governmental enactment that allows home owners to borrow money to improve and remodel their homes is expected to find a number of recipients of the funds here.

Baptist Will Speak Here On Saturday

One of a series of lectures by Dr. J. T. Henderson, secretary of the Laymen's work of the Southern Baptist convention will be delivered here in the Baptist church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited. Dr. Henderson has been speaking all over Western North Carolina.

PLANS ARE PUSHED FOR BIG FAIR HERE SEPTEMBER 26-29

With the 1934 Cherokee County Fair catalogs and premium lists now completely distributed and reports that a large number of exhibits are being arranged, fair officials are pushing plans for the "biggest and best" Fair yet to be held here on September 26, 27, 28 and 29.

A great deal of interest from adjoining North Carolina and Georgia counties is being manifested.

The price has been lowered this year so everyone can afford to attend every day and night session at the grounds.

MURPHY SUPPLY COMPANY OFFERS UNUSUAL VALUES

Noah Lovinggood, manager of the Murphy Supply company, has started a huge advertising campaign in the Scout designed to bring the purchaser closer to the merchant.

The store is offering quality merchandise at economy prices and hundreds of genuine bargains can be found there that will meet the needs of everyone.

The campaign will be carried on indefinitely and will meet the demand of the people that are looking for real quality at prices within the reach of everyone.