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### THE KNOXVILLE MEETING

Much new light has been shed on the TVA since the meeting in Knoxville last week. Public opinion in this section has been greatly changed, and those that attended discovered the Authority has a whole lot more in mind than a mere power dam.

It was admitted generally that Dr. Morgan does not sway his audience with any eloquent oratory. He makes no effort to do such. But his logic and reasoning is far beyond the average scope of reasoning.

It appeared that Dr. Morgan was more interesting in the maximum development of mineral resources along the Hiwassee basin than he was in any other phase of the work. He said that minerals new to this country and in some instances new to science were being discovered and their veins traced. It is imperative, he declared, that these veins be worked so that they will yield their maximum capacity. Therefore the location of the dam will depend to some extent on further reports as to the location and value of the different minerals. Apparently the Hiwassee basin is richer than has ever been anticipated.

That Dr. Morgan and the board, composed of himself, Dr. H. A. Morgan and David E. Lielenthal, are fully in sympathy with this section and its requests is evident. That Cherokee county and Murphy will get every consideration has been assured and the people of this section can not help but believe it is true.

After the meeting a number of persons were asked their reaction, and everyone declared that the Coleman site had more than an even chance of being the location for the dam.

Another significant point was brought out. It was generally conceded that the Coleman site is an ideal site for the dam, but as to the feasibility Dr. Morgan diversified his remarks. The Tennessee Valley Authority is a part of an integrated social scheme to provide for better living conditions in the Tennessee Valley. Its operations are many and varied. Canneries, creameries, wood-working, and a number of other phases are all part of the TVA plan. Dr. Morgan said specifically, "the power alone is a relatively small item."

As Dr. Morgan expressed it, "We have a nut to crack". Building up social progress through cheaper electricity, lands salvaged from disastrous floods, benefits from the natural resources, improved methods of farming and living, improved homes, and better standards of living, are all equal parts of the aims of the TVA. When these aims are accomplished, the nut will be cracked.

A trip to Norris is inspirational. There a great power project with all its ramifications, has been worked out. Scores of men have been put to work—four hours a day. The rest of the working day they spend learning some other occupation. When the dam is built and these men are forced to give up their jobs, they will be equipped for a new occupation. Their lives and habits have actually been improved. They have learned how to get the best benefits from living. Norris, it must be remembered, is the ideal village. It was constructed for the TVA workers.

To deviate from the reality of the question, Murphy stands in no sense to lose. If a dam is built anywhere on the Hiwassee, this section will benefit. Perhaps all the money for construction will not be spent here, but certainly its advantages will spread much further than even Cherokee county.

If Dr. Morgan's remarks were not misconstrued, the Tennessee Valley Authority was designed to promote living conditions in the South. It is not planned to alleviate ill all over the United States. It was authorized and sanctioned by the U. S. government that the people in and near the Tennessee valley might share the power and general benefits that has been locked up in its streams and at the same time educate the people

to live better and take advantage of the economical progress that will be brought about.

Said Dr. Morgan, "the TVA stands definitely for progress." He then cited different sections of the United States that have progressed despite the depression. This section, he said, had not progressed. Nor has this section progressed during the past ten or twenty years, he pointed out. The implication of this remark definitely proves that the Authority will by no means overlook Cherokee county when the time comes to build on the Hiwassee.

For the past four months the cry has been, "fight for the dam." We have done that and done it nobly. Every effort has been made to present our situation to the Authority. The facts have been well publicized. And they have been heard.

This last demonstration—the movement of sending a large delegation to Dr. Morgan—is the climax. He knows, he understands, and more than that, he appreciates our attitude. He said that he was glad we had come to him that he might explain his situation and the general plan of the Authority.

We have done everything possible. We have showed our hand. We can now rest assured that it will be compared with all fairness and justice with other claims. What the outcome will be no one knows, and as Dr. Morgan admitted, "the fate lies in the hands of the board."

To summarize the whole situation, no matter where the dam is built, Murphy and Cherokee county stand to gain and receive its mutual benefits. Our people at any rate have gained something they have never had before. We will reap plentifully of what the Tennessee Valley Authority has sown—progress to the people of this section.

It is not surprising to find a number of cynical attitudes upon the return of the delegation from Knoxville. To those who exemplify the well you didn't get the dam, I told you so spirit... We can only say that we did impress the TVA officials. They told us so. They told us they were glad we were there. And they promised to do everything possible for us.

For more than that we can not ask. We should not be so selfish as to want anything as big as the TVA to disrupt itself by building a dam here if it will mean more to humanity by building it 20 or 30 miles away.

Thank God we have made no "political efforts" to have the dam pulled over here. We can rest assured that we will share in the righteousness of the TVA!

### REPAIR THE HIGHWAYS

With the advent of greater speed in automobile travelling, it is more important now than ever before that our highways be properly cared for.

Paved highways naturally invite speed and even the most conservative and careful drivers are tempted to run anywhere from 40 to 65 miles per hour when they are on a good road. Modern business demands speed to a certain extent.

A number of dangerous "spots" on the main highways leading into Murphy has nearly caused several bad wrecks in the past few months.

Most noticeable of these bad spots is a half dozen or more deep holes in the middle of the road about five miles out on the road to Copperhill. Several drivers of this section who are acquainted with the road have nearly suffered accidents there lately not to mention the travellers who would hardly expect to find these holes in an otherwise good surfaced road.

Another dangerous spot that is hardly discernable until the driver is right on it, is the railroad crossing between Marble and Andrews. Even at a moderate rate of speed an unsuspecting motorist may lose control of his car there.

It is the duty of every driver to report these bad places in the road to the highway department that they might be repaired in time to save possible injury to motorists.

More than that a section of the country is greatly judged by visitors on the condition of the roads.

### GENERAL JOHNSON'S SERVICE

The retirement of General Hugh S. Johnson as National Recovery Administrator closes a remarkable and, in many points, an heroic chapter in the country's annals of public service. For more than a year this bluff-spoken, high-hearted, wholly loyal American has carried a load and fought a battle which long since would have downed a lesser spirit. His was the task of launching and steering a new adventure in democracy, a new and tremendous plan of co-operation between a responsible government and a free people. Power he unquestionably was given, but the power of a trusted servant mindful of the law and of the land's tradition, not that of a dictator whose own will was supreme. Without voluntary support from the rank and file of employers and employes, of industry and commerce and of the citizenry as a whole, the NRA would have failed before it fairly began. And next to the President himself, it was Hugh S. Johnson who inspired that support and kept the vast machine moving to rhythm of the common American heart and mind.

## LET'S TURN BACK HISTORY'S PAGES...

### 10 YEARS AGO

(In The Cherokee Scout)

Mrs. J. W. Thompson returned to Copperhill a few days ago with her daughter, Mrs. Barclay who has been spending sometime here with her parents.

Mrs. R. H. Sneed and children, Thelma, Margaret and Max, left today for Lemon City, Fla.

Col. and Mrs. Hershel Candler and Mrs. Sara Bayless, of Athens, Tenn., spent the week-end with Mr. Candler's brother, Mr. G. W. Candler.

Mrs. C. F. Hill and daughter, Louise spent the week-end with relatives at Copperhill.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hampton, of Braystown spent the week-end here at the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Henry Logan who underwent an operation at the Murphy Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. George Ellis and Mrs. L. W. Brittain and Luther Ellis returned last Friday from Maryville, Tenn., where they had been to visit Misses Carrie Brittain and Mabel Ellis, who are in school there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lentz of Dillsboro, spent the week-end here.

### 20 YEARS AGO

(In The Cherokee Scout)

Mrs. E. J. Jones, of Candler was a visitor here Friday.

H. A. Dermid spent Friday and Saturday in Hendersonville on business.

C. S. Williams and C. M. Slagle of Andrews were visitors here Tuesday.

W. B. Martin, of Knoxville, Tenn., was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Col. L. L. Witherspoon attended the Presbytery in Macon County this week.

S. E. Cover and family of Andrews, motored to our City Sunday afternoon.

Wm. H. Harrison, Esq., of Hayesville, was among the prominent visitors in this city Wednesday.

Attorney General T. W. Bickett and Hon. G. L. Jones of Franklin, were visitors here last week.

Mrs. Annie Kirkman and children of Asheville, are visiting the former's father, A. L. Cooper, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Patterson, of Ellijay, Ga., were the guests of Sheriff and Mrs. C. B. Hill here Sunday.

E. B. Norvel and M. W. Bell prominent Murphy attorneys, went to Atlanta, Monday on profession business.

Mrs. W. A. Bryson left Monday for Athens, Tenn., where she will spend several days looking after some business.

Mrs. John Tatham, Mrs. Colvard, Misses Rush Conley and Etta Mehaffey and Arnold Cagle, of Andrews motored to our city Saturday.

Dr. L. G. Martin, who has been spending this summer with his mother Mrs. W. A. Bryson, left last week for

### KERNEL COBB

As long as people are peaceful and go along tendin' t' their own affairs, th' munitions business is rotten. They can't put on a clearance sale and move their surplus stocks, so th' next thing, accordin' t' th' latest reports, is t' start a war scare. Accoring to testimony in the arms inquiry, the rise of Hitler in Germany was partly financed by Skoda (Czechoslovakia) munitions trust, which in turn is controlled by Schneider (French arms company), and was used by them to cause a war scare to sell more munitions. Now we wonder if some ambitious munitions maker wasn't slippin' th' kaiser cigaret money on th' side and th' next time we read a war scare article on Japan in a national magazine we'll be jest suspicious enough t' think that th' writer's gittin' a bonus t' help move a lot of stale munitions stocks.

The administration is gettin' ready t' resell the NRA to th' country. They could have sold it th' first time if they'd enforced its provisions. This idea of a "patriotic" appeal to consumers to buy only Blue Eagle merchandise is a lot of nonsense. If th' Blue Eagle is necessary t' make con-

Atlanta, where she will complete his course in the study of medicine.

Miss Dot Mauney has returned from a visit to Washington, New York and other points in the east, where she was accompanied by her brother, J. H. Mauney, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. W. L. Jones and Miss Leila Elliott left Monday for Copperhill where they attend the wedding of Mrs. Jones, sister, Miss Delle Gillman, to Robert Kincaid of Etowah, which took place on Tuesday.

### 30 YEARS AGO

(In The Cherokee Scout)

W. B. Pass, of Atlanta, was here last week shaking hands with his many friends.

Miss Lilly Dewee returned Sunday from a pleasant trip to Bushnell and Bryson City.

Col. Ben Posey left Sunday to attend court at Blairville, Ga., accompanied by his wife.

Dr. R. L. Castell, of Culberson, was a pleasant visitor to our town the first of last week.

Mrs. W. M. Manchested, of Waco, Texas, arrived Saturday to visit her father, Mr. Davidson McLelland.

Rev. Baylue Cabe left Saturday for the eastern part of the state and will be absent for about two or three weeks.

### 40 YEARS AGO

(In The Cherokee Scout)

J. R. DeJournette was here Sunday. Come again Jim.

Capt. J. W. Cooper was present at Franklin court last week.

Tom Butt, of Blairville, Ga., paid us a flying visit the past week.

W. E. Angel, of Bryson City, spent Friday night in town.

Capt. J. P. Robinson, of Asheville, spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

W. N. Cooper returned from a business trip to Asheville Saturday.

Dr. S. B. Henry left last Wednesday for Atlanta to take his course at the medical college.

Rollin Dockery and James Dockery's little son arrived from the west last Friday both looking well.

J. S. McGuire, and family of the Indian Territory, are on Peachtree and will spend the winter with relatives.

Sam Davidson and wife returned last Saturday after a pleasant visit to their son at Gainesville, Ga.

J. W. King and T. A. Carpenter, of Robbinsville, spent Friday night in town.

Master Paul Hyatt celebrated his 14 th birthday Friday by entertaining a few of his friends Friday night. An enjoyable evening was reported.

R. B. Slaughter, of Robbinsville who has been attending the Young Harris College, spent Friday night in town.

ditions better, then they ought t' see that only merchandise and services offered are sold under its provisions, as long as no-Eagle stuff is made, it'll be jest like bootleg under prohibition, and somebody'll buy it. No amount of patriotic ballyhoo will put over the NRA unless the Government shows the people that they mean by enforcing its provisions. Up to now NRA enforcement has been a joke.

Gen. Johnson told the Administration he couldn't live on his salary of \$6,000 a year, so they raised the ante to \$12,000. Where does the General, who claims his heart bleeds for the little man, get the idea that a textile worker kin keep his family on a minimum wage of \$12 a week?

It's pretty hard t' tell where th' depression left off an' prosperity begins.

their surplus stocks, so th' next thing When we read that a mail owner has t' get a pass t' git into his own mill we begin t' realize that in union ther is strength.

Willie Smeekpepper says he'll have nothing to do with th' Government plan t' build folk houses until they agree t' furnish a bride with it on th' fifteen-year plan.