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Murphy, North Carolina, Thursday, August 8, 1935

AN ODE TO VICTORY

Simply but explicitly, the victory that is Murphy's was expressed in a wire received here the past week from W. E. McDonald, Senator Bob Reynolds's secretary, "appropriation Hiawasse dam retained in conference report".

In other words through a concerted effort on the part of every citizen in this county and every representative official in Washington the \$1,000,000 was appropriated for the TVA dam on the Hiawasse dam 11 miles below here and the Tennessee Valley Authority, one New Deal institution that has withstood head and shoulders the storm of repeated attack of bitter critics has been formally introduced into the state of North Carolina.

"So what?"

So this. At last Cherokee county has come into its own. The victory following the struggle to bring the TVA into this state is the biggest thing that has ever happened in the western part of North Carolina and we say that without reservation.

Asheville and the towns on down the line take credit for anything that comes into this section. Murphy has stood calmly by, taking it easy, watching the other towns rejoice when something they thought was big, but which wasn't so big after all, was claimed to have been started in this section.

Today it is all Murphy. We go into first place. The rest are shoved aside and it is something we can well be proud of. The TVA and its millions of dollars of expenditures will spread in North Carolina—and from Murphy; not Asheville, Hendersonville or many of the other proud sister cities that usually take all the credit and snort in disdain at us.

But the tide has turned. Those that have failed to recognize us for so long will now probably condescend to admit that Cherokee county is in Western North Carolina, but we are in a position that we do not especially care what they think. We knew what we wanted. We knew what we needed AND WE GOT IT.

"So what?" And what is plenty with us. "What" is enough to let us get this last laugh and really enjoy it.

No one man brought the dam to Murphy. Everybody had a hand in it and to Mr. John Q. Everybody should go the credit.

Because Congressman Weaver was reported at first as saying that he "thought the local appropriation was in" the senate deficiency committee's decision to cut the local dam off without a penny, much criticism was heaped on his head. But no one has given more ardent support to the cause than he has in the final analysis.

Too many people have mistaken the word "credit" with "authoritative source". The first information as to the rocky procedure of the sub-committee's reconsideration through the house and the senate were received from Bob Reynolds and his associates and because we had to use his name as an "authoritative source", we did by no means intend to give him all the credit. Senator Bailey, Senator Reynolds and Congressman Weaver have all given their best undivided efforts in our behalf and we heartily thank them for it.

This is no time to bandy words over "what-has-been", but we feel it is our duty to explain a lot of the points that have been brought up in the back-wash, and we believe our explanation is fair and just from every angle.

With these to points of "so what" and "who got the dam" out of the way, we can gladly harmonize on the joyful tune "what is in store", and we are afraid we can't do it justice because we have thought about it too

much already.

During the past summer and winter (and especially during the spring when the editor got a little too enthused and predicted the dam would be started May 1) we have revelled in the glory of what was in store.

First the dam will mean an expenditure of \$4,000,000 for labor alone, ninety percent of the workmen to be drawn directly from Cherokee and adjoining counties, and \$1,000,000 will circulate a long time if we don't get gay and send it out of the state.

Although the word "hydro-electric" has been shunted to get the appropriation through the upper and the lower houses, power will have to be supplied from some source as there is not enough now to take care of the town as it is. The greater Murphy will need more power and nothing could be more logical than supplying it from the dam.

This will mean a steady flow of electricity at the lowest rates and a medium of opening up dormant business inviting new industry.

And finally Murphy, as the perfect resort, will make its beckon to the tourist that has been headwinded into stopping off at some other mountain town before he ever got here.

The dam will back waters up the Hiawasse, Valley and Nolli rivers to the edge of town, forming a beautiful lake in the heart of the mountains. In all probability another dam will be constructed some where near the Lover's Leap section to maintain a constant water level at the edge of the town.

It will be well stocked with fish. Boating and fishing will become the order of the day and cabins will likely line its contours.

We repeat again that once a visitor stops at Murphy he never fails to come back and the shimmering lake will be an added incentive. Our climate is moderate and healthful. Our towering mountains and fertile valleys, rich in history and Indian lore, are enthralling and inviting. The vacationist will find here the ideal resort.

The erection of the dam will by no means, however, solve our problems and our expenditures. With increased payrolls and better business conditions we will have to push ahead with plans to advertise Murphy as the resort center and give the vacationist value received. You can not keep tourists with a sham.

The building of the dam will automatically call for more adequate housing. We will have to have a golf course if Murphy is to become the ideal resort.

But those problems should work themselves out in the course of time. It was just our intention to remind the local citizens that the announcement of the building of the dam is no stopping point. It is merely the transfer of junction and we are now entering a new and more prosperous era when the people of this section, like the farmer who has done a hard day's work and knows that he has done it well, can sit back, enjoy the revigorating breezes of the evening and watch the sun, a glorious spectacle of color, fade into the blue of the hollyhock and the honeysuckle—contented and at rest.

A BRIGHTER DAY

This week the Scout begins advertising taxes, a procedure that some regard as an attempt to knock them over with their own burden.

Taxation, like death, is something no one can escape, and as long as we have to pay it we may as well make the best of it.

But every cloud has its silver lining. We casually mentioned taxes to Mayor J. B. Gray and enjoyed the optimistic view he took of the situation. Slowly but surely the city fathers are ironing the town out of its bonded indebtedness, and soon, with a bright future in store the city should be in perfect shape financially. The big question now confronting them seems to be that of an adequate water supply.

It is our understanding that applications for loans to increase the reservoir has been started and with the building of the dam, the water supply will also be increased.

Likewise we talked to Mr. W. A. Adams, chairman of our county commissioners. He, too, was optimistic over the county's debts. Our farmers this year have not had any particular trouble with the elements and their crops and produce are bringing the best prices in a long time. Naturally this means they will be better able to meet their tax problems.

The building of the dam will go a long way toward ending the relief rolls and many of our men who have been seeking work for a long time will find it with the TVA.

And then there's Murphy itself. New buildings have spring up. Modern repairs have been made. Many have been repainted. All of which is in keeping with the smile that is the herald of a new and brighter day locally.

TURNING BACK HISTORY'S PAGES

10 YEARS AGO

Friday, August 7, 1925
Mr. B. L. Fox, of Ranger was a business visitor in town Monday.

Messrs. H. Des Rochers, and Jay Cooper, of Lemon City, Fla., are tending sometime here.

Messrs. J. H. Standridge and C. V. Carringer of Maryville, Tenn., were business visitors in town Wednesday.

Mr. Bass Butt of Blue Ridge, Ga., was a Murphy visitor one day this week.

Mrs. John Yancey and children of Atlanta, Ga., spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Sheridan Dickey.

Mr. S. A. Carroll and family of Maysville, Ga., are spending sometime with relatives and friends here.

Miss Mary Norvell of Lumberton, arrived Sunday to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Norvell.

Miss Dorothy Cooper, of Gainesville, Fla., is the house guest of Miss Martha Candler.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McBrayer and children of Anderson, S. C. will arrive Sunday to be the guest of Mrs. McBrayer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. G. W. Candler.

Mr. T. J. Sword left Monday for Adel, Ga., to be gone several months.

Misses Katherine Lyerly and Alice Clay of Hickory are visiting their aunt, Mrs. R. S. Parker.

Mr. Charles T. West, of Zion City Ill., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. West and other relatives in this county.

20 YEARS AGO

Friday, August 6, 1915
Miss Kat Brittain is visiting relatives at Columbia, Tenn.

Miss Nina Axley of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting relatives and friends here.

Miss Julia Atkinson of Marietta, Ga., is the guest of the Dickey House.

Mrs. Carrie Cole and little daughter, of Copehill, are the guest of Mrs. W. Christopher.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hare and little son, of Reidsville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dillard.

Mrs. Arnold of Atlanta, arrived yesterday and is the guest of Mrs. Edgar Darnell.

Mrs. J. J. Clark, son and daughter are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Nettie Dickey.

Miss Lula Wallace of Lannett, Alabama, is the attractive guest of Mrs. W. Mercer Fain.

Miss Mayes Meoney who has been visiting friends at Sylva and other points, is expected home in a few days.

Misses Lou Bell and Gussie Whitcomb of Oregret, were the attractive week end guests of their sister, Mrs. A. B. Dickey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mauney and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pope of Knoxville, are visiting the family of L. E. Mauney.

Mrs. V. H. Olmsted of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Mary Hicks, of Sweetwater, Tenn., are visiting relatives and friends here in this city.

30 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, August 8, 1905
J. W. Demaree, of Long Run, Ky., is here visiting his sister.

Mr. W. B. Lenoir, of Sweetwater, Tenn., is again in our midst.

Miss Alice Baker, of Sandersville, Ga., is the guest of Mrs. Henry Hyatt.

Col. Ben Posey returned Friday from a short trip on legal business to McCay's, Tenn.

Miss Tommie Holland, of Dalton, Ga., is visiting Misses Mary Patton and Margie Norvell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Velvin, of Villa Rica, Ga., are here visiting Mrs. Velvin's sister, Mrs. J. E. Fain.

A. J. Gurley and wife and Miss V. A. Mingus spent Sunday at grape creek.

J. H. Dillard and Judge G. W. Griffith Saturday night from Staunton where they caught a few mountain trout.

Mrs. Grace Cooper, son and daughter, returned Friday from a visit to relatives at Dalton, Ga., accompanied by Mrs. Cooper's sister, Mrs. Cal. Bryan.

Mrs. S. B. Marsh and baby arrived Saturday from Knoxville, Tenn., to spend some days with her mother, and sister, Mrs. R. M. Patterson and Mrs. A. J. Gurley.

Mrs. J. B. Beam, of Hickory, N. C., is here visiting her brother, Alfred Morgan.

G. W. Candler and J. M. Vaughn made business trip to Knoxville.

Mrs. Virginia Carson and daughter, Mrs. John Blivins, and baby, all of Chattanooga, Tenn., arrived Saturday to spend some time with Mrs. Carson's sister, Mrs. Nettie Dickey.

40 YEARS AGO

Misses Joe and Mollie Brittain two of Murphy's beautiful young ladies are visiting the Misses Hyatt's of Ellijay.

Wade Hayes of Whittier, is visiting his uncle, H. S. Hayes.

Miss Ellen Owenby of Calhoun, was in town Friday visiting Mrs. W. H. Griffiths.

Sam Bryson, of Hotel Andrews, was in town on business last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Summers, of Atlanta are visiting W. H. Woodbury.

Misses Jestina and Amanda Martin and Lizzie Stalcup honored our office with a visit on last Tuesday.

Leslie E. Campbell of the Ducktown Gazette, was in town Saturday on a visit to his father, A. A. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Candler and baby, of Atlanta, Ga., spent last Friday night in town on their way to Dillsboro where they will spend sometime with Mr. Candler's parents.

"Camels don't get your Wind" ATHLETES SAY

CAMELS DON'T UPSET MY NERVES OR AFFECT MY WIND THEY ARE SO MILD AND TASTE RICHER AND SMOOTHER

I CAN BACK UP WHAT THE ATHLETES SAY. CAMELS NEVER INTERFERE WITH MY CONDITION AND I GET A LIFT WITH A CAMEL TOO

SO MILD YOU CAN SMOKE ALL YOU WANT

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