

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EXTENDED TODAY

PLANS FOR DAM TO BE REVEALED SOON BOCK SAYS

Word Has Been Expected Since TVA Operations Began Here

While TVA is receiving one of its severest tests in the Supreme court on the question of whether or not it is legal to sell its surplus power, encouraging word was received here this week to the effect that definite word on the Hiwassee dam can be expected soon.

The information was included in a news article appearing in last week's issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel. It said that in an interview Carl A. Bock, assistant chief engineer of the TVA, declared he would be "able to say something definite about the Hiwassee project in about a week".

With a sanctioned appropriation for the Hiwassee dam about four months ago when it was included in a deficiency bill after a senate subcommittee had ruled against it, the local dam became law.

Since the appointment of Clarence E. Blee as acting engineer for the \$13,000,000 project several weeks ago, definite word has been expected most any moment from Knoxville.

Since the TVA's first consideration of the local site as a power dam possibility, their plans have been kept in practical secrecy except for the apparent fact that they were going ahead with surveys.

It is understood that the local force of engineers under J. D. Blagg, ranging as high as 20 men at some times, has completely surveyed this section of the Hiwassee river from every possible angle.

This Senate sub-committee's action in cutting off the Hiwassee appropriation last summer was a momentary set-back, but the recurrent action, when the appropriation was finally included in the second deficiency bill, strengthened the possibilities of the dam being built here more than ever.

Cherokee county and its citizens have continually fought to bring the project in this section. They have spent time and money and made public fact after fact in support of this section's need for such a project.

At first five sites on the Hiwassee river were under consideration. When the decision was made (Continued on back page)

PETRIE HOSPITAL HERE IS GRANTED A STATE CHARTER

The Petrie hospital at Murphy was granted a charter Thursday by Secretary of State, Stacey P. Wade "to operate and maintain an institution for the treatment of sick people".

It is a non-stock corporation with Dr. R. S. Parker, Don Witherspoon, J. D. Mallonee, all of Murphy, W. H. Graham, of Culberson, and Edwin F. Troutman, of Andrews, named as incorporators.

By becoming a non-profit state corporation, the local hospital is now eligible to be placed on the Duke fund list which provides one dollar per day for each patient. The charter has no effect on the title or requirements of the hospital, it was said.

The institution was opened here two years ago last November by Dr. R. W. Petrie, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, who was formerly connected with the Caldwell hospital at Lenoir.

It has a capacity of 21 patients, is equipped for all surgical needs and has four registered nurses as attendants. Miss Liza King is the head nurse, and Dr. R. L. Staton is connected with the surgical department.



THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

And it came to pass in these days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered, and she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night, and lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shown around about them; and they were sore afraid. The angel said unto them, fear not; for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God and saying, Glory to God on the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger and when they had seen it, they made known abroad the sayings which were told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds, but Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.—Luke 2.

Pioneers Of Murphy Recalled By Historian

(This publication is indebted to Mr. J. V. A. Moore, of Hayesville, who is the historian for Clay County, for the following article which reveals a number of facts concerning the first families, the first churches the first modes of travel, etc., in this county.—the editor).

By J. V. A. Moore

The first white settlers of Murphy were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meroney, who moved here from Tennessee. Mrs. Meroney was the former Elizabeth Stanley, of the Pickens district of South Carolina. They had six children named John Stanley, Baylor, Barton, Mary and Martha. They lived in the Ramsour hotel, located east of where the present Regal hotel stands.

The town was newly laid out. Phillip Meroney was the grandfather of W. H. Meroney. Mary married John J. Turnbull the name was later changed to Turnbill. Mr. Turnbill deeded the present land or site of the city of Wilkesboro.

The Trubills were the first couple to marry in Murphy, and Ann, their daughter, was the first white child to be born in the town.

Ann married John Boone and they moved to the state of Maryland. They reared 10 children—five sons and five daughters. One of the daughters married a Meriman. There were 13 children born to this union and Mrs. Meriman died at the birth of the thirteenth.

The first school teacher in Murphy was a Miss Byers.

The first Baptist church in Murphy was built under the supervision of William Meroney. Some of the members were: William Meroney, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard; their daughter-in-law, Lillie, and Daniel Green, who was severely afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism.

So badly was he crippled with the malady that two men had to baptize him in a sheet. His legs were drawn nearly to his neck and a special casket had to be made for his burial.

Dr. Patton was one of the first physicians in Murphy.

The first Methodist church was built by Joshua Harshaw in the years 1872 and 1873 near where the present Methodist cemetery is located. Mr. Harshaw was aided by Clark Rogers and Dr. Patton, father of Auk Patton.

William Meroney was a first cousin to President Jeff Davis of the Confederacy.

The method of travel in those days was principally by horseback. Wagons were drawn by oxen and horses and open buggies with wooden hubs were used.

The lighting system of the pioneers consisted of pine torches, tallow candles and small brass lamps.

The Milky Way or Galaxy is a tremendous group of stars containing probably 500 million suns.

To give every man that to which he is entitled, is indeed supreme justice.

MERCHANTS AND FIRMS OFFERING SEASON'S WISHES

Practically Every Business House Carrying Xmas Message

Heartiest greetings of the season are being extended to the public today by the merchants of the Murphy trade area through the Cherokee Scout.

They have been very laudatory in their praise for the people who have traded with them during the past year and knowing full well of their inability to greet each and every customer personally with their best wishes, they have taken this opportunity to do so.

The thoughts expressed by these firms are sincere and are not run merely as an advertisement.

- Those extending greetings are:
- Imperial Cleaners.
 - Murphy Supply Co.
 - Davidson & McIver.
 - Peyton G. Ivie.
 - Pinkerton's.
 - Ardmour Beauty Shoppe.
 - W. B. Dickey & Sons.
 - Murphy Service Station.
 - Murphy Cafe.
 - Southern States Power Company.
 - Murphy Laundry.
 - Murphy Hardware Company.
 - E. C. Moore.
 - W. D. Townson.
 - Candler's Department Store.
 - Carringer's Department Store.
 - E. L. Townson Department Store.
 - Mauney Drug Company.
 - Marie's Cafe.
 - Walter Coleman.
 - Whitaker's Bargain Store.
 - C. M. Wofford & Company.
 - Cherokee Furniture Company.
 - Lee Shields.
 - Regal Hotel.
 - Dickey Hotel.
 - Citizens Bank & Trust Company.
 - Lawrence Hall.
 - The Mountain Valley Mutual Canning Association.
 - W. M. Fain Grocery Company.
 - Cherokee Manufacturing Co.
 - Henn Theatre.
 - Reece Motor Company.

Scout To Come Out Tuesday Next Week

In order that the merchants of this community may extend their New Year's greetings to the reading public of the Scout, this paper will be published again next Tuesday and you should receive your copy several days ahead of the regular time.

All merchants wishing to run display advertising in this special issue and all correspondents and contributors are urgently requested to get their copy in as early as possible.

Free-For-All Ends With Man In Hospital

An old-fashioned free-for-all, involving about 20 principals, ended last Friday night with Theodore Cooke, of Unaka, in the hospital suffering from several serious knife wounds.

He is doing as well as could be expected, attendants said Tuesday night.

The affray took place after several fire crackers were reputedly thrown into a congregation who were attending a Christmas celebration at the school house.

Miss Virginia Deweese, of Murphy, the teacher, received a nose injury and one woman was reported to have been knocked into a creek. She had to walk down the stream a half mile before she could get out.

Matter is either organic or inorganic. Organic matter is either alive or once formed a part of a living thing.

A Very Merry Christmas To All - The Scout