

EXACT SITE OF HIAWASSEE DAM SELECTED

J. W. KING, 74, OF MURPHY. IS BURIED FRIDAY

Was One of the Outstanding Citizens of Cherokee County

Mr. J. W. King, local merchant and business-man, passed away at 10:00 o'clock, Christmas night, after an illness of less than two weeks. Death was the result of heart attacks. He would have been seventy-four in February.

Funeral services were held at Bellview Friday December 27, with the Revs. H. W. Bacon, C. F. Martin, and L. Conley officiating. Interment was in Bellview cemetery, with Peyton G. Ivie in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. King had been a beloved and respected citizen of this section for many years. On the death of his wife some ten years ago, he moved to Murphy, where he had made his home ever since. Besides his own mercantile business, he was interested in Wofford-Terrell hosiery company.

As a boy, he attended Hayesville Academy, where he was a classmate and close personal friend of a boy who was destined to become a renowned preacher, George W. Truett.

The death of Mr. King is mourned by many friends, who remember him as a kindly, christian gentleman. Few services at his church found his pew vacant; and no appeal from charity or church ever found him unresponsive.

Active pallbearers were George Mauney, Sheridan Dickey, Roy Lovingood, Thompson Terrell, Paul Hyatt, and Efton Christopher. Honorary Pallbearers were: C. M. Wofford, A. L. Martin, Neil Davidson, Wm. Owenby, R. L. Lance, and S. L. Cagle. Flower girls were: Mrs. Ruth Carringer, Mrs. Hue Bowles, Mrs. yrus White, Miss Gillie Martin, Miss Marie Price, and Miss Georgie Rogers.

Mr. King is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Noland Wells, and Mrs. K. C. Wright; and by four sons, R. H. Claude, Ed, and Herman, all of Murphy; also by two sisters and one brother.

NUMBER OF PRIZES GIVEN CUSTOMERS OF LOCAL STORES

A number of valuable gifts were given to patrons of Murphy merchants during the Christmas holidays.

Those receiving prizes were: Carringer's Department store; Frank Sudderth, Leila Dickey, Frank Holbrook.

Cherokee Furniture company: Mrs. Nettie Edwards, Allen W. Lovingood, Mrs. Ralph Ramsey, Mrs. W. M. Ramsey, Mrs. W. H. Brandon, Frank Amos, Mrs. Dora McCoy, Mrs. Glenn Kephart, L. C. Shelton and Fred Zimmerman.

W. B. Dickey and Sons: Fred Brown, Alba Roach, Ralph Ramsey, Mrs. Ben Posey, Emory Sneed and Will Mintz.

J. W. Lovingood's; Jim Robbins. The Frigidaire (or Phico radio) to have been given away at Pinkerton's has not been claimed, being the ticket the award is supposed to go to. If it is not claimed by 6 o'clock on Monday evening, January 6th, it will go to ticket No. 1037. W. R. Pinkerton, owner of the store, said.

Moneymaker Attends Geological Meeting

Mr. B. C. Moneymaker, TVA geologist, now stationed at Murphy, spent the latter part of last week at a three-day meeting of geological engineers at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York. He returned Saturday.

Mr. Moneymaker was representing the chief geologist of the Tennessee Valley Authority and in that capacity presented a paper before the group.

The assembly represents the largest and most important group of geologists in this country.

SEEKS TO END ALL GREETINGS FOR HOLIDAYS

New York, Dec. 26.—A New Year's greeting to end all holiday greetings appeared in the personal notices column of The Herald-Tribune today.

It read:
"Wanted dead or alive the guy who started this greeting card racket and if you addicts who sent me pictures of reindeers and angels and Scottie dogs, think I am going to waste good dough by breaking out into this annual sentimental rash you're crazy. So, damn it, here's thanks for your lovely beautiful thoughts, in the cheapest way possible, and may all you suckers have a Happy New Year. Want to make anything of it?"

(Signed) HARRY EVANS."

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION DRIVE FOR FUNDS MAPPED

Plans for the establishment here of a Building and Loan association, aided financially by the Federal government, are going steadily ahead under a Lions club committee, W. M. Fain, chairman of the group announced Monday.

Mr. Fain says the outlook for the initial local outlay of \$2500 is very good and he expects to launch the campaign to raise the money in several weeks. The Federal government will add three times the amount raised locally which, in this instance, would be \$7500 dollars, making a capital stock of \$10,000.

Mr. Fain feels that through this plan of starting a Building and Loan association here, many people would be able to finance building projects through organizations similar to the Federal Housing administration which cannot be done now as many of the larger out-of-town lending institutions are unwilling to loan money this far from an urban center.

Mr. Fain has in his possession a clipping of a small south Georgia town that has financed \$99,000 worth of building through the same plan.

Murphy Schools Will Open Monday Morning

All schools in the Murphy unit will open Monday morning, January 6th, instead of Wednesday, January 1st as was previously scheduled, H. Bueck, superintendent, announced Tuesday.

The change, he said is due to the heavy snows that have greatly hampered travelling facilities all over the county.

Cherokee Sees Heaviest Snowfall In 18 Years

If the old saying holds true, there'll be good crops this year for Christmas. As found Cherokee county blanketed in six inches of snow which kept piling and freezing on through Sunday.

Old-timers say it is the worst snow in 18 years in this section.

Great portions of the Carolina's and Georgia reported record snowfalls during the holiday while unusually low temperatures were in evidence.

Traffic and mails were tied up Saturday night and Sunday. In spite of the slippery highways, however, the total number of highway accidents was greatly reduced.

WPA workers have been working overtime clearing the streets of Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Watts of Spokane, Washington, are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Wells, Jr., here. Mr. Watts formerly lived in Murphy, having owned two farms near Coalville, on Valley River.

Miss Virginia and Mr. William Benton, of Cornelia, Ga., are spending the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Savage at the Royal Hotel.

Expect Official Announcement Of TVA Plans In This Area To Be Revealed This Week

WORD RECEIVED ON THURSDAY STATES "DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED IN ACQUIRING LAND" HERE

Actual construction on the \$14,000,000 Hiawassee TVA Dam appeared one step nearer Thursday when Carl A. Bock, chief TVA engineer, announced that a definite site had been chosen for the project.

At the same time Bock said official announcement could be expected within 10 days which means the board should act on it some time during the middle of this week.

Also included in the story that reached here was the statement that "difficulty had been encountered in acquiring the land".

The site finally chosen is known as the Fowler Bend site 15 miles below here. At first the Coleman site on the river was being considered. Immediately below that point the river makes a turn and doubles back a short mile parallel to itself.

Original plans, it is understood, would have had the dam built on the Coleman site and a tunnel dug through the mountain with the power house situated on what is known as the Powelson site at a nearby point on the far side of the river.

But engineers determined after many months of survey that the Powelson site, or what is more officially known as the Fowler Bend site, was the more feasible.

Regarding the other two facts brought to light by the news received here, they seem to have a bearing on each other.

Citizens of this section are familiar now with the circumstances that finally brought about a decision to build a dam in this section.

It has taken active interest and work and outlay in time and money to bring the project to this section—or at least that is the way the people in this and surrounding counties feel about it.

The idea of the TVA building in this section has been fostered with greatest pains on the part of local citizens. For years the Hiawassee river in this section has been considered as a rich, potential power dam site. And when the Tennessee Valley Authority announced its plans of consideration here, no wish for cooperation on the part of Cherokee county has been ignored. Every assistance has been given cheerfully.

Discouraging, however, was word some time ago that a Senate sub-committee had cut off the local appropriation. But it, wrapped in circumstances that called for the efforts of everyone in the community, was restored.

Since then TVA activity in this section absolved itself into the secrecy that has been prevalent ever since the work began here 21 months ago, and any "difficulty in acquiring the land", though many different rumors have been prevalent concerning it, have not been made public.

Engineers in the divisions of topographical, hydrological and geological surveys have gone steadily about their work until it is understood the preliminary surveying is practically complete.

The road contracts from Turtletown into the dam site, though specifically unknown, are expected to be let within the next few days, unofficial sources revealed this week.

YEAR'S WISHES ARE EXTENDED IN THIS ISSUE

Many local Firms Pledge Cooperation For Coming Year

This the first issue of the Scout for 1936, is designed primarily to be New Year's greeting number.

Through it the Scout and the many merchants in this section are seeking to give their best and wholehearted wishes for a New Year.

Murphy has progressed rapidly during 1935, but from every indication the coming year has much more in store for everyone.

The idea of this issue is not to merely send each other a mere informal greeting, but to assure mutual cooperation in the upbuilding and growth of Cherokee county during 1936. It is a pledge of assurance.

Those joining in the good wishes of the coming year are:

- Reece Motor Company.
- Henn Theater.
- W. M. Fain Grocery Company.
- The Mountain Valley Mutual Associated Cooperative.
- Lawrence Hall.
- Citizens Bank and Trust Company.
- Regal Hotel.
- Candler's Department Store.
- Whitaker's Bargain Store.
- Walter Coleman.
- Marie's Cafe.
- Mauney Drug Company.
- Carringer's Department Store.
- W. B. Townson.
- E. C. Moore.
- Murphy Hardware Company.
- Murphy Laundry.
- Southern States Power Co.
- Murphy Cafe.
- Murphy Service Station.
- W. B. Dickey and Sons.
- Pinkerton's.
- Ardmour Beauty shoppe.
- Peyton G. Ivie.
- Davidson & Melver.
- Murphy Supply Company.
- Imperial Cleaners.

Christmas Play Is Given At Folk School

The annual Christmas Play was given at The John C. Campbell Folk School on Sunday, December 22. We saw again the story of the coming of the Christ Child so many thousands of years ago. Students at the school took the various parts in a capable way, and the deep attention of the audience was an expression of how thoroughly they felt themselves reliving the story which never grows old. The singing of many beautiful old carols, and the accompaniment of violin, viola, and cello, added greatly to the acting of the play.

The preceding day, the children of the community, as well as many of the grown-ups, enjoyed the dress rehearsal of the play, which was really a finished performance. Afterwards Santa Claus appeared to distribute stockings of candy from the big Community Tree. These were, as usual, the gifts of the Women's club of Brasstown, to the children and old folks of the settlement. The Club members had met at the Folk School on Friday to fill the stockings, which they had previously made, and to trim the tree. They then enjoyed their annual Christmas party.

QUIET CHRISTMAS

Murphy was practically "bone dry" alcoholically speaking, during the Christmas holidays if the police and hospital reports prove anything. Very few arrests were made in the sheriff and town police departments, and the Petrie hospital reported no out-of-the-ordinary accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen have returned after a holiday visit with their parents at Wilson and Huntersville.

R. B. Wooten spent the holidays at his home in Clemson, S. C.