

## N. C. ASSEMBLY IS FACING FOUR MAJOR ISSUES

**Harry P. Cooper, Cherokee County Representative, In Attendance**

Liquor, labor, money and social security loomed as the principal issues of North Carolina's legislature which convened in Raleigh for its regular session Wednesday.

Harry P. Cooper, representative from Cherokee County, left Monday morning to attend the session.

Little official business will be conducted, however, until after the inauguration Thursday of Gov.-Elect Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby.

With the speaker of the house and the president pro-tem of the senate named during the special session of the legislature, called in December by Governor Ehringhaus to pass an unemployment compensation act, organization of the two bodies will be expedited party leaders said.

Lieut. Gov.-Elect W. P. Horton who will preside over the senate, said he hoped to name his committees by Friday and Speaker of the House R. Cherry of Gaston is expected to do likewise. A Hall Johnston is president pro-tem of the senate.

**Bitter Fights Expected**  
In contrast to the even tenor of the special session, which adopted an administration - prepared compensation act without a dissenting vote, bitter fights are expected to develop during the regular session, party leaders said.

The United Dry Forces and representatives of the 17 "wet" counties have expressed exactly opposite views on the sale of spirits. The liquor study commission itself was divided in its recommendations. The majority favored county option, with the state getting 20 per cent of the profits, and the minority favored a state-wide referendum.

The advisory budget commission report will request "record appropriations", Frank Dunlap, assistant director of the budget has announced. The Democratic party, which has a large majority in both houses is pledged to repeal the sales tax on "all necessities of life".

**Amendments Adopted**  
Other money problems include: Increase of income tax rates, classification of property for taxation and tax exemptions up to \$1,000 on homesteads—three "permissive" amendments adopted at the last general election; payment of road claims to counties, and special allotments to match federal social security funds.

The state department of labor and the North Carolina state legislative council both have announced they intended to prepare bills which would establish minimum wages and maximum work-hours in industry and provide for the ratification of the federal child labor amendment.

Although no group has announced itself as opposed to either measure, the child labor amendment was defeated in the 1935 legislature.

Among the social security proposals to be considered are participation in old age pension, dependent children aid and blind relief plans.

## Weather Vane

Following are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year.

Date	1936		1935	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
29	67	53	35	25
30	61	54	34	17
31	61	51	39	2
1	58	42	43	31
2	55	50	51	41
3	54	41	49	37
4	59	21	44	25

Rainfall		1936	1935
Totals for December	8.16 in.	2.12 in.	
Total for year	64.85 in.	41.99 in.	
		1937	1936
Total Jan. 1 to 4	3.25 in.	2.99 in.	

## Basketball Games Are Scheduled Here

The Murphy high school tentative basketball schedule as announced by coach O. W. Deaton is as follows:

Friday, Jan. 8—Hayesville, away.  
Tuesday, Jan. 12—Robbinsville (boys first and second teams only), here.  
Friday, Jan. 15—Andrews, here.  
Tuesday, Jan. 19—Cornelia here.  
Friday, Jan. 22—Cherokee, here.

Tuesday, Jan. 26—Open.  
Friday, Jan. 29—Almond, away.  
Tuesday, Feb. 2—Hayesville, here.

Friday, Feb. 5—Almond, here.  
Friday, Feb. 9—Franklin, away.  
Friday, Feb. 12—Andrews away.  
Tuesday, Feb. 16—Franklin, here.

Friday, Feb. 19—Cherokee, away.

Then Cornelia and Franklin games are only tentatively scheduled and may be changed. More games may be added as the season progresses, Deaton said.

## LIONS WILL GO TO ESTABLISH CLUB AT SYLVA

**New Officers are Named  
At Meeting Here on  
Tuesday Night**

Twelve members of the Murphy Lions club at a directors meeting Tuesday night were designated as delegates to the "Charter Night" meeting of the newly established Sylva club Thursday night. The Murphy and Asheville clubs jointly sponsored organization of the club Nov. 30.

Those planning to attend are: W. M. Fain, G. W. Ellis, Sam Carr, Harve Elkins, Dr. E. E. Adams, W. G. Crawford, Walter Coleman, Tom Case, Peyton G. Ivie, R. B. Wooten, H. Bueck and K. C. Wright.

Mr. Fain was elected to the office of first vice-president of the club to fill the vacancy left by the death of Dr. Robert W. Petrie. Other officers named at the meeting were: Mr. Elkins, second vice-president; Mr. Crawford, third vice-president, and Messrs. Coleman and Carr, directors.

The club also decided to sponsor a movement begun by the Rotary club of Andrews last week to have an additional train run between Bryson City and Murphy while paving is going on on Highway No. 19.

The Murphy club then decided to move to have the local post office doors kept open later than 8 o'clock in the evening as is now the practice.

New song books will be provided club members it was decided.

## McMillian Is Building New Garage In Murphy

Mr. J. W. McMillian, of Murphy, is building a new garage on a lot adjoining the C. M. Wofford Grocery company here.

The location is about 100 yards above his former garage and lot which was taken over by the TVA as the first purchase of property to be flooded by the Hiwassee dam in the basin proper.

## Civil Court To Meet For Session Monday

The regular January term of Cherokee County Superior court will convene in Murphy for the trial of civil causes Monday morning.

The scheduled two-weeks session will be presided over by Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham who makes his initial appearance on the Murphy bench.

## DR. HEIGHWAY IMPROVED

Dr. S. C. Heighway returned home from the Petrie hospital Monday night where he had been suffering a severe cold for several days. He was able to be out in town Tuesday.

## BIDS ARE OPENED FOR ROAD WORK ON HIGHWAY 19

**Project To Shorten "Carolina's Main Street" To Bryson City**

Highway No. 19 from Topton to Bryson City will not be open for through traffic until some time next winter it was learned here last week when the state highway commission opened bids on two new relocation, rebuilding and paving projects along this route.

Ever since construction began on the Topton-Wesser link, traffic has been routed around through Robbinsville and the Stecoah valley section. The road is kept in good condition but its mountain curves slow traffic down.

Low bids totaling \$337,146 were submitted for the straightening of U. S. Route 19, in Swain county, between Wesser and Bryson City. The project which will shorten the road four miles will be partly financed by the Nantahala Power company. Capus M. Waynick chairman of the highway commission said the utility planned to flood a portion of valley in which the road is situated.

Low bidders announced include: Swain county, grading and surfacing of 4.65 miles on U. S. route 19 between Wesser and a point 4.65 miles distant toward Bryson City, Nello Teer, Durham, \$113,464; structures, Hobbs-Peabody Construction company Charlotte, \$19,987.60.

Swain county, grading and surfacing of 4.65 miles from the end of the above project a distance of 4.65 miles toward Bryson City, Nello Teer, \$119,917.60; structures, Hobbs-Peabody Construction company, \$123,776.60.

Swain county, surface treatment of 4.73 miles of state route 107 from U. S. route 19 to Cherokee, R. B. Tyler company, Louisville, Ky., \$23,954.

## Seek Convicts Escaped From Cobb Co., Ga.

Local police are asking cooperation in the apprehension of ten men who escaped from the Cobb county, Ga., prison last Friday. Several of the escaped prisoners, wearing stripes when they sawed their way out of prison, are believed to be in this vicinity as they formerly lived here. Two of the convicts were seized in Cherokee county, Ga. Saturday.

All were serving terms of from three to five years.

The convicts cut their way to freedom by severing the bars of a steel cage in the barracks at the camp. They climbed to the top of the cage and cut a hole through the roof.

Still at liberty are: Herman Logan, 30; Coleman Watts, 18; Ernest Ray, 28; Howard Bright, 22; Joe Murphy, 50; Oscar Rogers, 21; Claude Gilstrap, 19 and Hansel Cross, 19.

## Murphy Couple At Selma When 11 Were Burned

Dr. and Mrs. Bryan W. Whitfield, of Murphy, were among those attending a costume ball at the Selma, Ala., Country Club Tuesday night, Dec. 29, where five young society women were burned to death when a carelessly tossed match ignited a number of costumes.

The Murphy couple arrived just as the ambulances were taking the last of the eleven girls who were seriously burned to the hospital.

Mrs. Whitfield said Wednesday it was one of the most terrible experiences she had ever had. Practically all the persons attending the gay costume ball were close friends of both Dr. and Mrs. Whitfield.

They were visiting in Selma over the Christmas holidays when the disaster occurred.

## Bad Weather Causes Lay Off Of About 45 Workmen On Hiwassee Dam Project

**WEATHER CUTS UP  
IN COUNTY DURING  
RAINY WEEK HERE**

Cherokee county had a taste of all four seasons of the year during the past week while continuous rains swelled rivers and streams to almost flood proportions.

Rain predominated the freakish weather while cold spells, warm spells and sunshine all took their bow.

Saturday a total of 2.23 inches of rainfall were recorded in Murphy during a 24-hour period, and it was feared that the rivers would reach a flood stage. Sunday, however, was clear and cold and the waters receded somewhat, but rain set in again Monday.

## NEW FEATURE SECTION WILL APPEAR JAN. 21

**Colored Comics To Be  
Included In Scout's  
New Service**

Always ready to serve our readers with the best features obtainable, we will include for your enjoyment a twelve page section complete with adventure — laughs — action — thrills — mystery — science — fashions — home economics — movie news — junior and grown ups puzzle page — radio news, etc., commencing with our issue of January 21.

**FEATURE MAGAZINE** our new section, will be a regular weekly addition to the Cherokee Scout. It has everything to make our Comic and Magazine section the finest and most readable you have ever seen.

**FEATURE MAGAZINE** is packed tight with full page comic strips which will leave you breathless with enjoyment. Four beautifully drawn pages, printed in four colors, make up our Comic Section, and eight carefully selected pages of fiction in our magazine section will satisfy the most discriminating taste in literature.

Each week our magazine section will offer eight new pages of diversified reading for the entire family, beautifully illustrated by well-known artists and with photographs of rare distinction. The authors of the various subjects are foremost in the ranks of American literature.

**FEATURE MAGAZINE** comic section has assembled into one group the (Continued on back page—This Sec.)

## Col. Bell Compiles Original County Deeds

Col. M. W. Bell, of Murphy, has compiled all the original land deeds in Cherokee county into one volume.

It has taken Mr. Bell a long time to properly get up and arrange the book and he places considerable value on it.

## New Pastor Expected To Arrive This Week

The new pastor of the First Baptist church of Murphy, the Rev. J. C. Ammons, of Leaksville, N. C., was expected to arrive in Murphy this week with his family.

They will reside in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Will Owenby and family.

## MORE TREES FOR CHEROKEE

Orders for 4000 short leaf pines and 500 walnut seedlings have been placed by Cherokee county firmers for spring planting according to a dispatch from the extension department at Raleigh.

## COL. NORVELL OUT AGAIN

Mr. E. B. Norvell was out again this week after having been confined to his house for the past several weeks with a slight illness.

**Paving Job To be Resum-  
ed When Working Con-  
ditions Are Better**

## ROAD IN BAD SHAPE

**First Shovel Put to Work  
On Dam; TVA Police-  
men Arrive Here**

The laying off of about 45 men temporarily due to bad weather was among a list of important developments taking place here this week in connection with the building of the Hiwassee dam.

The men, most of whom are employed by the maintenance and construction division of the TVA paving the principal access road from Turtle-town to the dam site will be put back to work as soon as the weather permits. P. M. Darby, personnel agent of the TVA here, said the lay off would "last at least, two weeks".

Heavy rains during the past several weeks have made working conditions bad and slowed up work on the project.

The rainfall has also put the road from Murphy into the dam site by the way of Unaka in an almost impassable condition, and about 50 highway employees under Grover Mauney were expected to begin improving the road this week.

The first shovel to be used on actual construction of the dam was put into use last Tuesday, according to Lex G. Phifer, construction superintendent.

Four of 15 policemen to be employed by the TVA at the dam site arrived here this week to take up their duties which will consist of patrolling work and developments at the dam site.

Those arriving were: Chief David F. Mulligan, formerly of Norris, Tenn., C. V. Ricketts, of Chickamauga, Tenn., J. Chambers, of Pickwick, Ala., and Clarence F. Witt, of Norris, Tenn.

## Roosevelt Balls To Be Held On January 30th

Two Roosevelt birthday dances will be held in Cherokee county Saturday night, Jan. 30, according to temporary plans drawn Tuesday by W. M. Mauney popular Murphy druggist who was named general chairman of the ball committee Monday.

Other committees to be in charge of promoting the dances will be made "within a few days", he said. Each committee will be drawn from some woman's organization in Murphy or Andrews, according to the initial outline.

At present members of the committee are working to have a round dance held at Andrews and a square dance in Murphy.

## New Post Office And Finances Studied Here

The new board of Cherokee county commissioners Monday went on record as seeking a new postoffice building in Murphy and discussed routine financial matters at their first meeting.

The new commissioners are: L. B. Nichols, Andrews merchant; Sam Lovingood, Murphy boarding house operator, and W. A. Adams, surveyor of Unaka. Mr. Adams is the only Republican on the board and was the only member to be reelected.

## Town Council Will Meet Tuesday Night

City council will meet in the town hall on Tuesday night.

Among the business to be taken up is the naming of an alderman to succeed W. G. Owenby who recently moved to Marietta, Ga.