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SEWER, WATER PROJECT HERE IS APPROVED

Water Meters To Be Installed In All Houses, Christopher Says

A crew of WPA workmen were at work this week on a \$6000 sewer-water project that has been approved for the town of Murphy.

E. O. Christopher, town clerk, said Tuesday that the project calling for an expenditure of \$1,920 on materials and \$3,800 on labor had been approved by the Asheville office 10 days ago.

It is the first street and water project the WPA has ever authorized here, he said although the town of Murphy has been asking for funds for more than two years.

The expenses of labor and 30 per cent of the material costs will be borne by the WPA, Mr. Christopher said.

"At present we have planned to lay 9,400 feet of pipe," the town clerk stated, "but 4000 feet of this is for miscellaneous uses and we are not certain whether it will be installed or not."

Streets here to be affected are: Bayless street, Sycamore street, Valley River avenue, Terrace avenue and Hiwassee street.

Mr. Christopher estimated that two miles of sewer has been laid since the first WPA appropriation was asked.

At the same time the town clerk revealed that 126 more water meters were expected in Murphy Tuesday night and that "within a month all but 25 houses and places of business in Murphy will be 'water-metered'."

Over a year ago the town began installing water meters in houses in Murphy and found, Mr. Christopher revealed, that there is a great saving in water. Houses that do not have a meter are charged a flat rate.

"We'll have to save our water better this year than we did last year," Mr. Christopher declared. "With more people living in town, we'll have to take more care of our water supply. Last year we couldn't go to bed at night without wondering if there would be enough water in the morning to keep from using the supply at Cool Springs."

"We have found if we use meters that water consumption is cut down a lot."

LUMBER COMPANY IS REORGANIZED HERE RECENTLY

Following reorganization of a former manufacturing company here, the Murphy Lumber and Manufacturing company opened for business Saturday.

The company, formerly known as the Cherokee Manufacturing company, located in the Factorytown section of Murphy, was recently reorganized by M. C. King, of Copperhill, Tenn., and Blue Ridge, Ga., president of the company. Mr. Bob Williamson, of Murphy, is secretary and treasurer.

In reorganizing, the new company took over the plant and stock of the Cherokee Manufacturing company, has added capital and machinery, and is making necessary repairs for maximum production.

The company deals in wholesale and retail finished and rough lumber and building supplies.

Weather Vane

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

Date	1937		1936	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
9	68	44	42	32
10	44	26	38	18
11	48	14	34	5
12	63	17	47	12
13	55	30	46	38
14	50	35	54	37
15	46	33	64	35

RAINFALL

	1937	1936
Since Feb. 1.....	3.00 in.	5.32 in.
Since Jan. 1.....	12.52 in.	16.81 in.

Early Vote On Liquor Stores Expected Here

Cherokee county will vote on the liquor question at the earliest date possible under the provisions of the county option bill passed Tuesday by the state senate, W. A. Adams, Cherokee county commissioner, said Tuesday.

The bill gives to the board of county commissioners the power to adopt resolutions petitioning the county board of elections to call an election on the setting up of an alcoholic beverage control stores.

It was generally believed in Raleigh Wednesday that county elections on the liquor question could be held within 30 days. An amendment passed by the senate however, specified that at least 20 days notice of an election must be given in order that voters may register. If the house concurs in this amendment, the earliest date that an election could be held in Cherokee county, would be sometimes during the latter part of March.

Another clause in the measure would relieve the county commissioners from the responsibility of petitioning for the election, and in this case it would be necessary for 15 per cent of the voters who cast ballots for governor in the last November general election, to petition the elections board before a vote on the liquor question could be called.

WPA BUILDS 80 MILES OF ROADS IN THIS COUNTY

Farm-To-Market Project Cost \$86,900.95 In Cherokee

Statistics released today by George W. Coan, Jr., state administrator, North Carolina Works Progress administration, show that 80 miles of farm-to-market roads have been completed in Cherokee County by relief workers since the inauguration of the works program sixteen months ago.

Two hundred and forty-three laborers have been employed on the several units of this county-wide project, and total expenditures thus far amount to \$86,900.95. Over five miles of road are still under construction.

Work on the Cherokee County highway system includes proper drainage of road beds, straightening dangerous curves, widening, building culverts and bridges, and surfacing with gravel or crushed stone. A corps of highly trained engineers make regular inspections of these roads, and experienced project supervisors are in charge.

The Fifth District of the North Carolina Works Progress Administration, with a total of 27 farm-to-market road projects, has completed 704.1 miles of highway. Relief laborers employed in this work total 3547, and Federal expenditures to date amount to \$853,299.68. Over seven hundred miles of highway is now under construction. This district, which has headquarters at Asheville, embraces the western counties of Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey.

Survey Made

A recent survey reveals that the NCWPA has already completed over

Dayton Brothers To Open Bus Station

Dayton brothers, local bus and taxi firm, operating in this tri-state territory, will open a bus station adjoining the Dickey hotel property this week.

The building formerly occupied by Christopher's store is undergoing remodeling and repairs, and work is expected to be completed this week.

ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE HELD TUESDAY NIGHT

Final Arrangements For Lions Banquet Are Formulated Here

Final arrangements for the Cherokee County dinner to be held here Tuesday night were outlined by committees of the Murphy Lions club, sponsors of the annual affair, at a meeting Tuesday night.

Several changes concerning the regular customs of the banquet during the past years were discussed by the chairman of the committees present.

Attendance this year will be limited to 100 persons and it was decided to feature products manufactured in Cherokee county this year rather than articles of food found in the county.

The speaker for the evening was not definitely decided upon. The ladies of the Methodist church, who arrange the Lions dinner for regular meetings, will prepare the meal. It will be held at the Lions regular meeting place in the Methodist church.

Committeemen in charge of the affair are: Invitation, H. G. Elkins, chairman; A. W. McIver, Harold Hatchett and E. C. Moore. Program, Dr. E. E. Adams, chairman; Peyton G. Ivie, Tom Case and W. A. Sherrill. Publicity Sam Carr, chairman; Rev. W. Arthur Barber, V. M. Johnson and W. G. Crawford. Reception, Tom Case, chairman; W. W. Hyde, J. B. Gray and Walter Coleman.

Favors and Decorations, Park W. Fisher, chairman; C. D. Mayfield, Fred O. Scroggs and E. R. Thompson. Arrangements, W. M. Fain, chairman, R. B. Wooten and D. V. Carringer. Stunts, H. Bueck, chairman; K. C. Wright, W. A. Sherrill and A. Q. Ketner.

Daily News In Review

The counties of North Carolina Tuesday night were given privilege of voting in their own liquor stores when the senate passed the bill by a 27 to 17 vote killing the state wide referendum vote long sought by dry leaders.

Several minor amendments to the measure were adopted.

The bill had previously been passed by the house and was returned to the house for approval as amended.

The bill passed by the senate after an amendment calling for a state-wide referendum on the liquor question was defeated by a 27 to 17 vote.

The adopted amendments would:

1. Prohibit football drinking, or at any other public assembly.
2. Cause stores to fix uniform

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COOPER BILL ON FREE FISHING IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Representative Harry P. Cooper of Cherokee county, overcame the opposition of the house game committee on Tuesday and secured the passage of his bill to permit unlicensed fishing in Cherokee county.

Despite an unfavorable report from this committee, Cooper obtained the necessary two-thirds vote to recall from the unfavorable valendar and secured its passage on both readings. It was ordered sent to the senate.

Chairman Giles, of McDowell, said the game committee felt a local bill of this nature would seriously hamper the work of the department of conservation and development. He was supported by Sentelle, of Brunswick, and Ward of Craven.

Cate, of Haywood, and Murphy, of Rowan, sided with Cooper, the former agreeing with Cooper there was not enough fish in Cherokee county streams to worry about licenses and regulations.

Preliminary Work At Dam Site Nears Completion As Huge Project Takes Shape

Dance To Be Held In Andrews Friday Night

A dance will be held at the Andrews gymnasium Friday night beginning at 9:30 o'clock (Eastern Standard Time). It is being sponsored by members of the Konecheta club of Andrews.

Jimmy Edwards and his orchestra, colored aggregation from Chattanooga, Tenn., who have played many dances in this vicinity and delighted patrons with their individual type of music and dancing, will provide the melodies. His orchestra has not appeared here in nearly two years and is said to be a lot better now.

2 Performances Of Play Given Here On Tuesday

Two splendid performances of the comedy-drama "Eyes of Love" were rendered at the school auditorium Tuesday afternoon and night.

The matinee performance was given for the benefit of the Murphy school children. The evening show attracted a capacity house. Proceeds went to the ladies of the Methodist church and will be used toward providing lights in the church.

Production was in charge of Mrs. Virginia Cobb, a member of the Murphy faculty. Under her tutelage the play proved to be one of the most polished performances ever given here.

Members of the cast were: Martha Nell Wells, Elbert Mallonee, Jr., Ralph Smith, Miriam Stillwell, Laura Overton, Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, Mrs. J. H. McCall, John Jordan and Sam Carr.

Miss Catherine Coleman and Miss Bill Godfrey assisted in production. Mary Frances Bell, Mrs. Tom Axley, and Jack Barnett furnished between-the-acts entertainment. Leon Axley and Morris Miller attended the stage.

Man Badly Cut In Street Fight At Andrews Home

W. P. Gregory, of Andrews, who was seriously cut in an affray at Andrews Saturday afternoon, was said by Petrie hospital officials who are attending him "to be getting along very nicely" this week.

Meanwhile Posey Thrasher and wife, also of Andrews, were being held in the county jail in Murphy without charges pending the outcome of Gregory's condition.

The fighting occurred in front of the Gregory home, Deputy sheriff G. P. Robinson said Tuesday night. Policeman Kimsey Wyke, of Andrews, Sheriff L. L. Mason, and deputies Ezra Price and John Jones made the arrests, Robinson said.

Gregory's nose was cut completely off in the affray. He is also suffering from deep lacerations on the left arm and about the head and neck. A 12-inch circular ash was inflicted under the arm.

BLIND WORKSHOP WILL BE OPENED THIS WEEK-END

The opening of the Murphy Lions Workshop for the Blind, previously announced as Monday, has been delayed several days due to the installation of machinery and repairs on the building which is located on Sycamore street in back of the home of Fred Johnson.

Mattresses will be manufactured or remade there providing work for several local persons with defective sight.

The shop was established by James Penland, of Hayesville, of the North Carolina Commission for the Blind. The Murphy Lions club loaned funds for the beginning of operations.

Buildings At Town Site Are Going Up At Rapid Pace

UTILITIES SERVE

Scene of Activity Takes Place Amid Beautiful Surroundings

The TVA's housing program at the Hiwassee dam site predominant preliminary factor to construction of the dam itself, has been nearly half completed. About 1000 employees, officials and members of their families are expected to be able to make residence there by next summer.

Under the construction and maintenance division of the TVA replete recreational and utilities facilities are also taking shape.

It was explained by officials at the dam site recently that preparatory construction consisting of the building of the townsite, building roads into the rock quarries, erection of a huge cableway over the crest of the dam-to-be and the placement of machinery is the largest factor in the construction of the dam.

The pouring of concrete and the subsequent peak of production is expected to take place in 1938. The Hiwassee project one of the smallest in the TVA's program of flood control dams, was explained as being a "slow" project, with all divisions of workers here either up to or ahead of their schedule, despite continuous rains and bad weather all this winter.

Good View of Work

Atop a high mountain, yet unnamed, on the north side of the river at the dam site, one can see the whole expanse of the program. Looking down nearly 400 feet on the axis of the dam, the progress of a year's intensified work of making the dam site accessible to county roads and clearing the mountains of their dense foliage can be realized.

The dam site is best entered from Murphy over the Unaka route, a distance of 18 miles. The road follows closely the north side of the Hiwassee river from Murphy two miles past Unaka.

At the point the river makes a compete "U" turn at what is known as the Fowler's Bend area of the river. Several hundred yards above

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Local Library Will Cooperate In TVA Matter

Directors of the Murphy Carnegie library have agreed to cooperate with the TVA library program being arranged by the educational division of the TVA under the direction of T. T. Lindsey.

Col. M. W. Bell, chairman of the local board of directors said Tuesday that "tentative suggestions had been made and amendments suggested" and that the contract was expected to be signed at any time.

Although the TVA will have its own library at the Hiwassee dam site, it is seeking to extend its service through the Murphy and Andrews libraries where employees and their families not residing at the dam can be reached.

Following a meeting held here a month ago between local library officials: Mr. Lindsey; Miss Marjorie Beal, secretary and director of the State Library Commission, and Miss Ruth Rothrock, of the TVA, it was brought out that the service might extend into Clay and Graham counties as their are no public libraries in those two counties.

Members of the local board of directors besides Mr. Bell are: Mrs. E. B. Norvell, Mrs. J. H. Dilard, Mrs. H. Bueck, Mr. C. M. Wofford and Mr. G. W. Canoler.