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## Cooper Measures Change Many County Laws During Session Of N. C. Legislature

Blue Laws of Cherokee  
Changed By Action In  
General Assembly

14 OF 23 PASSED

Cooper and Bennett Dis-  
agree On Many Bills  
Introduced

By virtue of his introduction of 32 local and state bills into the recent session of the General Assembly, Harry P. Cooper, representative from Cherokee county and Murphy lawyer, became one of the most active men in the bi-annual Raleigh meeting.

Mr. Cooper returned to Murphy Thursday after he had seen 14 of his bills ratified into law.

Following his pre-election promises he repealed most of Cherokee county so-called Sunday "Blue Laws", and took an active part in new social security and automobile tag reduction laws.

Following in brief are the bills he introduced and their outcome:

1. Pool rooms were permitted in Murphy with restriction on hours they are to be open, and a sixteen year-old-age limit for those allowed in the pool rooms.

2. Sunday moving pictures were permitted so as not to interfere with church hours.

3. Another law was passed making it permissible to charge regular admission fees to Sunday afternoon baseball games.

4. A bill to legalize prize fighting in Cherokee county was passed by the house but killed in the Senate.

5. A bill requiring all automobile owners to carry liability insurance was reported on unfavorably by the senate committee stating that time in this session would not permit the establishment of a necessary state control board.

**LICENSE BILL KILLED**  
6. Legislation designed to permit free hunting and fishing license in the county was killed in the senate.

7. A bill drawn by Mr. Cooper to reduce automobile license tag fees was substituted by another bill which saw a reduction of from 40 cents to 35 cents per hundred. Mr. Cooper's original bill called for greater reduction.

8. An act was passed putting the clerk of the court on a flat \$3000 per year salary rather than on fees.

9. Mr. Cooper was joint sponsor of another state-wide bill exempting necessities of life from the sales tax.

10. He was joint sponsor of another bill which raised salaries of state employees and school teachers 10 per cent.

11. A bill extending the term for Mayor and members of the town board of Andrews from one to two years was passed.

12. A bill was introduced to permit the shooting of fish in certain streams in Cherokee county but was not reported out by the fish and game committee before adjournment.

13. Senate judiciary committee No. 1 reported unfavorably on a bill to establish a list and assessing book for taxes in the court house at a fee of 10 cents an entry.

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### 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.
23	74	32	69	41
24	73	43	65	43
25	65	51	75	49
26	60	33	78	48
27	48	30	73	50
28	46	20	70	36
29	58	17	70	34

### RAINFALL

	1937	1936
Since March 1	2.90 in.	6.89 in.
Since Jan. 1	17.23 in.	24.58 in.

## BASIN LAND TO BE EVACUATED BY DEC. 31ST

All Land In Hiwassee  
Dam Area To Become  
TVA Property by 1938

Land to be taken over by the TVA in the Hiwassee basin must be evacuated by Dec. 31, 1937 or immediately thereafter regardless of whether actual purchase has been made, according to information here.

Land buyers have been having difficulty in buying certain tracts of land here because the owners have the idea they can occupy it as long as purchase has not been made, officials state.

A circular letter recently distributed to landowners in the basin stated that land could be occupied until Dec. 31, 1937. Whether land has been purchased prior to that time or whether condemnation proceedings have been instituted does not matter, according to the letter.

The TVA requires all personal property to be removed from lands to be taken over by them by the end of this year.

If their purchase price, which has

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## "Keno" Party To Be Held Here On Friday Evening

Reverberations of those enlightening carnival by-words, "Everybody likes it. Everybody plays it", will be heard again Friday night when the Junior Woman's club second big benefit "Keno" party gets under way.

The charity social will be held in the club room of the library beginning at 8 o'clock. No admission will be charged. The price will be five cents a game.

The initial "Keno" party sponsored by the club was held here about two months ago and more than \$20 was realized for charity movements.

A club committee is making all arrangements and a large assortment of prizes will be on hand for the winners.

## TEAMS DROP OUT OF TOURNAMENT HERE ON FRIDAY

Several teams, entered in the track tournament at Murphy which was to have been held Friday, have dropped out, and O. W. Deaton, Murphy coach who is in charge of arrangements, said Tuesday night the meet would have to be staged among his own track candidates.

Andrews and Cherokee dropped out this week and Deaton said he "had a good team but no meet".

All events will be held Friday, however, among the members of the local team.

## Cherokee Court Is Opened On Tuesday

The spring term of Cherokee county superior court convened here Tuesday with Judge F. Donald Phillips on the bench. The two weeks civil-criminal term was to have opened Monday, but Judge Phillips was unavoidably delayed the first day.

A number of sentences were meted out in minor cases Tuesday and Wednesday. There are no important cases on the large criminal docket.

To his son and three grandchildren the late Asa Brown of Mountainville, N. Y., bequeathed "all my lawful debts."

## TOWN ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 4

Officials Uncertain As  
To Election Date Under  
New Law

Town elections in Murphy will be held on Tuesday, May 4—if there are to be any held this year.

A bill passed in the recent session of the General Assembly increased the term of office for the mayor and board of six aldermen of Murphy from one to two years.

Officials were not certain this week whether the new law became effective upon ratification, which would require the board to serve another term to fill out the required two-year term, or whether it would become effective when the next elections were held.

Authorities, including Representative Harry P. Cooper, who sponsored the bill however, are of the opinion that an election will be held this year.

In any case town officials have ordered a new election, and Mayor J. B. Gray Tuesday said he was expecting to get definite word from Raleigh in the next few days.

Members of Murphy's present board, which was elected on the customary citizen's ticket composed of three Democrats and three Republicans last May, are: C. D. Mayfield, Noah Lovingsood, W. M. Fain, Porter Axley, G. W. Ellis and a vacancy left by W. G. Owenby who moved to Georgia four months ago.

No names of candidates had been filed with the town clerk Tuesday night.

Registration books will be opened in the grocery department of the Murphy Supply company here Saturday. Henry Hyatt will be the registrar. W. O. Adams and F. O. Bates have been named judges.

The registration books will remain open until Saturday, April 24. Saturday, May 1, will be challenge day.

## ORGANIZATION OF GOLF CLUB IS SUGGESTED

Johnson Would Have  
Murphy Citizens, TVA  
Organize Midway Course

Plans for organization of a golf course near Murphy have been outlined by O. D. Johnson, of the TVA recreational division, who is now residing here.

Although Mr. Johnson's duties also require the establishment of recreational facilities at the dam site, 22 miles below here, he feels that the old Midway golf course, three miles east of here, is the best to be obtained and is trying to cooperate citizens of Murphy and TVA employees to re-establish the nine hole course at Midway.

Briefly his plan is to lease the Midway property at a cost of about \$75 per year and get a list of all who are interested in joining the association. If 50 members could be obtained, he has estimated the annual fee would be \$3. This would entitle the members to play as often as they wish and at any time they cared to. Officers of the association would be elected by the members and the course would be under the direction of officials. Rules and regulations would be adopted by the members.

A membership committee could be organized, he said, and divided into two divisions - one to interest the people in the town of Murphy, and the other to interest employees in the TVA area.

A suggested committee for Murphy was: Tom Case, Will Savage and Sam Carr. The suggested TVA committee was: Bill Rogers, O. D. Johnson and Garland Reichle.

Mrs. Angeline Baker, 90, of Loganport, Ind., tripped over a cat and fractured her hip. Pneumonia developed, and she died a few days later.

## Hiwassee Dam Resembles Norris Project As Work Steadily Increases Here

REQUIRE WOOD  
FIRE BUILDERS  
TO GET PERMIT

Birchfield To Get Appli-  
cations For Fires In  
Restricted Areas

Only through permits issued by members of the State Department of Conservation and Development can fires be started in areas under protection by the department. D. M. Birchfield announced this week.

The Cherokee county fire and game warden and deputy sheriff said the law had been enacted in the recent session of the General assembly and would be strictly adhered to.

Mr. Birchfield said he would have permit applications in several days and anyone who wishes to start a fire in the restricted areas could obtain them from him at the sheriff's office in the Murphy courthouse.

"This is the only way we could stop costly fires in the protected areas", the warden said. "If everyone has a permit to start a fire we can expect a whole lot less useless, extravagant woods burning".

The law as passed by the general assembly is stated in full as follows: "The General Assembly of North

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## Murphy Lions Will Sponsor "Ride" Carnival

The Murphy Lions club will sponsor a carnival sometime late in April which will feature a number of rides stored here all winter by Sam Mechanic who had the concession of the Cherokee county fair last fall.

A committee was appointed Tuesday night to make arrangements for the affair. Proceeds will be used by the club for charity purposes. Those to be in charge of the details are: W. M. Fain, Tom Case, V. M. Johnson and H. G. Elkins.

Mr. Mechanic is expected to set the five "rides" up in the fair grounds here about the last week in April, and a number of concessions may be operated by the club.

H. Bueck reported at the meeting that \$25 worth of Crippled Children Easter seals had been purchased by business firms and professional men here.

Harve Elkins and the Rev. Arthur Barber were named as an advisory committee to be in charge of the Lion Workshop for the Blind.

## TROUT SEASON TO OPEN IN W. N. C. ON APRIL 15TH

Trout season will open in Cherokee and other western counties in North Carolina on Thursday, April 15, according to announcement here.

Bass and other species of fish will become lawful on June 11. The trout season lasts through August 31.

Size limit on brook or speckle trout is set at six inches. For rainbow or brown trout the size limit is eight inches. Bag limits for all are 15 per day.

Licenses may be obtained from the Murphy Hardware company or W. B. Diekey and Son Department store, in Murphy; from Arthur Palmer, at Marble, or from P. M. Reagan, in Andrews, according to D. M. Birchfield, county game warden.

**CHANGE IN R. F. D. SERVICE**  
Rural free delivery mail service from Culberson will be discontinued west of the Franklin mountain beginning April 16, and will be served by Route 1 from Copper

Much of Machinery Used  
On Clinch River Job  
Utilized Here

BUILDINGS OPENED

Preliminary Work Goes  
Into Final Stages;  
Activity Increased

Hiwassee dam, 22 miles below Murphy on the Hiwassee river, is the first dam to be built by the Tennessee Valley authority in North Carolina and the second TVA dam intended primarily for water storage.

It will impound water that falls during rainy periods and thus help reduce floods downstream and on the Tennessee river. By releasing this water during dry seasons it will contribute to the regulation of the Tennessee for navigation. From water falling over the dam, power may be salvaged for the generation of electricity. Though a power plant is not now planned, the possible power installation is 112,000 horsepower.

Hiwassee dam will closely resemble Norris dam, both being gravity type structures of similar dimensions. Hiwassee will be 1,265 feet long, not as long as Norris, but 292 feet high some 25 feet higher than the existing structure. Both are designed to block deep, narrow river valleys.

The dam will form a lake covering 6,300 acres, or 10 square miles, and backing water 22 miles to Murphy. Its total storage capacity will be 480,000 acre-feet. The cost, including land of the reservoir area, is estimated at \$15,000,000. Construction fits into the 10-year program for TVA dam building, and completion of the structure is set for 1941.

### Work Is Under Way

Drilling, blasting, and excavating for the foundations are well under way. Preliminary work such as the building of highways, erection of construction plant, construction of housing for workers are now the object of concerted action. Surfacing of Tenn., on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, will be completed early the access road from Turtletown, in the summer. The dam also may be approached from the other side of the river, by way of Murphy. Power to operate the construction equipment comes over a 30-mile line from the Aluminum company of America's power plant at Santeetlah.

The river has been bridged with the same temporary structure that served engineers across the Clinch river at Norris dam. In fact, construction at Hiwassee will so resemble the work at Norris that the authority is effecting a saving of well over \$250,000 on equipment for the North Carolina project.

Portable compressors that powered the jackhammers and wagon drills in their attack at Norris dam are performing the same function for the same drilling equipment now at work on the greywacke foundation at Hiwassee. The same power shovels are now loading the same trucks at the North Carolina project as they did not so many months ago along the Clinch river in Tennessee. Visitors who saw Norris dam under construction will see the same crushing,

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## COUNTY SCHOOL GROUP TO MEET MONDAY, APRIL 5

Cherokee county's seven-member education board will meet Monday to name the superintendent of education in Cherokee county and elect committees in all its 23 school districts.

The board, originally composed of three members, was raised to five by an act of the General Assembly, but Representative Harry P. Cooper had two additional members ratified by the legislature making Cherokee county's board the only seven-member county school group in the state.