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COUNTY SEEKING \$850,000 REFUND FOR ROAD WORK

County Attorney D. H. Tillitt Procures Copy Of Recent Bill

The refund of \$850,000 spent on roads in Cherokee county by the county prior to 1931 when they were taken over by the state, loomed as a possibility when D. H. Tillitt, county attorney this week procured house bill No. 778 defined as "an act to submit the claims filed by counties to the state highway and public works commission for consideration and settlement" which was passed in the last session of the legislature.

"After studying this bill I find there is a chance to get a refund on what the county has put out on its roads that were acquired by the state. I am giving this matter my whole attention and I will do everything possible to get a refund for Cherokee county", Mr. Tillitt, Andrews attorney said.

In September of 1936 Col. Don Witherspoon was county attorney at that time and W. A. Adams, Cherokee county commissioner, made numerous attempts to get a refund, and after attending several district-wide hearings conducted by the highway department, a decision was made against refunding money to any counties of North Carolina for roads constructed by the counties and acquired by the state.

Passage of House Bill 778 in the recent general assembly was called to Mr. Tillitt's attention by a Scout representative. He immediately obtained a copy which is as follows:

Section 1. That the message of the Governor of the State of North Carolina transmitting to the General

TENNIS CLUB IS ORGANIZED HERE; HAS 21 MEMBERS

A tennis club has been organized in Murphy with a membership of 21. Several fine courts have recently been completed on the vacant lots adjoining the TVA offices in Murphy. New members will be admitted to the club on payment of annual membership dues of \$1. O. D. Johnson, of the recreation division of the training section of the TVA is directly responsible for the construction of the courts and will be in charge of membership.

Other rules specify that tennis shoes must be worn on the courts; members who are not working are to be off the courts at 4:30 so that working members may play; none other than registered members may play, and that those who do not have funds to join the club may do so by working out dues on the courts.

Members are: Bill Rogers, P. M. Darby, Kenneth Bartlett, B. C. Moneymaker, Mildred Day, Jack Christopher, Carl Smith, O. D. Johnson, C. C. Woods, Winfred Parrish, Mrs. C. C. Woods, Edwin Hensley, Clyde Sneed, Mary Catherine Hensley, Buel Adams, John Parran, Harvey Elkins, Joe Miller Elkins, and Mr. and Mrs. James B. Ward.

LOCAL BALL TEAM TO OPEN SEASON AT HOME SUNDAY

What was supposed to be Murphy's opening ball game Sunday was suddenly called off when the day dawned rainy and cold.

Henry Hickman, manager of the team, has scheduled a game here with the Englewood, Tenn., team this Sunday.

What the local boys have to offer in the form of a baseball team will be evidence at that time; and as an added incentive Abe Hembree has agreed to donate \$1 for the first hit made by a local player, \$1 for the first run made by a local player and \$1 for the first home run made by a local player.

A Denver church advertised a sermon on "Future Home of the Wicked," adding that a "100 per cent welcome is extended to all."

Unaka Route To Dam Is Closed Wednesday

The Unaka route to the Hiwassee dam site was closed Wednesday when excavation work began on part of the road that leads into the actual site of the dam, David I. Mulligan, chief of police at the dam, reported Wednesday morning.

The only way to get into the dam is by what is known as the Shoal Creek route via Suit, postell and the TVA access road to Turtletown.

The Unaka road is open and in good shape down to about a half-mile of the dam site. There the route runs along the river and under the site where the dam will be constructed. It was necessary to construction to tear up the road at this place Wednesday morning.

Mr. Mulligan said "the road would be closed for good." Citizens of Cherokee county have asked the state to provide them a complete route by way of Unaka, across the dam and connecting with the Shoal Creek route. Assurances have been given that a complete paved loop will be provided when the work is advanced.

The Shoal Creek route which now must be used to get to the dam turns off the Copperhill highway nine miles below here. The route is 21 miles from Murphy to the dam.

Softball League Formed Here; Plan Recreation

A TVA soft ball league has been formed and games will be played every Monday and Thursday afternoon on the Murphy Fair grounds beginning at 4:45. One team is composed of TVA employees working in Murphy and the other is made up of employees at the dam site.

This is part of the recreational program being carried out by O. D. Johnson, of the recreation division of the training section of the TVA.

Also under his supervision several tennis courts have been provided adjoining the Mill offices and more courts for tennis and various other games are being planned.

At the dam site work has begun on the recreation building and soft ball and tennis courts are being constructed there.

Mr. Johnson was also largely responsible for revival of the Midway golf course.

The first soft ball game will be played Thursday afternoon.

The line up will be as follows:

Town Team	Pos	Dam Team
Buel Adams	p	Offutt
Johnson	c	Mulligan
Epper Hensley	1b	Slim Hensley
Smallshaw	2b	Goldston
Rogers	ss	Anderson
Reichle	3b	Giffin
Wheeler	lf	Baldwin
Madden	cf	Barton
Ward	rf	Styles
J. Adams	sf	Reeves

Jack Blagg will umpire.

AUTHENTIC STAGE SETTING TO BE FEATURE OF PLAYS FRIDAY NIGHT

For the first time Murphy playgoers will see actual stage scenery, lighting system and make-up on the local stage Friday night when the Murphy community players and the John C. Campbell Folk school present three one-act plays.

Mr. Kenneth Bartlett, of the TVA training section, is coaching two of the plays, and in his spare time he has built all the scenery and designed the lighting system himself.

Under the supervision of Mr. Bartlett, who spent four years with the famous Carolina Playmakers at the University of North Carolina, patrons at the school auditorium will see doors on the stage actually open and shut, light coming through windows, a fireplace on the stage and a lighting effect that makes only one half of the stage visible.

Although a number of excellent directors have produced plays here none have had the advantage of technical stage direction as has Mr. Bartlett. Heretofore a plain curtained background, footlights and furniture have served as the only techni-

SQUABBLE OVER COUNTY BOARD IS UNSETTLED

Five Members Termed "Unqualified" As School Meet Is Called

Although five of the seven members of Cherokee county's school board have been termed "ineligible" A. L. Martin, reelected on April 24 as county superintendent of schools, has called a meeting of the board for Friday to name committees in all county school districts.

The board met Saturday for this purpose but P. A. Mauney, a member of the seven-member board, said that five were ineligible because they had not qualified before the first Monday in April.

The confusing situation was not enlightened any Tuesday when A. W. Melver, chairman of the Democratic party in Cherokee county, received a telegram from Attorney General A. A. F. Sawell stating that in his opinion five members, Mrs. T. T. Johnson, Mrs. G. W. Cover, Bob King, Fred Martin and J. N. Moody, whose membership are questioned by Mr. Mauney, were ineligible and that a party meeting could be called to elect new members.

Mr. Melver said he would abide by the party's wishes. No meeting had been called Wednesday and Mr. Melver said the "whole thing is all mixed up" and apparently not enough are interested to warrant calling a meeting.

Mr. Martin said Tuesday that Mr. Moody had looked up a parallel case and found that there were no grounds for it.

Cherokee county originally had a three member board. The general assembly passed a law during the last session that all county education boards be composed of five members. Harry P. Cooper, representative, however had the number for this one county raised to seven.

W. E. Moore's membership on the board has not been disputed by Mr. Mauney.

Percy B. Ferebee, of Andrews, was formerly named on the board but he did not qualify and a petition was circulated among the precinct chairman who named Mrs. Johnson in his place.

MISS STILLWELL IS RELECTED TO MURPHY FACULTY

Miss Miriam Stillwell, of Cullowhee, has been reelected to teach the seventh grade in the Murphy school. Her name was omitted from the list of local teachers carried in the Scout last week.

Also Miss Clara McCombes will teach the first grade in the Murphy school. Her name was carried among those teaching in other schools in the unit last week.

Miss Willie Katherine Godfrey will teach the English in the high school.

Miss Grace Wills Bell did not accept a position offered her on the faculty.

cal side of production.

The stage is being remodelled at a great expense and proceeds from the play will be used to improve it.

Mr. Bartlett is directing two of the plays on the full evening's program Friday night. One is a comedy of Eastern North Carolina by Bernice Kelley Harris entitled, "Ca'line", and the other is a drama of old Winston-Salem entitled, "Cloey" by Loretta Carroll Bailey.

The first play to be presented at 8 o'clock will be "Turnip Sallet", a mountain play in two scenes by students of the John C. Campbell Folk School. It is directed by Frank H. Smith, of the Folk school. Characters are: Herman McAbee, Ruby Lee Corne, Ruby Kate Holland, Ralph Day and Homer Raxter.

The cast of characters in "Cloey" are: Sam Carr, Nettie Dickey, Mrs. E. C. Mallonee and Miss Billie Jackson.

The Characters in "Ca'line" will be portrayed by: Mrs. J. H. McCall, Mildred Hill, Kenneth Bartlett, Elbert Mallonee, Jr., Catherine Coleman, John Parran and Homer Ricks.

Gray And Board Are Elected City Fathers In Heavy Vote Held In Murphy On Tuesday

HUGE SUM IS APPROPRIATED FOR DAM HERE

Congress Gives, \$3,700,000 For Construction On Hiwassee Project

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The house of representatives Wednesday, April 28, authorized an expenditure of approximately \$3,700,000 for construction work on the TVA Hiwassee dam 22 miles below Murphy during the next fiscal year.

The budget bureau had approved an expenditure of \$35,000,00 for the Gunter, Hiwassee, Pickwick Landing and Chicamauga dams during the next fiscal year and the house appropriations committee cut this amount by \$3,634,850.

The full appropriation would have allowed an expenditure next year of \$3,947,589 on the Hiwassee dam and (Continued on back page)

Fisherman Get New Button For Fishing License

Licensed North Carolina fishermen will at least begin their outings this year under a good omen in the form of a new type of permit button shaped like a fish.

The State fishing license buttons this year will be of metal in the form of a bream, one of the most popular of the game fishes in North Carolina, according to an announcement today by J. D. Cralk, State game and inland fisheries commissioner.

Last year, an innovation in the form of the first metal license button was issued for the State hunting and fishing license. This special feature, according to Mr. Cralk, stimulated materially the sale of this type of license, and similar results are expected from the new type of fishing license.

The new plate is bronze colored, about two inches in length and one and a quarter inch in depth. At the top it carries the year for which it was issued and a facsimile of the State seal. In the center are the words, "North Carolina State Resident Fishing License", with the number of the tag in the bottom center.

Fishing, interrupted for the spawning season in Eastern North Carolina, will be resumed on May 11, and the season for warm water fish will begin on June 11 in Western North Carolina counties. Trout fishing in Western North Carolina which opened on April 15 will continue until September 1.

According to Commissioner Cralk, the most complete cooperation ever extended by the public in the observance of the closed seasons has been evidenced this year. Already, he continued, a substantial increase in the sale of fishing licenses, the receipts from which support entirely the operation of the various hatcheries and make possible an extensive program for maintaining the supply of game fish, has been experienced.

Baptists To Observe Mothers Day Program

A special Mothers Day program will be held at the First Baptist church of Murphy Sunday at which time new hymnals, the gift of members and non-members of the church, will be used.

Mrs. Emily Davidson is arranging a special musical program, and the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Ammons, will pay a tribute to mothers.

Those wishing to contribute hymnals at 50 cents each are asked to get in touch with either Mrs. Davidson or Mrs. Clyde Gennett.

Fain Ticket Is Defeated
By Three To One
Majority Here

TERM IS TWO YEARS

Mayor and 3 Aldermen
Are Incumbents;
Election Is Quiet

With a record ballot being cast in Murphy Tuesday, J. B. Gray was re-elected mayor for a two-year term. Named to serve with him as aldermen were: C. D. Mayfield, Noah Lovinwood, E. C. Moore, George W. Ellis, W. H. Murray and T. W. Axley.

Two tickets were submitted the voters. The vote was as follows: for mayor—J. B. Gray 535, W. M. Fain 170; for aldermen—Mayfield 532, Lovinwood 486, Moore 525, Ellis 488, Murray 514, Axley 524, J. W. McMillian 197, Allen Ramsey 165, J. B. Mulkey 150, C. M. Wofford 186, J. W. Franklin 206 and Warren Sneed 230.

Four hundred and six straight ballots were cast for Gray's ticket and 113 were cast for Fain's ticket.

Gray, Mayfield, Lovinwood and Ellis are incumbents having served on the town board for the past three years. Up until this year municipal elections have been held every year.

Although a record vote was cast no disorder was evident. Voting began heavily in the forenoon and continued until dark.

Approximately 900 names were registered with Henry Hyatt during the five weeks prior to the election. W. O. Adams and Fred Bates served as judges of the election.

MANY FARMS ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR SOIL FUNDS

Of the 2400 farms listed by census takers in Cherokee county, about 900 have signed up under the soil conservation plan for 1937, A. Q. Ketner, county agent, has revealed.

The figures indicate a slight increase over the number of local farms cooperating in the soil building practices during the past year, he said. In 1936, 578 farms of 806 up were eligible for soil conservation payments, he stated, and to date \$10,099.71 have been paid to their owners although checks for nearly 100 of them have not yet arrived here.

Mr. Ketner recommends that farmers wishing soil benefit payments sign up with him at once in his office in the Murphy court house as the closing date on applications is about two weeks off.

The agent's staff has conducted meetings in 21 communities of the county to explain the soil conservation program. Mr. Ketner asks those wishing further information to either get in touch with him during regular working hours at his office or with some community committeeman.

Golf Is Resumed At Midway Course Sunday

Playing was resumed on the nine-hole Midway golf course Sunday. The reopening of the course, two miles east of Murphy, was made possible through the raising of a \$200 fund here in the form of membership fees among townfolk and TVA families.

Mr. Virgil Johnson has been added to the list of the 40 persons whose names were carried in the paper last week as subscribers.

Cow Is Found Mad; Consumers Worried

When a cow on the farm of Mrs. Anna Steadman, of near Peachtree, was found this week to have been mad, a number of Mrs. Steadman's butter and cream consumers here have become quite concerned.

The cow died Friday night and its head was sent to Raleigh where it was found to have been affected by rabies.