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TVA AGREES TO RAISE PARK FOR GRANT OF LAND

Murphy Fair Grounds Will be Raised, it is De- cided Wednesday

The Murphy Fair grounds and ball park will be raised above the level of the water to be backed up by the Hiwassee dam and thus retained in their present location, it was agreed by the TVA and local officials Wednesday morning at a meeting in the town hall.

An agreement whereby the town would give between 75 and 115 feet along the Valley river which marks the southern boundary of the fair grounds and ball park, to the TVA to raise the grounds and the fair building a necessary height to keep them from being inundated by waters backed up from the dam, was reached, E. O. Christopher, town clerk said.

He estimated the Fair building would have to be raised about three feet and the ten-acre lot between two and five feet. A \$15000 concrete bridge spanning the Valley river on Highway No. 19 at one entrance to the park is not expected to be covered by the water.

The Fair grounds constituted one of the few town lots that are expected to be inundated when the TVA's Hiwassee project is completed. As this is one of the few level lots in the city limits of Murphy, the question arose as to where to relocate the park.

The park is about 300 yards long by 150 yards wide. It is bounded on the south by the Valley river which converges with the Hiwassee river about a half mile below the ball park. Highway No. 19 is the eastern boundary of the lot and a road running to the Factorytown section of Murphy is on the north.

WILL ARRANGE FOR EXTENSION COURSE FOR ALL TEACHERS

Dr. Willis A. Parker, director of extension at Western Carolina Teachers college, will be at the Murphy graded school Saturday at 1 p. m. for the purpose of organizing extension classes for teachers who desire to either raise their certificates or extend them, it was announced by school authorities here Wednesday.

All teachers in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties are eligible.

The classes will meet each Saturday for a three-hour period and will carry a full year's college credit.

Dr. Parker will explain the courses, fees and other information to those who are interested Saturday.

Bus, Loaded With TVA Workmen, In Smash-Up

Dayton's bus, carrying six workmen from Murphy to the TVA project at Hiwassee dam, and a Ford car driven by a man from Oklahoma collided five miles south of town on the Copperhill road Monday afternoon.

None of the men (who work an evening shift) nor the driver of the bus were hurt. The man driving the other car was cut about the head. The Oklahoma car was badly smashed-up but the bus was not so badly damaged.

According to witnesses the bus was making a left hand curve in a fill when the driver saw the other car coming at a fast rate of speed. The highway was wet so the bus driver pulled over to the edge of the road and stopped. The Ford car collided with the bus' left fender.

Masonic District Meet Marble Well-Attended

The 43rd Masonic district meeting at Marble on Wednesday, August 18, was widely attended.

Two sessions were held—one in the afternoon for officers and one in the evening for all Masons from the district. Delegates from every lodge in the district attended.

Present at the meeting were John H. Anderson, grand secretary; Watson N. Sherrod, grand master of the grand lodge of North Carolina, and W. D. Williams.

Gov. Hoey Visitor In Cherokee County



"Anticipating a friendly visit to this Western county", Gov. Clyde R. Hoey arrived in Murphy to spend Wednesday night. The North Carolina chief executive has been calling in the Western counties of the state for the past month.

No elaborate plans have been made to entertain the governor on his visit here.

SELL \$600 WORTH OF CANNERY STOCK UP TO WEDNESDAY

About \$600 in Mountain Valley Associated Cooperative cannery stock had been sold here at Wednesday noon, W. M. Fain, chairman of the board of directors of the cannery, announced.

About \$3000 in combined Class "A" and membership stock is being sought by a committee to finance the cannery and assure its permanent maintenance here.

Mr. Fain said that following a meeting of a committee in charge of raising the quota, about 20 shares of the Class "A" six per cent, non-accumulative stock had been sold at \$25 per share, and about 20 shares of the membership common stock at \$5 per share which is payable by five per cent deductible from cannery payments to members had been purchased.

The committee is seeking to sell 100 shares of each type. Members of the group soliciting the sale of stock are: Mr. Fain, who is chairman, Mayor J. B. Gray, Frank Gheringhelli, E. R. Thompson, the cannery manager, George Ellis, Park W. Fisher, Peyton G. vie, Tom Case, Quay Ketner, R. B. Wooten and Harve Elkins.

Cooper Comments On Local Legislation

Colonel Harry P. Cooper, past representative to the North Carolina Legislature, was in Murphy this week and commented upon the growth and evident prosperity of this town.

He also viewed with interest activities made possible through bills which he introduced into this year's session of the legislature. Some of these bills provided for Sunday movies, Sunday ball games, and local pool rooms.

During his stay in the legislature he introduced many important bills which were passed and which had great beneficial influence upon the people of Cherokee county.

Colonel Cooper and his wife left here the latter part of May for Washington, where he is employed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Previous to this time he practiced law in Murphy.

He stated that he expected to return to Murphy sometime in October for the term of Superior Court that is to be held at that time.

In announcing his intended visit here, Gov. Hoey advised Dr. J. N. Hill and others "that he did not wish to make a speech" and that he was just "anticipating a friendly visit" here.

The governor was accompanied here by his wife and Miss Hill and Miss Hoey. The party stopped at the Regal Hotel.

Local Matters Are Discussed At Lions Meet

Discussions for advertising Murphy transportation of crippled people to clinics and the obtaining of WPA funds for local improvements were held by members of the Murphy Lions Club at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Principally accenting the need for local school improvements, a committee was appointed to delve into the means of obtaining WPA funds. Those named were: Harve Elkins, chairman; E. C. Moore and W. M. Fain.

Dr. E. E. Adams was named to seek free transportation of local patients to clinics, and Sam Carr was advised on matters of publicity.

At the meeting the transfer of R. W. Gray, former county agent here to the Enfield, N. C. club was noted, and the resignation of W. G. Crawford was accepted.

McCASLAN HERE TO HELP FARMERS IN RELOCATION WORK

C. L. McCaslan, extension specialist of Raleigh, has arrived in Murphy to assume his duties assisting the farmers of the Hiwassee area in their relocation problems.

He is asking for listings of property to be either obtained by those who must move due to the acquisition of land by the TVA here or those who wish to dispense of property to those who must relocate.

Mr. McCaslan said he would work with the county agents in this section in dealing with the farmers' relocation problems. At present his office is in the Grand Jury room in the Murphy court house, and by October he plans to be moved into an office across from the county agent's office.

Prior to his coming here, Mr. McCaslan was doing extension work in Gaston county, N. C., for two years. He is a native of South Carolina and was county agent in that state for 13 years before becoming connected with the North Carolina extension division.

Mrs. B. W. Whitfield, Mrs. T. A. Case and Mrs. H. Bueck attended the bridge party given by Miss Dair McCracken in Hayesville last week.

Highest Temperature In Murphy Is 94!

Here is proof that Murphy has one of the coolest and most delightful climates of any section of the country.

The highest temperature recorded here so far this summer was 94 degrees on July 15. The preceding day the mercury climbed to 93, and the day before that to 92. On August 3 and 4 the temperature also rested at a high of 92.

These temperatures compare closely to those of 1936. During one week in the middle of July last year a heat wave struck Murphy during which time the mercury climbed to 101.

The amount of rainfall, officially recorded up until last Thursday, was 37.32 inches, as compared to 44.38 during the same period in 1936.

These figures have been supplied by the engineering data division of the TVA. James Smallshaw is head of the department.

"TRADE-AT-HOME" CAMPAIGN BEGUN BY LOCAL GROUP

Merchants Cooperating In Sponsoring Series of Advertisements

Seeking to greatly augment the volume of business done here during the coming fall season, most local merchants are cooperatively advertising to draw Cherokee county trade to Murphy.

Twenty-two local merchants and the town of Murphy will work together in bringing a series of four messages to the people of Cherokee county designed to bring their fall trade into the county seat.

Officials estimate that annually there is thousands of dollars worth of business done outside of the county, when values just as good could be obtained here.

The series of full-page advertisements will seek to point out the advantage of trading with Murphy merchants. Designed to be informative, they will promote the idea that "money spent at home is money saved," that the quality of local goods is comparable to those obtained outside the county's confines, that the selections and price are equal, and that when money is spent in the community it remains here and revolves among local citizens.

It has been pointed out that favorable weather conditions and general road improvements are primarily responsible for one of the most successful years in Cherokee county agriculture.

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NEW STORE WILL BE OPENED HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Announcement came this week of the opening of a new store in Murphy on Wednesday, Sept. 1, which will occupy the same building that now houses W. B. Dickey and Sons. This new mercantile establishment will operate under the name of Mallonee and Davidson, and will carry a complete line of ladies and gents furnishings, and fancy and staple groceries.

The interior of the building is being redecorated and refurbished this week, and is being made ready for the formal opening which will be held on Sept. 1.

The proprietors said yesterday that they were already receiving their shipments of new stock, and that their stock would be complete and up-to-date in every respect.

The store has been taken over and will be run by Elbert Mallonee and Jerry W. Davidson, both men whom have had many years experience in the merchandising business in Murphy.

This is just one among the many additions to the new establishments in Murphy, and should aid in making the town more prosperous and desirable for both tourist and local trade.

SCHOOLS READY FOR OPENING AT 8:30 ON MONDAY

Last Minute Instructions, Schedules Are Officially Announced

Buildings in the entire Murphy school unit have been undergoing extensive repairing during the past two weeks and it is expected that everything will be in readiness by Friday for the opening Monday.

In the local building 700 desks have been sandpapered and varnished by employes of the out-of-school NYA.

The hours for the fall semester will be from 8:30 until 3 with the exception of the first three grades which will be dismissed at 2 p. m. The lunch period will be from 11:55 until 12:40. A hot lunch will be sold in the school lunch room for all those desiring to stay on the school grounds during that hour. On rainy days a shorter schedule for the lunch period will be in effect.

On the opening day Monday, Aug. 30 elementary pupils are to assemble at chapel at 8:30 after which they will go to their home rooms for instruction as to the classes and books. At 9 o'clock high school pupils will meet in chapel for instructions as to registration, books and schedule. It is possible that all students will be dismissed by noon on the opening day.

New Courses Offered

Seven new courses are being offered in the high school this year. Typewriting and shorthand will be taught in the elementary school in what was formerly the music studio. Miss Ruth Dennis will be in charge of these courses. A laboratory fee of \$1 per

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FUNERAL IS HELD FOR MRS. KETRON

Mrs. Rosa Ketron, 83, member of a distinguished Georgia family, and a former resident of Murphy, died Thursday, Aug. 19, at her home in Atlanta.

She had moved to Atlanta less than a year ago from Murphy, where she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harry P. Cooper, now of Washington.

Widow of Dr. I. Ketron, widely known physician of Clarksville, and Gainesville, she is the daughter of the late W. R. McConnell, Confederate soldier of Hiwassee.

She was an outstanding member of the Methodist church, and prominently identified with several of the Methodist institutions in the towns where she lived. Her late brother, Rev. F. C. McConnell, was the first pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist church, which he served about 15 years.

She was a faithful member of the Methodist church here and had made innumerable friends while she lived here.

Surviving are a second daughter, wife of Dr. H. W. Ketron, staff physician with the U. S. Veteran's Hospital in Atlanta; three sons, Dr. M. B. Ketron, of Kansas City, Mo.; Harold W. Ketron, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and Grover C. Ketron, of Los Angeles; and a brother, S. E. McConnell, of Atlanta.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Clarksville Methodist church, with burial in a cemetery in Clarksville.

To Give Tests For Auto License Again

Murphy will be revisited by G. A. Stewart, of Asheville, driving license inspector, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 1, from 1 to 5 p. m., he announced this week.

Chauffers and operators license will be issued. Mr. Stewart stated that he will be at the Murphy court house every two weeks for the purpose of giving driving tests.

All applicants between the ages of 16 and 18 must have the signature of their parents, he said. Those driving without license, according to a new law, are subject to arrest and consequent fine or imprisonment, Mr. Stewart stated.