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NEW COMMUNITY IS ESTABLISHED IN TELlico AREA

Huge Lumber Industry Responsible For Remote Settlement

A brand new community has inauspiciously sprung up in one of the wildest and most remote sections of Cherokee county, and so far off man's beaten path is this miniature village that routine life has been carried on there for the past six months to the knowledge of but very few people.

Although uncharted on modern maps and plats, this community rests peacefully in the Tellico mountain area of Cherokee county on the Tennessee river which divides North Carolina and Tennessee. It is situated in the rugged mountain country northeast of Murphy.

Its existence is due to the operations there of the Vestal Lumber and Manufacturing company of Knoxville, Tenn. Workmen were moved there last July to haul out pine lumber estimated at 60,000,000 feet. Houses and even a school were built to accommodate the families occupied by the industry. Its population is somewhere between 100 and 150 people.

Almost inaccessible to surrounding communities. The lumber is being transferred into Tennessee. For years local citizens have sought a passable road into the site of operations but no satisfactory outlet into this county was ever attained. The company's branch headquarters are located at Tellico Plains, Tenn.

The town is located on a tract of land consisting of about 600 acres. Up until the establishment of the community very few white men ever saw this section of the country, although it dates back historically as early as 1894.

At one time there was a dispute whether North Carolina or Tennessee owned this rich lumber tract. The case was taken to the Supreme court about 1904 and the decision gave the property to North Carolina. At present the entire settlement and land tract is on the Carolina side of the river.

It is located at a place known as the Indian Camp Ground, a settlement around which has been built a weird legend of two Indians and one white man who had built a camp there and were later burned to death in it.

Zim Roberts, of the Beaverdam section of Cherokee county, is said to be the pioneer settler of the community. W. D. (Andy) Hass and Leonard Walker are fire wardens at present for that section.

With the advent of the workmen's families came the need for a school. It was built and equipped by the residents. Its enrollment is 15 students and Miss Katherine D. Eiler, of Hay-essville, is the teacher.

Reward Is Offered By Show Operators

A \$15 reward is being offered by the management of the Strand Theater for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who destroyed a number of advertisements in front of the theater and other places in town on Christmas eve.

Mrs. W. R. Sherrill said that one large advertising board was removed from the front of the theater and later found in the river below the Hiwassee bridge.

Local Store Award Remains Unclaimed

The winner of the electric train which was to have been given away by the Davidson and McIver store in Murphy Christmas Eve has not yet been claimed, the owners said Monday.

They announced the winners name had been posted in their window and if they did not call for the train by this coming Saturday at 3 p. m. it would be awarded to someone else.

MASONIC OFFICERS ARE ELECTED HERE ON MONDAY NIGHT

At a regular communication of Cherokee Lodge No. 146 A. F. and A. M. held in Murphy Monday night officers for the coming year were elected.

They are: J. C. Hembree, master; J. Franklin Smith, senior warden; Aud Sudderth, junior warden; R. D. Lovingood, treasurer, and W. A. Hembree secretary.

CIVIL SESSION OF COURT WILL CONVENE JAN. 23

Judge Clement Scheduled To Preside; Juries Are Selected

The regular January term of the Cherokee County Superior court will convene in Murphy Monday, Jan. 24, for the trial of civil cases only.

Judge John H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, is scheduled to preside.

Jury men for the session have been chosen as follows:

First Week—B. P. Lovingood, Murphy; S. L. Postell, Andrews; Arthur Ledford, Murphy, route 2; A. N. Kephart, Murphy, route 3; James Cornwell, Murphy; B. G. Mingus, Murphy; Oliver Dockery, Murphy; J. Z. Mulkey Grandview; John Davidson, Murphy; J. A. Floyd, Vests.

Charlie Cambe, Murphy; Laurence Anderson, Andrews; J. H. Christy, Andrews; F. C. Davis, Viet; John Keener, Tomotla; N. W. Crisp, Murphy; Sam Ammons, Andrews; Ivan Harris, Culberson; C. C. Mills, Murphy, route 2; Verlon Evans, Ranger, M. F. Odell Grandview; Bob Peak, Murphy, route 3; and T. P. Calhoun, Murphy.

Second Week—H. G. Elkins, Murphy; Decator Styley, Vest; Brack Derreberry, Andrews; W. J. Crain, Vest; Porter Axley, Murphy; Wesley Pendland, Murphy; J. H. McClure, Murphy; D. T. McNabb, Suit; Frank Fisher, Murphy; Jack Hall, Murphy; M. H. Duckworth, Murphy; Joe Axley, Murphy.

Edd Munday, Culberson; C. C. Foister, Culberson, route 2; Sam Williams, Andrews; Jim Franklin, Murphy; W. A. Hyde, Andrews; G. W. Harper, Tomotla; John Crow, Unaka; R. W. Rector, Andrews; Carl Anderson, Culberson; Boyd Stiles, Murphy; John McGumrey, Murphy, route 3, and J. A. Hass, Murphy, route 3.

FEDERATION GROUP PLANS MEETING IN MURPHY SATURDAY

There will be a meeting of interest to all farmers held in the Court-house in Murphy on Saturday morning, Jan. 8, at ten o'clock. All who have subscribed for stock in the Farmers Federation, Inc., are urged to attend this meeting. This is the second meeting held here by the Farmers Federation. It is for the purpose of collecting stock subscription. Directors for the Murphy Warehouse will be elected at this meeting if sufficient stock has been paid in so as to give a number to select the Directors from.

James G. K. McClure, president; Guy M. Sales, general manager; and Vance A. Browning, educational director, will attend the meeting. The Farmers Federation string band from Asheville will be on hand to make music. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting. Final plans for opening the warehouse in Murphy will be made.

It is the plan now to have the opening day on Saturday February 5th.

Miss Ellen Cooper Axley has returned to Greensboro where she is a student at Greensboro College. Miss Axley was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Axley, during the Christmas vacation.

Barr Is Named Administrator Of Cooperatives

J. E. Barr, general manager of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Canning Association, has been named administrator of Tennessee Valley Authority Cooperatives succeeding J. Ed Campbell.

Headquarters for the administration will be located in Waynesville instead of Knoxville. Mr. Barr's new position with TVAC will not mean any changes as general manager of the Land O' The Sky. He will remain as general manager, but has turned over the sales department to James Neal, who has been with the Waynesville office for a number of years.

The TVAC comprises four canneries, one creamery, a flour mill and a handcraft shop. The canneries are located at Murphy, Hazelwood, Green Mountain and Cranberry. The creamery is at Brasstown, and the flour mill at Newport, while the handcraft shop is at Norris.

Mr. Barr was named canning supervisor of the TVAC in May, 1934. A year later he was made general manager of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Canning Association. The Association is a regional cooperative, with eight members operating 9 canneries in Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina. The sales of all canneries are made through the Waynesville office.

The Land O' The Sky Mutual Association gives technical service, accounting service, and does some buying and all the selling for the members in the group. Four people are employed in the office alone, and at times several more are used.

Last year the Association packed 150,000 cases of canned goods. Plans are underway this year to pack at least 300,000 cases.

Mr. Barr said that many more cases of some items could have been sold during the past year.

SCOUT PUBLISHER RETURNS HERE TO ATTEND BUSINESS

Mr. L. A. Lee, publisher of the Cherokee Scout has returned to Murphy indefinitely to look after business matters here.

Two other members of the Scout force have gone to Dalton, Ga. to become connected with the Dalton News, another paper owned by Mr. Lee. Hadley Williamson will act as advertising manager on that publication while Roy Cook will work there as a Linotype operator.

These changes were made effective the first of the year when the Scout closed its 1937 books on the most successful year it has ever had under its present management.

"The Scout has had an extremely good year", Mr. Lee said upon his return here after the holidays. "It is certainly our intention that it shall continue to serve the very best interests of Murphy and Cherokee county in every way during the coming year".

During the holidays Mr. Lee made an extensive trip through the South and in connection with his business has visited innumerable printing shops in the last several months. "I find," he stated, "that printing prices in Murphy average about 25 per cent lower than other sections. I am gratified to know this and at the same time realize that we can operate on this basis and still maintain a flourishing business."

"The people of this community can be assured of our very best efforts in their behalf during the coming year."

Department Store Is Closed In Murphy

The Regal Department store in Murphy was closed and bankruptcy announced by its owner, Ott. J. Oscher, Saturday night.

Mr. Oscher and family came here over a year ago from Sweetwater, Tenn., and leased the building adjoining the Regal hotel where the business has been conducted ever since.

MRS. POSEY TAKES RESIGNED N. Y. A. POST IN MURPHY

Mrs. Garland Posey, of Murphy, has accepted a position with the Cherokee county National Youth administration office. It was recently resigned by Mrs. H. A. Mattox.

Mrs. Posey is well-known through the county having lived at both Andrews and Murphy.

Mrs. Mattox left before Christmas to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Cooper, in Washington, D. C.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED HERE

Request Is Made By Practically All Subscribers In Murphy

A new telephone system in Murphy appeared imminent Tuesday following the receipt of a letter here from Stanley Winborne, North Carolina utilities commissioner.

Stating that since he had been advised "that the telephone subscribers in Murphy had unanimously agreed to the increase in rates (which amount to 25 cents per month on all phones and which were outlined in another letter several weeks ago), it consideration of the change in telephone exchange facilities, and that no one had opposed same" he had asked W. E. Duncan, of the Southern Bell Telephone company, "that the conversion be made as soon as practicable."

"I assume that a little time will be required, for the reason that in all probability new equipment will have to be purchased," he added.

Requests for an improved system in Murphy followed the passage of resolutions by the Cherokee Medical Society and the Murphy Lions club and the signing of a petition by practically all subscribers several months ago.

They were sent to Mr. Winborne, as well as the telephone company officials, and the commissioner replied that a more adequate system would require an increase of 25 cents per month for all types of subscribers and that he be advised of their wishes in this matter.

A survey of practically all the subscribers was made with no dissension voiced.

At present a magneto system is being used here which requires the ringing of a bell to attract the operators attention and subsequent "ringing off".

It was pointed out in the petitions that not only would the improvement facilitate subscribers but a better impression would be made with visitors, tourists and out-of-town business folk.

Local employees were not held responsible for "unsatisfactory service" here.

HARBIN ARRIVES TO TAKE POSITION WITH MARBLE CO.

Mr. Frank Harbin, of Atlanta, Ga., has arrived in Andrews to become connected with the Columbia Marble company in the place of Mr. Tom Coggins, Jr., who was transferred to a marble company in Elberton, Ga., Jan. 1.

Mr. Harbin is temporarily staying in the home of Mr. D. S. Russel, and his wife and daughter, Frances, are visiting him there until permanent living quarters are found.

Mr. Coggins, popular Cherokee county sportsman and manager of the Marble baseball team, had been connected with the marble company for the past six years.

Bill Bayless, after spending Christmas here, has gone to High Point to resume his duties as State revenue collector.

TVA GOES INTO NEW YEAR WITH PLANS ADVANCED

Program of Development In 1937 Reviewed By Federal Agency

The Tennessee Valley authority said in a "review of progress" Monday it entered the New Year well advanced on a unified program of flood control, navigation, power development and agricultural planning.

Giant generators by hydro-electric power were in operation at three of 12 proposed dams on the Tennessee river and its tributaries, while construction progressed rapidly on four other dams.

"Completion (of the unified program) is, of course dependent upon appropriations of the necessary funds by congress", the authority said.

"With consistent allotment of funds for the purpose, the construction program would end about 1945 or 1946 upon completion of the Gilbertsville, Ky., dam."

At the close of the last fiscal year the authority's expenditures and obligations totaled approximately \$188,000,000 including \$31,300,000 valuation on the war-time Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals, Ala., and \$700,000 worth of general equipment and inventories.

A network of electric power lines spread over the TVA's domain from Norris Dam, on the Clinch river in upper east Tennessee, 500 miles across state to Memphis and into parts of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

The authority said it now had 36,000 residential, commercial and industrial consumers of its surplus electric energy, including 18 municipalities and 15 co-operative power associations.

The report showed that from 1934 until Nov. 30, 1937, the TVA's revenues from the sale of electricity totaled \$5,055,195 with total income of more than \$9,000,000.

The New Year found the authority with four dams completed, four under construction, one authorized by congress, and three proposed but as yet unauthorized.

Other activities in brief:

Flood control—already successful, the authority said, with Norris Dam alone able to reduce flood crests at Chattanooga from three to five feet.

Navigation—river traffic increased to pre-depression levels on Tennessee due to guarantee of navigable channel year 'round.

Agriculture—Approximately 5,500 farmers with 24,000 farms covering 3,300,000 acres adjusting acreage use to soil building-conserving practices and testing TVA's new fertilizer "Metaphos" which has 60 to 65 per cent available phosphate plant food instead of 16 to 20 per cent in now widely used superphosphate.

Forestry—Supervised planting 38,000 trees, in addition to 18,000,000 seedlings in TVA nurseries. Badly gullied and abandoned areas on 4,500 farms treated to halt erosion and restore land's usefulness.

Famous Painting Is Displayed Thursday

Quite a number of local people viewed the original painting by James Montgomery Flagg exhibited here Thursday afternoon by the Forest Service.

The painting, which depicted Uncle Sam as a forest ranger pointing to a forest blaze with the inscription, "Your Forests—Your Fault—Your loss" was displayed in the court house lobby.

Mr. Flagg recently donated the picture to President Franklin D. Roosevelt as his contribution to curbing costly forest fires.

Nearly a million colored posters have been made of the painting and distribution throughout the country.

It was originally scheduled to be displayed here Friday.