

Work On Hiwassee Dam Progresses As Concrete Is Poured On Wednesday

Informal Group Watches
Beginning Of Actual
Construction

WILL END IN 1940

Work On \$20,000,000 Project At Its Height At This Time

In one swift movement, construction of the \$20,000,000 TVA Hiwassee dam, 16 miles below here, changed from preliminary to actual stages Wednesday.

Before an informal group from Cherokee county and surrounding territory and officials from Tennessee, the first concrete was poured shortly after noon Wednesday.

At the completion of the dam some 760,000 cubic yards of concrete will have been poured. The engineers at the dam are using a huge cableway system identical to the one used at Norris dam in pouring the concrete. Buckets carrying seven yards of concrete and weighing approximately 15 tons when loaded are transported to any desired location to be poured.

When completed, Hiwassee dam will be 312 feet high, 1,265 feet long and approximately 209 feet at the widest part of its base.

Completion date is about the middle of 1940.

When completed the dam will form a lake 22 miles long with an area of 6,200 acres and 150 miles of shoreline. The dam site is 21 miles from Murphy, and some 76 miles from the junction of Hiwassee river and Tennessee river.

Engineers said that the foundation at the site of Hiwassee dam is probably the best in the Tennessee valley area.

The huge storage capacity of Hiwassee dam will prove beneficial in controlling floods on the Tennessee, Ohio, and Mississippi rivers. Many recreational benefits will be derived from the creation of the dam. It is in a beautiful wooded mountainous area.

Mrs. Oma Pinkerton Opens Store Locally

Mrs. Oma A. Pinkerton, of Murphy, has taken over the produce and grocery store recently operated by W. Abernathy, it was announced Tuesday.

The store is located on Tennessee street adjoining Sword's Barber Shop.

Couple Married During Excitement Of Filing

In the great rush and hub-bub of last minute filing Saturday night when most of the candidates were standing around with the "tall green" in their hands and waiting to sign on the dotted line, Fred Bates, the chairman of elections and justice of the peace, who was literally sweating blood, felt a tap on the shoulder.

"Whatcher want," he literally bawled out expecting to find some candidate trying to get in before the books closed. "What office ya filin' for?"

Instead a rather hesitant and excited voice came back: "Well, you see, we just wanted to get married."

So in front of a couple dozen would-be office holders, the vows were spoken in deepest reverence. The couple scooted out on their honeymoon, as Mr. Bates returned to his books, and the candidates (most of them married) dreamed fonder dreams of public plums.

The happy couple was Thurman Stanley and Rosalie Edmonson, both of Robbinsville.

FINALS ARE HELD AT MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY

Judge Felix E. Alley Address Students On "Age of Opportunity"

A splendid address on the "Age of Opportunity" by Judge Felix E. Alley, distinguished Western North Carolinian, was delivered at the final exercises for 76 Murphy high school seniors Friday night.

With his appeal for honesty and integrity ringing in their ears, the largest class in the history of the school, resplendent in their dark grey caps and gowns, marched slowly across the stage of the auditorium and gathered in their diplomas—the final step of 11 years' school work well done. Diplomas were given out by Dr. J. N. Hill, prominent local physician and chairman of the board of education. Seventy-six seniors and 68 seventh-graders were given diplomas.

The graduation exercises were among the most impressive ever held here and culminated two weeks of commencement activities on the campus.

The final exercises began with the procession "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" by Roberta Carringer.

Joseph Miller Elkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins, of Murphy, gave the salutatory address.

Two choral numbers by the girls glee club followed.

H. Bueck, superintendent of the school of the Murphy unit, then introduced Judge Alley, and following his inspiring address Billie Jackson and Jack Barnett rendered a piano duet.

The presentation of various awards and medals was made by H. G. Elkins, member of the school board. Diplomas were then given out by Dr. Hill.

The valedictory address was rendered by Frances Calhoun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Calhoun, of Murphy, for maintaining the highest scholastic average.

Those acting as marshals for the occasion were: Mary Frances Bell, chief; Lillian Raper, Violet Anderson, Louis Shields and J. D. Palmer.

American Legion Post To Meet Friday Night

Members of the local Joe Miller Elkins post of the American Legion will hold a dinner in the Regal Hotel in Murphy Friday night at 6:30 o'clock with their wives as guests.

The membership of the post numbers about 60 at present with the addition recently of a number of veterans working on the TVA's Hiwassee dam project near here.

Jim Franklin, vice-commander, who is making arrangements for the dinner, said no definite program had been outlined.

New Over-Look House At Dam Visited By 600

Approximately 600 persons from 12 different states saw Hiwassee Dam from the new over-look house on the observation point on the dam Sunday. This was the first week-end that the over-look house has been officially opened to visitors. It is a modernistically designed building. Inside the walls are covered with glass-enclosed pictures, subversely lighted, which portray graphically the program of the Tennessee Valley Authority. One display shows the attempt being made to keep the water from badly eroded lands by use of modern agricultural methods, while another display shows the program of keeping the water in the rivers by the building of dams. In this display is a picture of each TVA dam, some complete and others in various stages of construction.

Another interesting exhibit is a minutely designed model of Norris Dam with a very spectacular lighting effect produced by indirect lighting. This model was used by the government in their exhibit at the Paris Exposition last year.

On Sunday the largest crowd to ever visit the dam enjoyed the comments and explanations of the uniformed officer stationed at the over-look house to explain the project to the visitors. Until the visitor traffic necessitates it, a guide will be stationed at the observation point only on Sunday but for those interested who visit the project during the week information can be received at the Public Safety headquarters.

Swan Is Unopposed In Senatorial Race

In filing for State senator from the 33rd senatorial district, Capt. Frank Swan, of Andrews, became the only Republican candidate for the office from the district.

Meanwhile Fred O. Bates, chairman of the Cherokee county board of elections, had been informed that three Democrats had filed in the district. They are: R. B. (Jack) Morphey, of Robbinsville; Guy L. Houck, of Franklin, and Dr. Kelley E. Bennett, of Bryson City.

Sinclair Oil Men Meet Friday Night

A group of 15 Sinclair oil dealers representing the Murphy-Bryson City territory held a dealers meeting in the Regal hotel in Murphy on Friday night.

Along with the regular discussion a meal was served those present. Harrison Duncan is the local distributor.

'YOU'RE ALL WET' SAYS BRO. TOWNSON 'PICS WERE TAKEN BY THE THOUSAND'

(Wayne Townson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Townson, who is now a student at the Cincinnati College of Embalming, forwards us the following letter in regard to a news article recently published on the front page of the "Scout". Mr. Townson is soon to complete his course and return to Murphy—the editor).

Some of the boys from college and myself were discussing our home towns and papers today. I was telling them what a modern town and progressive paper we had.

The postman came about this time with the "Scout". Just imagine my embarrassment when I opened it to show the boys and right on the front page the following greeted us, "First Movies Taken In Cherokee County". Oh boy! Was my face red.

It seems that every person has a movie camery now and to think that

this event should make the front page of the "Scout".

You surely remember that we had motion pictures produced in our county (and Graham county) several years ago by one of the major production companies of the United States with Hollywood actors and all, (will we ever forget these two blonde ston-d-ins) and to think that the "Scout" should not know or remember this.

I believe one of the pictures was known as "Stark Love", however I won't be positive about the title. In this picture quite a number of scenes were taken of the Andrews school buildings.

I hope you see fit to correct this mistake in the next issue.

Yours for a more progressive home town.

Wayne Townson

Fifty-Seven Candidates From Cherokee County File For Public Office

No "Run Off" Primary Likely Bates Asserts

It is probable that there will be no run-off second primary for principal offices in Cherokee county in the coming elections, Fred O. Bates, chairman of the county board of elections, said Wednesday.

Under the election laws, if no majority is given in the primary the second highest candidate for any office has the privilege of calling for a run-off primary four weeks after the first primary.

When asked Wednesday if there was any indication from any of the candidates that a second primary would be asked for, Mr. Bates said, "I don't think so. I haven't heard any talk about it."

Several individual candidates have expressed themselves as being content with "letting the high man win in the first primary". It is their contention that a second primary would cost the county too much money.

J. N. Moody, candidate for representative in the general assembly, has sent a letter to other candidates—Franklin Smith, D. H. Tillitt, and Fred O. Scroggs—asking them "to agree with me that the high man be declared nominee".

No primary will be held in the Republican party as all candidates were nominated by convention.

AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR TEAM IS FORMED LOCALLY

What Murphy will have in the way of a baseball team this year remains as much of a problem this beautiful spring day as it did the day the boys laid down their bats and salted away their mitts last fall—but the old town is going to groom a group of youngsters who will be known as the Junior American Legion team and who should provide a lot of well-trained and fast playing in the next few years.

It all happened at a meeting in the library Saturday night. The American Legion proposed to take over the town team and also organize the younger players to groom them under a paid coach this summer so no such problems would be facing in the way of Murphy's most popular sport from 1940 on.

No agreement could be reached, however, about organizing a regular town team so the burden of that job was shifted to the shoulders of "he that would"; but there appears to be "neme that will."

Meanwhile J. A. Itzer, P of Murphy high school coach was placed in charge of the American Legion Junior team and this week was getting subscriptions to maintain a coach through the summer months. So whether we have good ball locally this year or not can just as well be decided by the flip of a coin.

Mad Dog Reported In Cherokee County

A large mongrel dog that was reported to be mad passed through Slow Creek and the Peachtree settlement Monday morning biting several dogs, cats and some live stock. However, no person was reported bitten.

Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer, stated that all dogs coming in contact with the rabid dog should be either killed or confined and carefully observed for signs of rabies for a period of 42 days.

All persons are warned to be cautious on any strange dogs or others running at large.

Report Made By Chair- man of Elections At Closing Date Sat.

PRIMARY ON JUNE 4

Hot Race Seen In All State, County and Township Offices

A total of 57 persons had filed for public office in Cherokee county at the expiration of the filing date Saturday night, Fred O. Bates, chairman of the elections committee, reported.

Primary voting will be held on Saturday June 4.

Those filing for various offices were:

For state senate—Frank W. Swan (R), of Andrews.

For representative in the general assembly—J. N. Moody (D), of Murphy; Fred O. Scroggs (D), of Brasstown; Franklin J. Smith (D), of Murphy; D. H. Tillitt (D), of Andrews, and Clyde H. Jarrett (R), on Andrews.

For sheriff—L. L. Mason (D), of Murphy, and Carl Townson (R), of Murphy.

For clerk of the superior court—Hayes Leatherwood (D), of Murphy; A. W. Melver (D), of Murphy, and John Donley (R), of Murphy.

For register of deeds—B. L. Padgett (D), of Murphy; Robert A. Akin, (D), of Murphy; Noland Wells (D), of Murphy, and Henry Barton (R), of Murphy.

For county commissioner—First district (Valleytown), S. H. Parker (D), of Andrews; Percy B. Ferebee (D), of Andrews, and H. G. Dills (R), of Andrews. Second district (Murphy), T. P. Calhoun (D), of Murphy; Frank Dickey (D), of Murphy, and Ernest Hawkins (R), of Murphy. Third district (lower end of county), T. T. Johnson (D), and J. M. Anderson (R).

For corner—Dr. Fred L. Herbert (R), of Andrews; Dr. Harry R. Miller (D), of Murphy, and Jack McMillian (R), of Murphy.

For surveyor—O. G. Anderson (R), of Culberson, and Lon Raper (D), of Suit.

For county board of education—Lawson Lunsford (D), of Peachtree; E. L. Shields (D), of Murphy; B. M. Harbin (D), of Tomotla; G. A. Jones (D), of Marble; Mrs. G. W. Cover (D), of Andrews; E. B. King (D), of Topton; Bale Farmer (D), of Marble; A. W. Chambers (D), B. L. Fox (R), of Ranger; J. T. Hayes (D), of Tomotla; D. V. Carringer (R), of Murphy; Ed Waldroup (D), of Peachtree, and J. W. Axley (R), of Murphy.

For Township constable—Murphy township, B. C. Walker (D), Lawrence L. Bryson (D), Ezra Price (D), Sheridan Stiles (R), and T. J. Gilbert (R). Shoal Creek township, J. C. Wright (D), and O. G. West (R). Notla township, Guy H. Hyatt (R). Beaverdam township, Clifford Rose (R). Valleytown township, E. D. Creasman (D), and Victor Raxter (D).

For justice of the peace—H. H. Hyde (R), of Andrews; Vance Radford (R), Grandview; A. E. Nichols (R), of Murphy, and Everett Hall (R), of Brasstown.

Lions Plan to Attend Meeting At Hayesville

A group of Murphy Lions planned at their regular meeting here Tuesday night to attend an organization meeting of a Clay county Lions club at Hayesville Thursday night.

Dr. J. G. Faulk and Dr. F. V. Taylor, both of the Petrie hospital staff in Murphy, were visitors at the meeting.