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## TVA Road Relocation Work To Cost \$670,011

### Twenty Miles of Highway and Bridges To Be Built

A program of highway and railroad relocation work in the Hiwassee Dam area estimated to cost \$670,011, has been announced by W. L. Sturdevant, director of information of TVA.

Of this amount \$667,000 will be expended on the Highway work and \$3,011 on railroad relocation it was reported.

Official announcement of the project came after more than three years of preliminary surveying work here by the highway relocation division which is under the direction of E. F. McElfresh at present.

According to the figures there will be a total of 17.3 miles of highway rebuilt including 10 bridges and 13 box culverts. Five of the bridges will be over 100 feet. Nearly five miles of railroad bridge and tracks will have to be rebuilt.

Construction is expected to start at once. It is mandatory that the TVA replace all highways and roads with an equally good road when traveling facilities are inundated.

Due to the smallness of the area to be inundated on the Hiwassee Dam project, this amount of construction is comparatively small compared to other TVA projects.

Following is the construction schedule:

Joe Brown Highway—at Ogreeta .7 miles of 20-foot highway; at Whitner 2 miles of 20-foot highway, and at Grape Creek 2.4 miles of 20-foot highway, one bridge over 100 feet and two culverts. Shallow Ford-Grape Creek road—1 mile of 12 foot highway. Grape Creek road at Joe Brown highway .6 mile of 12-foot road. Ogreeta cemetery .2 mile of 12-foot highway and one bridge.

North Carolina State Highway No. 28—in Murphy .1 mile of 33-foot highway and one culvert; at Cane Creek, .7 mile of 25-foot highway, one bridge and one culvert; at Raminger Creek .2 mile of 25-foot highway and one bridge.

### Local Advertising Discussed By Lions

A general discussion on the advertising of Murphy was held by the Murphy Lions at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

The erection of a tourist guide stand a sign giving information on Hiwassee dam, correction of road signs at principal highway junctions leading into Murphy and a co-operative drive with surrounding towns to draw tourist trade were outlined.

### Superior Court To Open Monday

Large crowds are expected in Murphy next week to attend one of the heaviest sessions of Superior held here in some time.

There are a large number of criminal cases on the docket. Judge Felix Alley, of Waynesville, is scheduled to preside over the two-weeks civil and criminal term.

### Weather Vane

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year.

| TEMPERATURES    |    | 1938  | 1937  |
|-----------------|----|-------|-------|
| 21              | 80 | 66    | 85    |
| 22              | 77 | 66    | 88    |
| 23              | 74 | 66    | 85    |
| 24              | 71 | 65    | 91    |
| 25              | 79 | 66    | 87    |
| 26              | 86 | 61    | 86    |
| 27              | 87 | 60    | 85    |
| RAINFALL INCHES |    | 1938  | 1937  |
| Since July 1    |    | 8.97  | 5.52  |
| Since January 1 |    | 45.15 | 34.40 |

## Seek Brasstown Farmer Missing Since July 2

Several small searching parties have failed to find clues during the past week in connection with the disappearance of Wayne Zimmerman, 34-year-old Brasstown farmer, who has been missing since July 2. He was last seen in Murphy.

Members of the Cherokee and Clay counties sheriffs' offices have questioned several persons, but no arrests have been made and no warrants have been sworn out.

Zimmerman, who is five feet, six inches tall, weighs 135 pounds and has blue eyes and dark hair, was wearing blue denim pants, a blue shirt, brown hat and black slippers when last seen.

Local officers have contacted police in surrounding towns and cities in an effort to locate him, but no word has been received.

Zimmerman has been married seven years. He has no children.

## ONE KILLED, THREE INJURED IN QUARRY SLIDE

### Rites For Grayson S. Parker, Of Marble, Are Held

Grayson S. Parker, 32, was killed and three other men were painfully injured in a rock slide at the Hiwassee Dam quarry last Thursday afternoon.

The injured men—Elmer Collins, of Murphy, Robert A. Cearley, of Culberson and Charley Langley, of Oakdale, Tenn., were reported to be improving in the TVA infirmary this week.

The accident occurred about 3:15 o'clock. The men were working on a ledge at the top of the quarry when it gave away and they were hurled among tons of dirt to the bottom. The three injured men were removed and taken to the infirmary. It took a crew of men about an hour to free Parker's body from the debris.

Parker's death marked the second fatality at the dam since operations began there over three years ago.

Funeral services for Mr. Parker were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Marble Springs Baptist church with the Rev. Alga West, pastor of the Valley River Baptist church at which the rites were held.

The deceased was a member of the Marble Springs church and a popular member of the Murphy Male quartette. Special music was furnished at the services by the Valley River Quartette.

Mr. Parker is survived by his widow, the former Miss Cordia Blacklock, four small children; his mother, Mrs. Alice Parker; five sisters, Misses Pearl, Virginia, and Eva Parker, and Mrs. Ernest Palmer, of Marble, and Mrs. Allen McDonald of Garndview; and one brother, Murray. Continued on back page this section

### Atlanta Minister To Preach Here

Dr. Charles Currens, of Atlanta, Ga., will preach at the First Baptist Church of Murphy at the morning services Sunday.

Dr. Currens is teacher of bible at the William Jennings Bryan university at Dayton, Tenn., and at the Bible institute, Atlanta.

Beginning Monday evening he will have a bible class at the home of Mrs. W. M. Lay. Everyone is invited to attend.

## COUNTY-WIDE TAX RATE OF \$1.39 APPROVED

### Is Lowered Two Cents Over Rate In Effect Past Year

The Board of Commissioners of Cherokee county were advised Wednesday by the attorney general that the tax rate set for 1938 which was submitted to him recently had been approved.

The new county-wide rate is set at \$1.39 on the hundred dollars evaluation. It is two cents lower than it was the past year.

The assessment is based on the following budget: general expense fund, 15 cents; county home and care of the aged, two cents; expense of court and jail, five cents; bonds and sinking fund, 53 cents; schools, 10 cents; debt service, 16 cents; current expenses, six cents; county's part of maintenance of health unit, five cents; care of blind, dependable children and old aged, 11 cents; fire prevention control, two cents; Andrews school bonds, three cents; appropriation for teaching vocational subjects in Murphy schools, three cents; and blind, pauper burial and hospitalization, eight cents.

The countywide poll tax is set at \$2.

Township tax rates are as follows: Murphy township, 40 cents on bonds and \$1.20 poll tax; Beaverdam township, 70 cents on bonds and \$2.10 poll tax; Valletown township, 18 cents on bonds and 54 cents poll tax; Shoal Creek township, 70 cents on bonds and \$2.10 poll tax; Hot House township, 90 cents on bonds and \$2.70 poll tax, and Notla township, 30 cents on bonds and 90 cents poll tax.

### Young Democrats To Hold Meeting Monday Night

A meeting of the Young Democratic Club of Cherokee county will be held in the Murphy court house Monday night at 7:30 o'clock (CST), according to an announcement by A. E. Chandler, Jr., of Andrews, chairman of the club.

The meeting will be the first in a series of rallies which will be sponsored by the club. The purpose is to formulate plans for the coming campaign, Mr. Chandler said. A group of distinguished local and out-of-town speakers is being arranged.

### LAWYER GRAY TO RETURN HERE LAST OF AUGUST

J. B. Gray, Murphy attorney, who has been confined to the Black Mountain sanitarium for the past eight months, has improved to the point that he will return home about the last of August or the first of September, Mrs. Gray reported after seeing him during the past week-end.

Last Thursday Mrs. Gray and daughter, Elizabeth, went to Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md., to visit Mr. and Mrs. John L. Mason, and returned here Monday. Miss Kate Gray visited in Salisbury during the week-end.

### TVA Compromises Suit Over Land Here

The Tennessee Valley authority has compromised its suit against Lou Norvell and John Hunsuckle of Cherokee county to establish clear title to a tract of land in Murphy township.

The TVA had previously purchased 13-14ths of the property, and the Hunsuckles owned the remaining 1-14th.

Under terms of the compromise, the Hunsuckles will receive \$467.31. The property is a part of the TVA development in this section.

## Most County Schools To Open Monday, August 1

### Man Falls 40 Feet On Tracks, Still Lives

Night shift workmen riding in from the Hiwassee Dam about midnight Monday reported seeing a man they thought had been struck by an automobile "or else badly beaten up" staggering along the road.

So policeman Neil Sneed investigated and this is what he found:

The man in a drunken condition had wandered off the road at "Deep Cut" about a mile from town on the Copperhill highway, and had fallen about 40 feet onto the L & N railroad tracks. At this point the bank goes down about 10 feet at an extremely steep angle and cuts back which meant the man dropped the remaining 30 feet or so straight down on the tracks.

He was brought to a hospital in Murphy where several broken bones were set and his badly lacerated head was dressed up.

Those who are acquainted with the place where the man took the fall say it is incredible that he could have taken such a tumble and still lived.

## NO AUXILIARY DAM WILL BE BUILT HERE

### Announcement Is Made By TVA Officials To Inquiries

No auxiliary dam will be built below Murphy in the Hiwassee river, it has been announced by W. L. Sturdevant, director of information of the TVA.

Some citizens here have sought an auxiliary dam several miles below Murphy to "maintain a constant water level" in Murphy when the TVA's \$22,000,000 project is completed 18 miles downstream. Such a dam would be necessary, they argued, to keep down mosquitoes and eliminate and unlightly shore line where the lake will form around Murphy.

Mr. Sturdevant's announcement was: "No auxiliary dam will be built below Murphy. I am informed that the engineers gave the matter under consideration and found it not feasible."

On numerous occasions inquiries had been made by local citizens at Knoxville to determine if a water-level control dam would be built near the Lover's Leap site on the river one mile below town, but no definite word was received here until Mr. Sturdevant made the announcement to an inquiry by the Cherokee Scout.

Some citizens have expressed belief that such a dam, while it would maintain a constant water level in town, would form marshes and other unlightly and unsanitary pools.

No definite figures as to the cost of the dam or the amount of silt that would back up behind it were ever officially gathered here.

### Large Rattler Is Killed At Tomotla

A Diamond Back Rattlesnake, measuring 42 inches long and 15 inches in circumference, was killed on the highway between Andrews and Murphy, near Tomotla, Tuesday afternoon by C. A. Swaim and E. A. Wood, of Andrews.

The rattler had twelve rattles and a button, according to Swaim. He also stated that it was the first diamond-back he had seen in twenty years. The rattles were cut off and are now in the possession of John Keener, of Tomotla.

### Teachers Named For Practically All Posts In Unit

Most schools in the Cherokee County unit will open on Monday, A. L. Martin, superintendent, has announced.

Practically a complete list of teachers have been endorsed by the county board.

It was declared at the last meeting of the group that August 1 would be the opening day for all schools in the county unit except those connected by transportation lines with the Murphy school.

It was also voted to build a new one-teacher school building in the Violet community of Cherokee county at a cost of approximately \$870.

In selecting teachers for the various schools, one of the three teachers at Wolf Creek was added on to the staff of the one-teacher school at Johnson.

Members of the board attending the meeting were: P. A. Mauney, Fred Martin, J. N. Mauney, Mrs. T. T. Johnson, W. E. Moore and Mrs. G. W. Cover.

Teachers selected by the various committees are as follows:

District No. 1—Raner, Ersa McNabb (principal), Geneva Chastain and Vesta Roberts; Macadonia, Jim Evans; Shields, Bertha Hogan Caringer; Culberson, Fred Harris and Maggie Bell Kisselburg; Wolf Creek, Mrs. Kate Shields (principal) and Evelyn Shields; Wolf Creek "A", Elizabeth Gentry; Sunny Point, Mrs. Myrtle Moore and Eunice Shields; Johnson, Louella Jenkins and Talitha Moore.

District No. 2—Beech Creek, Mrs. Hazel Abernathy. District No. 3—Persimmon Creek, Olga Glenn. District No. 4—Friendship, Truman McNabb and Ruth McNabb; District No. 5—Postell, Pauline Kisselburg and Trilby Glenn. District No. 6—Clark, Ruth Hickey. District No. 7—Hill, Willa Lou Wells and Irene Kisselburg; Shearer, Leone Patterson McPhetridge.

District No. 8—Reeds Chapel, Norman O. Kilpatrick and Annie Lou Keenum; Hiwassee Dam (Teachers not selected). District No. 9—River Hill, R. L. Keenum. District No. 10—Long Ridge, Ruby Wells. District No. 11—Bucknob, Lucile Matheson. Continued on back page this section

### Orphan Fund Is Growing Here

Thirty Methodist team captains have been working here for the past two weeks raising money for 400 orphan children at Winston-Salem.

Contributions and subscriptions are reported to be coming in fast by the group, and the funds added to other collections throughout the state are expected to be a great aid to the children.

### Green Brothers, Of Ooltewah, Visitors Here

Glen and Sheidan Green, former Cherokee county boys, who are now living at Ooltewah, Tenn., near Chattanooga, and are employed in a Chattanooga stove foundry, were visitors in Murphy last Friday. They were here in the interest of overseeing the removal of the graves of relatives in the Hiwassee basin.

They are grandsons of W. M. Stiles and lived in the Birch community until about 12 years ago.

### Meeting At Friendship

A meeting is in progress at Friendship Baptist church with the Rev. Fred Stiles officiating assisted by the Rev. Edgar Wilcox, of Andrews.

A cordial invitation is extended all persons.