

CONSTRUCTION ON NEW HIGHWAY IS GOING FORWARD

Road Will Facilitate Travel Between Suit And TVA Dam

Grading on two and one-half miles of new highway from the TVA access road to a point near the Suit community is going steadily forward and completion is expected about February 1.

The grading of the portion of the main highway to Hiwassee Dam from here is under contract to the Asheville Contracting company. An average of between 40 and 45 men are being used.

The work began about the middle of October after the state highway department authorized funds for the building of the new portion of the road.

Surfacing will be done by WPA forces who have set up a rock crusher at the site of the project, and will lay down a stone surface upon completion. The road is expected to have a tar finish.

C. R. Taylor, resident engineer, of Winston-Salem, has set up an office here to oversee the work.

The crew of men are building up a 26-foot road bed, and it is expected that the surface will be about 16 or 18 feet wide. The surface treatment will begin early next spring.

The new highway is a portion of the main highway leading from Murphy to Hiwassee dam. At a point below Suit, a narrow, unsurfaced road connects with the TVA's principal access road at about its half-way mark portion of the road has always drawn complaints from those using it because of its curves and bad surface.

The new road will be practically without curves and grade, and is expected to greatly facilitate travel between here and the dam.

The road from Murphy to the dam has been accommodating unusually heavy traffic since work began on the TVA project.

Paved highway ends about seven miles below Murphy where the course to the dam leaves U. S. Highway 64. State highway 294 to Shoal Creek is a fairly good non-surfaced road that has been kept in good shape to take care of the traffic.

It is the portion of the highway that is being reconstructed that has brought about most complaints. The new highway joins with the TVA access road to Turtletown, Tenn. This—six miles from the dam site and village.

DEATH TAKES TWO IN ONE FAMILY AT MARTINS CREEK

Death struck twice within one week in the family of J. C. Mathis of the Notla community, last week taking two children from them.

J. D. Mathis, age 7, a popular member of the Martins Creek school died Tuesday, Nov. 15, of an attack of diphtheria he had suffered about five days. He was laid to rest in the Martins Creek cemetery.

Then, on the following day, another child was born to Mrs. Mathis. It lived but five days, and died on Monday night. Burial services were again held at the Martins Creek cemetery.

The Martin family moved to the Notla section from Jefferson, Ga., about three years ago.

The parents are the only survivors. Peyton G. Ivie was in charge of funeral arrangements.

STOCK MARKET BOOMS

The best result of Tuesday's elections has been a boom in the stock market which many believe presages a sound and steady business improvement. Business men have lost their fears and feel that they can again count on the sanity of the American people.

Mrs. Willabelle Posey and daughter, Sara Ruth, and Mr. Richard Mauney motored to Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday.

Attempt Made To Open Town Safe Sunday Night

Three young Murphy men are under investigation here in connection with an unsuccessful attempt to open the town safe sometime Sunday night.

As E. O. Christopher, town clerk, opened the office Monday morning he found the safe, which weighs about 500 pounds, tilted over on its back. Evidently the parties that broke into the office had been prying on the safe's door for sometime and Mr. Christopher said "one more good prize" would have opened it.

A cash box containing about \$120 in currency and about \$900 in bonds was untouched. Why the marauders had given up the job when they were apparently so close to the money is something that has had not only Mr. Christopher but all the persons connected with the office scratching their heads all week.

Mr. Christopher said fingerprints were taken from the safe and are being checked with those of the three men being held.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST WILL BE STAGED THIS YEAR

Murphy will have another Christmas tree lighting contest this year according to plans being made locally by the Womans club.

Mrs. H. Bueck said the club had voted at its last meeting to sponsor the movement, as they have during the past several Yuletide seasons, of promoting the lighting of Christmas trees and season decorations in private homes and business establishments.

Prizes will be awarded in the different classifications. Mrs. Bueck said all arrangements had not been determined at this time, but that the contest would start about December 1.

A committee composed of Mrs. J. C. Ammons, Mrs. A. E. Vestal and Mrs. E. J. Darnell is working with the club president, Mrs. Tom Case.

Mrs. Bueck pointed out that the annual decorations had not only made local stores more attractive and stimulated Christmas shopping but they also made the town more attractive to tourists. A committee of visitors is chosen each year to select the winners in the different divisions.

Annually the Town of Murphy erects a huge lighted tree in the Public Square.

Robbinsville Man, Badly Cut, Is Recovering Here

Given only the barest of chances to survive a knife wound inflicted in his chest by an unknown assailant, Arthur J. Smith, 22, of Robbinsville, was well on the way to recovery at the Petrie hospital here this week, attendants said.

Smith was wounded in Bradley's tourist cabins above Andrews the night of September 30 and was brought to the hospital here in a critical condition. He was stabbed in the chest.

After the cutting, the man wielding ran out of the camp, jumped in a car and sped away. Later the car was found wrecked two miles above the scene of the accident.

SANTA CLAUS GETS FIRST LETTER OF CHRISTMAS SEASON FROM BILLY SAVAGE

Old Santa Claus, his beard filled with frost and icicles and his eyes still full of sleep he has had all summer while he wasn't busy making toys for good little boys and girls, tells us he is preparing to head toward Murphy again.

Santa has asked the Scout to get in touch with all the little boys and girls of the community and get them to send in their Christmas letters to him through the Scout as they have been doing for years.

All you have to do is write on a piece of paper just what you want and mail it to: Santa Claus c/o The Cherokee Scout, Murphy, N. C., and we will promptly print it and

Senator Norris Visitor At Dam Site Wednesday

Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, known as "the father of the TVA act", paid his first visit to the Authority's Hiwassee Dam project, 22 miles west of here Wednesday.

Senator Norris, who was travelling alone, arrived at the site of half-completed \$22,000,000 shortly before noon and made an inspection trip of the work there in the company of local TVA officials.

During the lunch hour he made about a 20-minute talk to officials, foremen and workmen on the job in which he highly praised the work undertaken by the TVA and stated that the future welfare of the nation largely depends on its system of dams.

The senator's trip had not been anticipated. He returned to Knoxville 2 p. m. in the afternoon.

B. W. CHASTAIN, OF MARTINS CREEK BURIED THURSDAY

Chastain, prominent 72-year-old funeral services for Benjamin W. Chastain, prominent 72-year-old farmer of the Martins Creek section of Cherokee county, were conducted from the Old Martin's Creek church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with the Rev. Will Rogers officiating. Interment was in the Martin's Creek cemetery. Peyton G. Ivie was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Chastain, who was also a member of the Masonic order and was widely known in this section, died at his home Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock of a stroke of paralysis he suffered about three weeks ago.

Surviving besides the widow are seven children: Mrs. Viola Hogan, of Brasstown, Mrs. Will Carver, of Robbinsville, Mrs. Wayne Crisp, of Martin's Creek, Coal Chastain, of Morganton, Ga., and Will, Boyd and Burl Chastain all of Martin's Creek.

TVA BUYS HUGE GENERATOR FOR HIWASSEE DAM

The Tennessee Valley Authority has announced the award of six contracts for equipment and materials valued at a total of \$592,602. Among them are:

The largest purchase was the 64,000-hp. generator for the Authority's Hiwassee Dam powerhouse. This unit is to be supplied by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., for \$528,600.

Koppers Company, Baltimore, Md., has contracted to furnish an emergency gate for the spillway regulating conduits at Hiwassee Dam for the sum of \$11,800.

The Orton Crane & Shovel Co., Chicago, Ill., is supplying the Authority with a locomotive crane valued at \$14,606, and Erie Steel Construction Co., Erie, Pa., is furnishing the damshell bucket to go with it for \$1,028.

A judge in Newark, N. J., gave Harry Garfinkle the right to pay \$2 a week on a judgment of \$104,720.

Irregularity Charges Are Heard By Election Board

Red Cross Fund Nearing Quota

With approximately \$100 in Red Cross subscriptions collected Wednesday night, members of the Murphy Womans club who are sponsoring the annual drive here, will continue taking subscriptions until the local quota of \$150 is raised. Mrs. C. W. Savage, chairman of the canvass, stated.

Mrs. Savage said the women, who began collecting a week ago, could not work Thanksgiving day or the day before and that she supposed it would take Friday and most of Saturday to complete the canvass.

Those making the canvass are: Mrs. B. W. Whitfield, Mrs. W. A. Hoover, Mrs. L. R. Harding, Mrs. K. C. Wright, Mrs. Peyton G. Ivie and Mrs. H. Bueck.

Of the total money collected 50 percent will be retained locally to be applied to worthy causes. Mrs. Savage said. In the past a large part of the funds have been added to funds from the annual Christmas seal sale to provide lunches for needy school children. The money can be used in whatever way the club decides it is most needed, Mrs. Savage said.

Mildred Hampton Back From Atlanta Hospital

Miss Mildred Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hampton, of Murphy, was brought home Wednesday night from an Atlanta, Ga., infirmary where she has been confined for the past month with a broken back as the result of being thrown out of an automobile driven by her brother.

The popular young high school girl is paralyzed and physicians claim she will not be able to walk again. For a while they feared she would not live.

She was brought home in the ambulance of Peyton G. Ivie.

Civic Projects Are Discussed By Lions

Discussions of highway and city street traffic problems, clearance of junk cars and sign boards, improvement of local parking facilities and abolishing of shooting of fireworks and their sale in the town limits were heard by members of the Murphy Lions club at their meeting here Tuesday night.

The club also voted to extend aid to Miss Mildred Hampton, 16-year-old Murphy high school girl who was seriously injured near Atlanta, Ga., several weeks ago when she was thrown from an automobile and received a broken back.

It was decided to hold memorial services for Dr. Ed Adams, deceased secretary of the club, at the next meeting.

Frank Colvard new manager of the Farmer's Federation here and former member of the Robbinsville club, was a visitor.

Weather Vane

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

Date	1938		1937	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
16	54	28	49	30
17	69	47	44	33
18	75	57	58	18
19	71	48	45	30
20	61	30	36	18
21	62	26	33	9
22	70	34	43	5
			1938	1937
Since November 1	3.63	0.53		
Since January 1	52.81	49.07		

Cherokee County Ap- peal For Recount Of Ballots Dismissed

The state board of elections Thursday dismissed an appeal from two Cherokee county candidates who sought a recount of ballots cast in the general election here on November 8.

Testimony on alleged irregularities in the voting was heard by the state board Tuesday on petition filed by two Democratic candidates for county office.

The petition, supported by a number of affidavits, was taken to the state board by L. L. Mason, candidate for sheriff, and J. N. Moody, candidate for state house of representatives, after the county board of elections refused a recount on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

Cherokee county is one of six in the state that appealed to the state board. All testimony was reported heard Wednesday. Graham and Clay counties have also contested election.

The affidavits filed in this county charged a large number of alleged irregularities which included drinkings, shooting out of windows near polling places, stuffing of ballot boxes, 90 ballots being destroyed by being thrown into sewers or rivers, unqualified voting, wrong marking of ballots, and more votes being cast in one precinct than corresponding registration.

Gene Alley, Waynesville attorney, represented the Cherokee county petitioners, and McKinley Edwards, Bryson City attorney and unsuccessful Republican candidate for the state senate from the 33rd district, represented the defendants.

It is reported that a heated argument ensued between the two attorneys when the evidence was presented.

In the original petition carried before the county board of elections the name of Winslow Melver, Democratic candidate for clerk of the superior court, appeared, but his name was withdrawn when the petition was taken to the state board.

On basis of returns of the election counted here by the board, five county offices went to Republicans. They were: Sheriff, clerk of the court, representative, surveyor and county commissioner from the third district.

The petition was taken to the county board November 10 when the official tally was to have been made. The county board declined to make a decision until the following Tuesday after they had consulted Guy L. Houk, Franklin attorney. They decided then that the evidence was not sufficient for a recount went ahead with the official canvass.

In the meantime all ballot boxes were impounded and have been kept under armed guard day and night in the Murphy court-house.

Inasmuch as there was only a 43-vote majority for the sheriff's race and a 161-vote majority for the representative's office, the entire county has anxiously awaited the decision of the state board.

"It's Hog-Killin' Time" In Cherokee County

"It's hog-killing time in Cherokee county", and Mr. A. L. Martin says he wants to go back to the farm.

The popular superintendent of schools in the Cherokee county unit said Tuesday that he had taken a trip down through the county Monday and that "everybody was butchering their hogs."

"It made me mighty hungry", Mr. Martin added. "It really made me want to go back to the farm."

A large number of fine hogs are reported in the county this year, and many are being butchered and cured for use this winter.