

HIWASSEE BASIN CLEARANCE WORK IS BEGUN HERE

Eight Units of Men Expected To Be Engaged In Task

The task of clearing the huge Hiwassee Dam basin has been started by TVA workmen.

At present 2 units of about 60 men each are being used on the project and it is expected that six more units will be engaged in March to complete the project.

Of the 6,240 acres of land to be inundated by the water backed up from the \$22,000,000 project about 3,700 acres of woodland will have to be cleared.

Completion of the clearance project is expected sometime this summer. L. F. Clackler is unit foreman in charge of operations here now.

All property within the basin has been purchased or is in the process of litigation and all structures are being removed.

It will be necessary to relocate about 31 miles of highway and about two and one-half miles of railroad. These projects have been surveyed by TVA Engineers and this work was scheduled to get underway Feb. 1.

The Hiwassee Dam reservoir will be somewhat smaller than Norris and other reservoirs of the authority. A shoreline of about 150 miles will be created by the waters backed up from the dam when it is finished. Completion of the project is scheduled for 1941.

The damsite is located about 22 miles northwest of Murphy on the Hiwassee river as it twists and turns through the lower end of the great Smoky mountains.

Southern Railway Pays \$24,407.40 Taxes Here

The sum of \$24,407.40 was paid in taxes for the year 1938 by the Southern Railway system to Cherokee county and the Town of Murphy, it was reported here Wednesday.

Of this amount \$23,333.33 was paid to the county, and \$1,104.07 was paid to the town.

The evaluation of the road's property in the county has been lowered \$150,000 in the past two years by the corporation tax commission at Raleigh, P. C. Hyatt, county accountant, stated.

Mr. Tom Spencer Reported Improving

Mr. Thomas Spencer, of Murphy, who was injured in an automobile crash in which his wife was killed at Delaware, Ohio, on January 13, was reported to have regained consciousness at a Delaware hospital this week and to be on the road to recovery. He has learned of his wife's death, it was said.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Spencer have not yet been announced.

The couple, prominent residents of Murphy for the past 10 years, were on their way to see an ill sister of Mr. Spencer when the crash occurred on a snow-covered highway.

Square Dance To Be Held In Andrews

The Konnaheta club of Andrews will sponsor a benefit square dance at the Andrews gymnasium Saturday evening, it has been announced by Miss Frances Cover.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Miss Mary B. Walker will act as chairman.

Weather Vane

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

TEMPERATURES			
1939		1938	
24	40	27	63
26	48	19	26
27	41	25	26
28	46	15	35
29	53	39	61
30	59	35	59
31	48	29	56

RAINFALL INCHES	
1939	1938
Total for January	5.62 3.68

Require 83 Stitches To Sew Up Wound

Eighty-three stitches were required to sew up knife wounds inflicted on Ed Dodson near his home at Culberson Sunday afternoon.

He was brought to Petrie hospital here in a serious condition but attendants reported this week he was improving. He was cut around the chest and waist.

Mr. Dodson would not name his assailant or give any information concerning the affair.

VOTE ON BILL TO EXTEND REGISTER OF DEEDS TERM

The senate committee on judiciary No. 7 Wednesday reported favorably three bills to extend the terms of office of the registers of deeds in Clay, Swain and Cherokee counties. They come up for vote Thursday.

The three bills—two already passed by the house and needing only senate action before enactment into law—extend the terms of the present registers of deeds in these three counties to the first Monday in December, 1942 and provides for four year terms beginning with the 1942 election.

Representative A. L. Penland of Clay sponsored the house bill to extend the office of the Clay county official two years, and Representative T. D. Bryson, Jr. of Swain introduced the one for the Swain county official. Both will probably be enacted into law before the end of the week or at the Monday's session of both houses.

Senator R. B. (Jack) Morphew of Graham, whose district embraces all three counties, introduced the bill giving the Cherokee county register of deeds another two years.

Representative Clyde H. Jarrett of Cherokee is opposed to the Morphew bill, and it is expected that he will fight it when the measure reaches the house Friday.

Foreign Nations Are Discussed By Parker

Made possible by the help of about 26 local citizens is the series of lectures being held every two weeks by Dr. Willis A. Parker, member of the faculty of Western Carolina Teachers College. These lectures are based on the events and happenings of the present day.

In these lectures on world problems, Dr. Parker discusses each nation separately and after his discussion he gives the audience the opportunity to ask any question concerning the topic he has spoken on. Coming in the order as listed each nation is being discussed separately and showing through current happenings how they are throwing the nations into a chaos. In the preceding lectures Dr. Parker has discussed Germany, Italy, Russia, Spain. For this week he has chosen Japan as the topic for his lecture.

These lectures held by Dr. Parker are opened to the public and are held on Thursday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock every two weeks at the Murphy Carnegie Library.

Public Speaking Group Holds Interesting Meet

The Public Speaking group of Murphy held another in their series of interesting sessions to which all persons are invited at the library Wednesday night.

Miss Aline Richardson spoke on "Making the Most of What We Have" and E. C. Van Horn gave a dissertation on "Cursory Examination of Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking."

Last week C. E. Hyde and T. T. Lindsey were the speakers. The next session will bring H. Bueck and James U. Snyder to the group.

Free Movie Will Be Shown Here Tonight

A free motion picture sponsored by the North Carolina State Forest Service and the TVA, cooperating, will be shown in Murphy tonight (Thursday) at 7 p. m. The program will consist of a one-reel short subject entitled "Big Game in the National Forests" and a 4-reel feature entitled "Friends of Man."

There will be no admission charge and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Verdict Of \$2200 Awarded Estate Of Earl White

A \$2,200 compromise verdict was reached in superior court here Friday afternoon in the \$50,000 suit brought against the Southern States Power company by the estate of Earl White.

White, chief electrician with the Keystone Shows, holders of the midway concession at the Cherokee county fair, last year, was electrocuted the night of September 25, 1938, the night before the fair opened.

The fair association, which was named as a co-defendant in the suit, took a voluntary non-suit in the case which was tried before Judge Zer V. Nettles, of Asheville. The case terminated a week of trials of civil cases in the regular January term of Superior court.

J. N. Moody and C. E. Hyde, both of Murphy, were the attorneys for the defendants. The firm of Gray and Christopher, of Murphy, and Smathers and Meekins, of Asheville, represented the estate.

Murphy Teams DROP GAMES At Hayesville

The Murphy Basketeers met a streak of losing luck when they met Hayesville's strong and well-trained teams on the Hayesville court Tuesday morning.

Coach Higdon, sending in her first string consisting of Roberts, Pipes, West, Zimmerman, Head and Cooke, had the game in the bag for Murphy at the half. Murphy was leading their opponents 9-8 at this time. In the second half the strong Hayesville girls came back in a terrific rush and with Waters setting the pace and Patton shooting long and perfect shots from mid-court, defeated Murphy lasses 29-15.

Mildred West starred in this game for Murphy, making 12 of the 15 points scored. Ada Ross Waters scored 12 points for Hayesville, with Ledford coming next with a score of 5 points, and Patton with 8 points.

In one of the fastest and most exciting games of this season, the Murphy boys were defeated 38-22 by the Hayesville five, following the girl's game, Tuesday morning. The Hayesville boys set a terrific pace in this game and Murphy kept up with them the first half of the game, but the opponents came back even stronger in the last half and took a good lead and kept it.

The line-up and personal scores for this game are as follows: Murphy Girls—Roberts, Pipes (2), West (12), White (1), Zimmerman, Head, Cooke.

Hayesville Girls—Patton (2), Waters (12), Ledford (9), Mease, Crawford, Garrison.

Murphy Boys—Tate (2), Mallonee (9), Stalcup, May, Weil (5), Barnett (2), Pipes (4).

Hayesville Boys—Crawford, Mease (9) Ford (10) Long (2), Swain (3), Kitchens (12), McClure (2).

HIGH GRADE OF WATER IS BEING SUPPLIED TOWN

Exceptionally pure water is being consumed by Murphy citizens, state reports required by town authorities indicate.

E. O. Christopher, town clerk, states that no acid forming bacteria of any consequence are to be found in the samples taken each month from the town's supply and sent to Raleigh for analysis.

Few municipalities in the country have the advantages of such an excellent supply of water.

As a result of much work done by the town and the WPA on the Murphy water lines during the past year the town is said to be in the best shape it has been in for many years as far as the water supply is concerned.

Judge Hill Reported Slightly Improved

Judge Frank S. Hill, of Murphy, was removed this week from Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., to Richmond, and is reported improving from a recent illness.

Judge Hill, who was appointed to the Superior court bench in 1932, has been ill about three weeks.

Police Conduct Search For Man For 2 Crimes

ROOSEVELT BALL CELEBRATION IS SUCCESS AT DAM

The Cherokee County President's Birthday Ball, held at Hiwassee Dam last Saturday night, was a success both socially and financially. There was an excellent attendance and the large crowd was well taken care of. The decorations of the Community Building auditorium and lounge were exceptionally effective, and represented a large amount of work on the part of those in charge.

Returns made to date indicate that the net proceeds from the dance will be close to \$250. In addition, the school children at Hiwassee Dam, on their own initiative, raised \$3.89 by a "March of Dimes." A complete financial statement will be published as soon as the returns from the sale of tickets are complete.

The thanks of the entire community and of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis are due to the committee responsible for carrying out the arrangements for the dance at Hiwassee Dam, to those who undertook the sale of tickets, and to those members of the many communities who supported the President's Birthday Celebration by the purchase of tickets.

The committee in charge of arrangements at Hiwassee Dam for the dance consisted of Mr. Garnett Davis, Chairman; Miss Ann Peggam, Mrs. W. S. Pigot, Mrs. C. E. Blee, Mr. John Reedy, Mr. Jesse H. Murdock, and Mr. O. D. Johnson.

Bi-County Ministerial Association Formed

For the counties of Cherokee and Clay a Ministerial Alliance has been formed with the following officers:

Chairman, Rev. E. F. Baker, pastor Baptist Church, Andrews, vice-chairman, Rev. H. L. Paisley, pastor Presbyterian churches, Murphy and Hayesville, Secretary, Rev. Fred Stiles, Murphy, Route 2.

A program committee composed of the pastors of Murphy churches with Rev. H. L. Paisley as Chairman was instructed to arrange a program for the next meeting to be held at the Baptist church in Murphy, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Monday February 6th reports as follows: Devotionals by Rev. G. N. Dulin of Andrews with Rev. Tom Truett of Culberson, leading the singing.

A discussion on "Fellowship" led by the Chairman, Rev. E. F. Baker.

The Alliance voted to meet at 10 A. M. on Monday following the first Sunday of each month. The meeting will be held at the Baptist church in Murphy.

All ministers of the two counties Cherokee and Clay are invited to these meetings which are intended to promote fellowship and to consider our problems and interests.

To Hold Health Exams For County 4-H Clubs

The following schedule is the date of the Health Examinations for 4-H Clubs. The County Health nurse and doctor will be at these schools on these dates to give the Physical Examinations to the 4-H Club boys and girls. Everyone please be prepared to take the examination and bring your health record with you.

This is the schedule:

- Monday, Feb. 6, Andrews 1:00 (EST)
- Wednesday, Feb. 8, Martins Creek 9:00 (CST)
- Thursday, Feb. 9, Suit 10:00 (CST)
- Friday, Feb. 10, Grandview 10:00 (CST)
- Monday, Feb. 13 Murphy 9:00 (CST)
- Wednesday, Feb. 15, Peachtree 9:00 (EST)

Methodist Church Choir Organized

The Junior Choir of the Methodist Church has been reorganized. A practice is held every Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, with Mary Frances Bell assisting Mrs. Mallonee. After each practice a social hour is enjoyed. All boys and girls of this church who do not belong to the Choir are invited to join.

Nurse Attacked, Woman Robbed In Hospital Here

Town and county police were conducting an extensive search here this week for a "Masked Man" who entered Whitfield hospital before daylight Sunday morning, attacked a nurse and took a purse containing \$90 from a woman who had become a mother only a few hours before.

The officers were apparently without any definite clues in the double crime, and were operating with absolute secrecy this week. No arrests have been made and no suspects have been named.

The two women were spending the night alone in a room in the one-story hospital when the man entered, apparently from a rear door.

Stories told by the badly frightened women, which conflicted or were vague in some details, and the apparent case with which the burglar worked, left little for the police to work from.

Mrs. Frank Kilpatrick, of Marble, the mother, was returned to her home Sunday, and the nurse, a 45-year-old unmarried woman, was recovering this week from shock as a result of the accident.

"The man operated so quietly that the women did not know he had entered, where he was or what was going on most of the time", Dr. B. W. Whitfield, said.

Officers reported the man entered the rear door of the hospital about 4 a. m. and began calling the name of a nurse who had been working at the hospital. He then entered the room where the two women were. Threatening their lives with a large knife which the women said he held over them, he learned that Mrs. Kilpatrick had just become a mother.

Telling the women he would kill them if they made an outcry, he went to another room, obtained gauze and some towels. He disconnected a small light in the room where the women were sleeping, tied the nurse's hands behind her, stuffed her mouth with gauze and attacked her.

He then demanded the purse which had been laying on a table by Mrs. Kilpatrick's bed, and which she had slipped under her bed.

Departing he pulled the switch of the hospital's lighting system at the front door and disconnected the telephone. He warned the women not to notify anyone for an hour.

The nurse later crawled out of a side window, went to a neighbor's house and notified Dr. Whitfield. Police first learned of the crime about 6:20 a. m.

An intensive search for the man was begun. Bloodhounds were brought from the Andrews prison camp but lost the trail in the rain-soaked alley adjoining the hospital.

Neither women could accurately describe the man and it was not definitely known whether he was a white man or negro.

Finger prints were obtained by a member of the Buncombe county sheriff's office, but it was not believed they would prove very valuable in running down the man.

Chief of Police Fred Johnson pointed out that both crimes—entering where people are sleeping after dark and the attack—carry the death penalty in North Carolina. He said the "crimes are the worst ever committed in Murphy."

Murphy Boy Trains For Golden Glove

Harold Harrison, son of Rev. and Mrs. V. B. Harrison, will fight in the annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament held in Charlotte, February 15. Harrison weigh 142 pounds and although having had some ring experience in Brevard College, he will enter the novice class. In his preliminary workouts, young Harrison has shown that he has plenty of courage and a good right hand.

Harold attended this tournament last year from Shelby, N. C. This tournament has contestants from every part of North and South Carolina.

COMMISSIONERS TO MEET

The Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County will hold their regular monthly business session at the court house in Murphy on Monday.