

Funds Provided To Complete Dam Here

Over \$20,000,000 Will Be spent On Huge Project

The independent offices appropriation bill reported to the house Monday by the appropriations committee provides sufficient funds for the TVA to complete the Hiwassee dam and reservoir with closure scheduled for the spring of 1940.

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1939, the bill provides an appropriation of \$6,222,000. The estimated cost of this important link of TVA in North Carolina to June 30 is placed at \$13,418,355. The authority reported to the committee that only \$359,645 additional would be subsequently needed to complete the "initial stage" of its development on the Hiwassee river.

The other large TVA project contemplated in North Carolina by the TVA is the Fontana dam on the little Tennessee river.

Col. T. B. Parker, TVA chief engineer, told the house committee of the need for additional dams and he was asked a specific question by Representative Wigglesworth, Massachusetts Republican, regarding the Fontana dam.

"Fontana is one of the sites we are investigating," Col. Parker declared. "It is on the Little Tennessee, and so far it appears to be physically the most promising site. But it is involved with the present development of the Aluminum company on that stream, which somewhat complicates the matter."

Representative Dickson, Illinois Republican, asked the TVA engineer about development on the French Broad river.

"On the French Broad we have had some difficulty because of the location of the present railroad," Col. Parker replied, "and while we have one site located in the vicinity of Dandridge, (Jefferson county, Tenn.), we have not explored that sufficiently to be sure that it is satisfactory."

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TWO ARE BOUND TO COURT ON ROBBERY CHARGE

Vernon ("Sturby") Gibson and Jimmie Hunt, Murphy youths, were bound over to Superior court and placed in county jail here today in lieu of \$1,000 bond each on charges of entering the L & N depot here Saturday and taking a quantity of cigarettes and tobacco.

The boys were arrested Sunday by Chief of Police Fred Johnson. Trial was held in Mayor's court here Wednesday morning.

Officer Johnson also said that Willie Strange, also of Murphy, was being held as a state witness in the case. Strange's bond was set at \$500.

Work On New Sinclair Filling Station Begun

Work was begun here Wednesday on a new Sinclair filling station to be erected on Valley River avenue adjoining the Henn theater.

The station is being built by the firm of Allison and Duncan, local distributing agents for the Sinclair refining company.

H. Duncan, who is overseeing the construction, said the new and modern filling station would cost around \$6,000 when completed.

The lot was recently purchased from E. B. Norvell, Murphy attorney.

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
1	48	32	57 23
2	64	45	59 21
3	68	55	57 43
4	54	26	69 42
5	57	27	65 35
6	53	40	71 44
7	62	36	66 38
RAINFALL INCHES			
	1939	1938	
Since Feb. 1	2.39	0.11	
Since Jan. 1	8.01	3.79	

SHOTGUN BLAST PROVES FATAL TO KIMSEY WYKE

Charlie Frazier, of Andrews, Gives Himself Up, Held Here

Kimsey Wyke, popular Andrews policeman, died in Petrie hospital Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock of a gunshot wound in his chest inflicted by Charlie Frazier, also of Andrews, in front of the Frazier home Friday night.

Following the shooting, Frazier, a former constable in Vaidytown township, gave himself up to the sheriff's department here and is being held without privilege of bond.

The shotgun load was fired into Mr. Wyke's left shoulder at close range and an operation was performed late Sunday night in an effort to save his life. He grew steadily worse.

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Needy And Dependent Get Welfare Checks

A total of \$2,130.40 in checks to needy aged and to dependent children have been distributed for the month of February by Linnetta Dean, Cherokee county welfare superintendent.

To 175 residents of the county went \$1,578.40 in old age assistance payments, while dependent children received a total of \$536 for 130 children.

Lower Railroad Rates In Effect On L & N

Officials of the Louisville and Nashville railroad have announced the adoption of coach fares at one and one-half cents a mile over the entire system.

The new rates, now in effect, are about 25 percent cheaper than those which have been in effect. Practically all the Southeastern lines have adopted the same scale, and the area which benefits from this reduction extends south from the Ohio and Potomac Rivers and west as far as the Mississippi.

Mrs. Spencer Buried At Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Thomas Spencer, 60-year-old Murphy resident who was killed in an automobile collision near Delaware, Ohio, on January 13, was taken to the home of relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y., on January 31 for burial, it was learned here this week.

Mr. Spencer, her husband, who was driving the car, is improving at a Delaware hospital from serious injuries suffered in the crash.

The couple had lived here the past 10 years. Mr. Spencer, before coming here, was prominent in British naval circles.

Allen Ramsey To Open New Filling Station

Allen Ramsey, of Murphy, has announced that he will open his new filling station at the Hiwassee River bridge near the L & N depot Saturday.

He states that he is equipped to give first-class service on all cars and trucks and will handle the Sinclair line of automobile gasoline and lubricants. The new station will also be agents for Goodyear tires, tubes and batteries.

Mr. Ramsey says he will have a special offer to make the motoring public for one week beginning with his opening Saturday.

Mr. Ramsey is well-known here having been in the corn mill business for many years.

WINS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Hal Leatherwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Leatherwood, formerly of Murphy, has entered Elon college, Elon, N. C., on a scholarship he earned at Washington Lee High school at Arlington, Va.

Murphy Negro Admits Attack, Robbery Here

County Denies Special Court

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners decided Monday not to ask Governor Clyde R. Hoey for a special term of Cherokee County Superior court for the trial of Charley Fain, 26-year-old Murphy Negro, who attacked a nurse and robbed a patient of \$90 at Whitfield hospital here January 21.

The board was sitting at a regular "First Monday" meeting when Mayor J. B. Gray of Murphy, on behalf of himself and other prominent citizens of the town, asked them to request Governor Hoey to pronounce the special term for "swift and sure justice."

Board members, however, pointed out that it would require 20 days to arrange for a term of court; that judge (Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville), and the solicitor (John M. Queen, of Waynesville) will be busy attending other courts in this district until that time, and that the next session of Superior court here is only seven weeks off.

The Negro will be tried before Judge Nettles when Superior court convenes here on Monday, April 3. He will face two death penalty charges—the attack and entering where people are sleeping after dark.

Fain will be held in the Asheville jail until court convenes. Sheriff Carl Townson said this week. He will probably be accompanied here by state officers and possibly a detachment of the state militia.

"We are hoping that everything will be quiet and orderly," Sheriff Townson said. "He's having no picnic where he is now."

Morphew's Bill Gets Approval In Legislature

The house judiciary committee Tuesday reported favorable Senator Jack Morphew's bill to extend the term of office of the Cherokee county register of deeds and assured its enactment into law.

Representative Clyde H. Jarrett withdrew his opposition to the measure in view of the large number of endorsements received from Cherokee county residents.

The bill extends the term of the register of deeds to the first Monday in December, 1942, and provides for four-year terms beginning with the 1942 election.

Representative Jarrett explained his withdrawal of opposition to the committee as follows: "I have publicly stated through the press that I was opposed to the passage of this bill for the extension of the term of office of the register of deeds of Cherokee county. The people of my county are aware of the position I have taken. My position is based upon the type of legislation as I do not believe the legislature should assume to extend the term of an elective officer beyond the term for which he was elected. This bill has been endorsed by some of the leading citizens of Cherokee county and no particular opposition has been shown. Bowing to the expressed desires of the people of the county, I am withdrawing my opposition to the passage of this bill."

The house salaries and fees committee gave a favorable report Tuesday to Representative Jarrett's bill to regulate the fees of the sheriff and tax collector of Cherokee county. It would prescribe a lengthy schedule of fees for sheriff and provide that the sheriff would receive three per cent of the first \$50,000 of taxes collected and 2 1/2 per cent of excess.

Charley Fain Arrested In Maryville On Friday

Charley Fain, a 26-year-old Murphy Negro, is being held in Asheville jail charged with the attack of a nurse and the robbery of \$90 from a mother of just a few hours at Whitfield hospital in Murphy January 29.

The arrest, made Friday, climaxed six days of intensive search for the elusive "Masked Marauder" by county and state officers.

Fain signed a complete confession to the crimes before officers when he was placed in jail at Asheville "for safe keeping" Friday night. He was arrested in Maryville, Tenn., earlier in the day and had denied knowledge of the crimes—both of which carry a death penalty in North Carolina—up until the time he was taken to the Asheville jail.

Fain was employed at Moore's garage in Murphy, and suspicion was first thrown on him when he failed to show up for work Monday and the days following. It was learned he had taken a taxi to Atlanta last Tuesday. His wife was taken into custody by officers but would not give any information. She is now being held in lieu of \$5,000 bail for giving misleading information to officers and possessing part of the stolen money.

Officers traced the Negro to Blue Ridge, Ga., where he gave one of Mrs. Frank Kilpatrick's (the mother) rings to one of his three alleged wives, and later to Atlanta, Ga., where he stayed at a rooming house until last Wednesday.

The confession was as follows: Statement of Charlie Fain, February 3, 1939.

Court Asked To Stop Building Of Prison Camp

An action "to show cause why the State Highway and Public Works commissions should not be restrained" from building a prison camp five miles from Murphy on the Hayesville highway has been filed with the clerk of the Superior court in Murphy.

The action was brought by John A. Taham, Kimsey Wyke G. M. Morrow and A. G. Hogan, all of Andrews, and E. C. Mallonee and W. H. Brandon, both of Murphy.

The order was signed by Judge Zeb V. Nettles on January 26 during the recent session of superior court. The hearing is scheduled to be held in superior court at Waynesville on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Eighty acres of land was purchased in the Peachtree section from Mrs. M. L. Mauney several weeks ago by the highway department for the purpose of erecting a modern prison camp at an approximate cost of \$40,000. It was planned to move the temporary camps which have been located at Andrews for the past six years to the new site.

The petitioners listed the following reasons for filling the action: The new site is not as centrally located in this area as the one at Andrews; the land is not suitable or fertile for growing vegetables; because it is not centrally located in this area prisoners could not be hauled to and from their road work jobs economically; the site of the new camp would necessitate disposal of sewage and refuse in Hiwassee river from which Murphy's water supply is obtained.

Mr. Brandon said Wednesday concerning the petition that he had "not signed anything." He said he had made a statement concerning the methods of sewage disposal at the new camp but that "it wasn't anything that a purifying system of some sort such as we have here couldn't take care of."

Mallonee And Davidson Merchandise Is Sold

The Mallonee and Davidson stock of goods was sold at auction here on Monday.

The Asheville Army store bought the bulk of the dry goods stock and are planning to conduct a sale here next week end to dispose of them.

The groceries were purchased by E. A. Browning.

The cash register and other equipment in the store was purchased by Tom Mauney.

Saturday Last Day To Get Free TVA Trees

Saturday will be the last day in which the county agent will take application for TVA fruit trees.

These trees were announced in the Scout last fall and were to be free to farmers for planting on abandoned land.

All farmers who care to get trees should call at county agent's office by Saturday, February 11.

Pruden Davidson Gets Special College Award

Pruden Davidson, as managing editor of the "Technician", weekly newspaper at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, will be one of 33 students at the school receiving gold keys for meritorious service by the college publications board at a banquet Tuesday night, Feb. 21.

Mr. Davidson, a junior at State, also speaks a half hour each week from radio station WPTF, Raleigh, for the state collegiate press bureau.

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