

## SURVEY LAND NEAR HERE FOR TALC MINING

### WPA Labor Appropriation May Be Made For Local Project

Prospective talc-mining operations have been started on the Mauney-Kinsey property three miles from Murphy by Cherokee Minerals incorporated, of Hickory.

The property is situated along the Notla river near the famous Carolina Talc company mines and is believed to be a part of the same rich vein that runs through this section of North Carolina and into northern Georgia.

J. J. Hudiburg, president and general manager of the corporation, is staying here to supervise the operations. Core drilling operations have been started under the direction of Hobert Kivett and J. W. McMillian.

If the initial survey proves the property worth working extensively for talc, Mr. Hudiburg hopes to get a new WPA mineral development project appropriation in this county. Approximately \$180,000 is being approved for this type of work in this state through federal and state funds.

It is understood that several such projects are being undertaken in the three westernmost counties of the state and it is possible that if an appropriation is made for mineral prospective work that an office will be located in Murphy to carry on the work in this area.

H. A. Bryson, state geologist, has made several trips to this section in connection with these projects recently.

Cherokee minerals first began their survey of the famous Mauney-Kinsey property two weeks ago, but bad weather has kept them from active core drilling until this week.

If the property proves as valuable as Mr. Hudiburg expects it to, nearly 25 men are expected to be used on the mining project when it gets under way.

"The state will study our survey in connection with our application", Mr. Hudiburg said. "I understand they furnish the labor on these projects."

## World Day of Prayer To Be Held Feb. 24

The World Day of Prayer will be observed by the Christian people of all the churches of Murphy on Friday, Feb. 24, at the Presbyterian church, it was announced Thursday by the Rev. D. H. Paisley, D. D., pastor of the church.

The program will be led by Dr. Paisley. It will begin at 2 p. m. and last until 4 p. m. The pastors of the other churches and members of their congregations will participate.

"Surely when we consider the conditions and problems confronting us in the world today we see the need of prayer", Dr. Paisley said in making the announcement.

The public is invited to attend.

## Still Is Captured In Culberson Area

The Cherokee county sheriff's department reported this week the capture of a still in the Culberson community last Friday.

Sheriff J. C. Townson, Deputy Sheriff Hyatt and Constable Sheridan Stiles made the capture and destroyed 60 gallons of beer.

## MASON TO SHIP CATTLE

L. L. Mason, Cherokee county dealer, announces that he will ship two car loads of fine local cattle to the Louisville, Ky., market this week-end.

## Weather Vane

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

	1939		1938	
	Max	Min	Max	Min
Feb. 8	66	29	60	26
9	64	44	66	30
10	68	56	68	45
11	65	37	73	43
12	58	22	74	38
13	61	22	71	39
14	63	47	68	51

	1939	1938
	RAINFALL INCHES	5.04
Since Feb. 1	10.66	3.86
Since Jan. 1		

## Families Are Moving Here Temporarily

Between 50 and 75 families are expected to arrive in Cherokee county by the end of the week as the result of the TVA's reservoir clearance work.

A number of families have already arrived in Murphy and the surrounding community, and more are coming in every day. Vacant houses are being rented and a number of the new families are living in trailers and occupying other temporary quarters.

About 250 men will be required on the Hiwassee Dam basin clearance force. The work will last approximately four months. A large number of local men are being hired for this work.

## Murphy May Soon Have An Airport

Murphy may soon have an airport, it was learned here this week.

It is understood that the TVA has offered a tract of land near the Dr. J. N. Hill property in Murphy for use as an airport if the citizens of Murphy can obtain a WPA project to build it and provide its upkeep.

The property was recently purchased by the TVA from Dr. Hill as part of the Hiwassee Dam reservoir, but it will not be flooded. The property is said to be an ideal landing field.

Local citizens are beginning a move this week to petition the WPA for an appropriation to build the airport which would be the only one in this mountainous section of Western North Carolina.

## Mrs. W. G. Odom Buried Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. W. G. Odom, 83, were conducted from the Methodist church here Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Van B. Harrison, the Rev. J. C. Gentry, the Rev. J. C. Ammons and the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., officiating. Interment was in Sunset cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Odom died Sunday morning at Hayesville after a short illness. She was born near Maddisonville, Tenn., on August 24, 1856, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips. At the age of 35 she joined the Methodist church in Graham county.

Active pallbearers were: Charles Odom, Olen Stratton, Bennie McGlammery, R. L. McGlammery, Ralph Hamby and June Penland. Flower girls were: Edna Mae Hamby, Sadie June Love, Virginia Ruth Odom, Claudia and Mary Lou Odom, Alwayne Stratton and Billie Stratton.

Surviving are: the husband; two sons, J. W. Odom, of Unaka, and W. P. Odom, of Murphy; four daughters, Mrs. R. F. Piercy, of Andrews; Mrs. E. L. Herbert, of Hayesville; Mrs. Claude L. Love, of Asheville, and Miss Fannie Odom, of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother, W. R. Phillips, of Madisonville, Tenn., 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

## Lawrence Brendle Is Injured In Fall

Lawrence Brendle, of Murphy, is in Petrie hospital suffering from painful but not serious injuries suffered when he fell off a house being torn down on Peachtree street Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Brendle was taken to the hospital where it was found he had a broken arm, bruises and a "severe shaking". Hospital attendants said he was improving.

## Holland's Store Sold To Watkins at Andrews

The business establishment of W. Turner Holland in Andrews has been sold to J. A. Watkins, also of Andrews, this week, it has been learned.

Mr. Holland ran a general store in Andrews handling a full line of dry goods and groceries. Mr. Watkins is a son of Lee Watkins, of Andrews, who owns a similar business establishment adjoining the one purchased from Mr. Holland.

The transaction is one of the largest to be made in this section recently.

## CANNERY HOLDS ANNUAL MEET HERE SATURDAY

### Officers Are Elected; Business Discussed By Group

The annual stockholders of the Mutual Canning Association met in Murphy Saturday at 10 o'clock. Present at this meeting was the largest attendance of representative farmers ever attending a meeting of this sort. Approximately 150 were present at this meeting, every section in this area being represented.

Mr. John Farr, administrator of the TVA, presented the 1939 canning contract which met with the most enthusiastic endorsement of any contract ever presented to the farmers.

John Shields, N. T. Cook, representatives of the FSA, County Agent Lon Hulse of Union county, and A. Q. Ketner, county agent of Cherokee County were the officials at this meeting.

R. R. Beal, whose present term as director has just expired, along with R. L. Payne, of Union county, Ga., were elected for the present term directors. Mr. Payne succeeds Frank Gheringalli as director.

After the meeting the directors held an executive session to elect officers for the ensuing year. The officers elected were: J. B. (Burt) Shields, manager; W. M. Fain, president; J. H. Ellis, vice-president; R. R. Beal, secretary and treasurer.

Only routine business was transacted at the executive meeting and no definite action was taken as a selection of the new site for the cannery.

Mr. Shields stated to the Board that he had received several offers from other sections seeking the establishment of the cannery if Murphy does not raise sufficient amount of capital for moving the present building which must be vacated in the near future.

## Cherokee County Bills Passed In Senate

Two Cherokee county bills were passed by the senate Wednesday and ordered enrolled for ratification. One prescribes a lengthy schedule of fees for the Cherokee sheriff and provides that the sheriff receive three per cent of first \$50,000 of taxes collected and 2 1-2 per cent of excess.

The second measure repeals chapter 109 of the 1931 public-local laws relating to grand and jury juries of Cherokee county, and brings Cherokee under the provisions of the general laws relating to juries.

Home Bill 126, introduced by Representative Clyde H. Jarrett, of Andrews; repeals the act which provided a tax commission for Cherokee county.

## Class In Blueprint Reading To Begin Here

The Training division of the TVA has arranged with Jack Rubensaal to conduct a Class in Blueprint Reading and Estimating for Carpenters. The course will include a study of plans and material for culverts, bridges, and some dam construction.

The first class meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, at 7 p. m. in the Murphy Elementary school Building. All carpenters, wherever employed are invited to attend this class.

Attendance will be credited on the Personnel Record of all employees of the Tennessee Valley Authority who desire it.

## Independent Basketball Tournament Scheduled

An independent basketball tournament will be held in the Murphy gymnasium on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 16, 17, 18. The schedule standing now is as follows: 6:30—Wolf Creek vs Unaka; 7:30—Robbinsville vs Hayesville; 8:30—Murphy vs Culberson; 9:30—Peachtree vs Hiwassee.

The finals will be held on Saturday night.

## TVA EMPLOYEES ARRIVE HERE

Among the number of TVA people who have been transferred to Murphy are Messrs Charles H. Payne, of Knoxville; L. H. Clauser, of Knoxville; Thomas H. Griffin, of Knoxville; and Robert B. Chittenden of Chattanooga. These men are stopping at the Regal Hotel.

## Refers Prison Camp Suit To TVA Unit

Superior Court Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, Tuesday referred to the Public Health Division of TVA an action on the part of a group of Cherokee county citizens to restrain the highway department from building a new prison camp near Murphy.

The petitioners, appearing before the judge in Haywood county Superior court, stated that the sewage from the proposed new \$40,000 camp would contaminate the water supply at Murphy.

The highway department recently purchased between 60 and 70 acres of land from Mrs. M. L. Mauney five miles from Murphy on the Hayesville highway for the purpose of building a new camp and presumably moving the temporary camps at Andrews to the new site.

## Hearing For Frazier To Be Held Monday

Preliminary hearing for Charlie Frazier, of Andrews, who is being held in Cherokee county jail for the fatal shooting of Kimsey Wyke, 41-year-old Andrews policeman who died February 8, will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock, members of the sheriff's department announced this week.

After Frazier had fired a shot gun blast into Officer Wyke's shoulder in front of the Frazier home, he gave himself up to local officers and was placed in jail.

Officer Wyke was brought to Petrie hospital in a critical condition Friday night Feb. 3, and steadily grew worse until he succumbed to the injuries.

Funeral services were held last Thursday at Andrews.

Frazier admitted he and Wyke, who had on his uniform but was not officially on duty the night of the shooting, had been together for several hours during the evening, and that the shooting culminated a quarrel the two had in front of Frazier's home.

Frazier will be defended by J. N. Moody and J. D. Mallonee, both of Murphy. R. L. Phillips, of Robbinsville, will be the prosecuting attorney.

## TVA BEGINS WORK OF RAISING LEVEL OF BASEBALL PARK

Preliminary work has been started by TVA forces to raise Murphy's combination baseball park and Fair grounds above the level of the Hiwassee river when the Hiwassee Dam 22 miles below here is finished in 1941.

The ball park would normally be flooded by the impounded waters. The TVA decided to raise the level of the now unlevelled park above the contour line rather than flood it and provide another site.

Officials state that the work will begin at once and should be completed within two months.

It will not be necessary to move the Cherokee County Fair building on the property, it was stated.

## Andrews And Murphy Highly Advertised In 'Southern' Directory

A "Directory of Industries" situated on the Southern railway line has recently been issued by the railway company and will be distributed in Pullman cars, in hotel rooms and other places where leading business men of the nation will have access to them.

Through the efforts of the local Southern railway station agents, much information concerning the towns along the route in Cherokee county have been included in the indexed volume and is expected to result in increased business for the towns.

The book is but part of the expensive work the Southern railway is doing to advertise the towns along its route and bring more business into this section of Western North Carolina.

Mr. Joe Morgan, of Andrews, and Mr. A. N. Hinton, of Murphy, got up the information for their towns.

## ANNUAL LIONS DINNER TOPIC OF MEET HERE

### Cherokee County Banquet To Be Held Here February 28

Arrangements for the annual Cherokee county dinner to be sponsored in Murphy by the Lions club was made at a meeting of the club Tuesday night.

The date for the annual affair was set as Tuesday night, Feb. 28. It will be held in the dining room of the Methodist church.

Committees appointed by President H. G. Elkins are as follows: Arrangements, Chairman W. A. Sherrill, T. W. Kindley, V. M. Johnson and Jim Franklin. Invitations, Chairman K. C. Wright, Sam Carr, Walter Coleman and W. A. Adams. Favors, Chairman Park Fisher, Frank Ellis and P. J. Henn. Decorations, Chairman Whit Carmichael, Peyton G. Ivie, Wade Massey and the Rev. Van B. Harrison. Reception, Chairman W. W. Hyde, H. Bueck, W. M. Fain and Mr. Carmichael.

The Annual Cherokee county dinner was inaugurated here eight years ago by the Murphy Lions Club. At first it featured all the different varieties of food that could be grown in Cherokee county. But the number of various articles was so large it soon became impractical to place them on a table.

Now each annual dinner is devoted to some phase of work or some industry in the county and emphasis is placed on that one thing at the dinner. Last year Cherokee county's diversified mineral deposits featured this meeting.

The product that will feature this year's dinner has not yet been announced although the committees are going ahead to perfect the dinner which is expected to attract about 150 persons from Western North Carolina.

The Rev. Van B. Harrison, Murphy's new Methodist minister, was welcomed in to the club as a new member.

Discussions of several civic projects were held during a business session of the club.

J. J. Hudiburg, president and general manager of Cherokee Minerals incorporated, was present at the meeting as a visitor and gave a short talk on the appropriations in various states for the investigation of mineral properties.

He stated a total of about \$180,000 in state and federal funds would be made available in North Carolina, and added this was a comparatively small sum alongside of the amount other states were appropriating for this work. It is also generally known that North Carolina has one of the largest and most diversified mineral deposits of any state in the country.

Cherokee Minerals incorporated is prospecting at present for talc on the Mauney-Kinsey property on the Notla river near Murphy, and are planning soon to use a number of local employees if the prospecting shows up favorably and a request for an appropriation is granted by the state.

## Mrs. Taylor Slightly Injured Here Tuesday

Mrs. C. R. Taylor of Murphy, narrowly escaped serious injury here early Thursday morning. She was accidentally struck by a pick-up truck driven by Mr. John Odell. Mr. Odell rushed her to Petrie hospital where it was found that her injuries were only slight.

Mrs. Taylor and her husband later left for Asheville where Mr. Taylor who has been connected with the Shoal Creek-Hiwassee Dam roadwork for the state highway department has been transferred.

## Army Store Begins Close-Out of Goods

Th Asheville Army Store will begin today (Friday) selling the bankrupt stock of goods of the Mallonee and Davidson store in Murphy.

The stock of goods was purchased by the present owners at public auction last week.

They announced they will close out all of the goods in the store at exceptional bargain prices, a number of which are listed elsewhere in this issue of the Cherokee Scout.