

FUNDS FOR TVA DAM ASSURED IN OFFICE BILL

County May Get 5 Per Cent Of Power Sale Returns

An appropriation of \$6,222,000 for completion of the TVA's Hiwassee dam in Cherokee county was virtually assured Wednesday when the house voted to adopt the conference report on the independent offices bill which carried an appropriation of \$39,003,000 for TVA construction. The vote was 184 to 176 in favor of the report and the North Carolina delegation voted solidly in favor of it.

The action of the lower house reversed previous action in which the house eliminated part of the TVA appropriation, only to see it restored by the senate.

Meanwhile, Rep. Weaver, (D., N. C.), introduced in the house a bill to amend the TVA act which would pay the state of North Carolina five per cent of the receipts from the power sales of the Hiwassee dam and the Fontana dam, if and when constructed.

Administration leaders won a vital victory in obtaining adoption of the report and preventing a blow to a major New Deal agency. Few Democrats voted with the Republican bloc in opposing the conference report, although a large number refrained from voting. Rep. Doughton, (D., N. C.), veteran Tar Heel member of the house, was prevented from voting by illness.

The TVA, if the senate votes for the conference reports as expected, will be able to continue work on the Gilbertville dam and to help begin construction on a dam at or near Watts Bar. A total amount of \$17,206,000 is provided in the bill for these projects.

Senator Bailey, (D., N. C.), voted for the Adams amendment which would have eliminated the TVA items from appropriations bill. Senator Reynolds, (D., N. C.), voted against it.

Weaver explained today that the states of Alabama and Tennessee each receives five per cent of the receipts from TVA operations within its borders.

HENN THEATER TO BE ENLARGED AND REMODELED HERE

P. J. Henn, owner of the Henn theater in Murphy, has begun the work of enlarging and improving his theater here.

He plans to lengthen it considerably and install 150 more spring-bottom seats. The theater, built here four years ago, will then have a seating capacity of more than 500.

Mr. Henn expects to spend about \$4,000 on the improvement and enlargement work and plans to finish it about May 1.

The owner states the work will in no way interfere with regular matinee and night showings despite the fact that his new ponderous air-conditioning system will have to be moved and rebuilt.

Mr. Henn said the enlargement was due to a large increase in attendance.

Man Held In Jail On Slander Charge

Willard Barnett, of the Marble community, Cherokee county, is being held in Cherokee county jail in Murphy in default of \$500 bond after being bound over to Superior court Tuesday on a charge of slander.

The suit was brought by Miss May Johnson, of the Slow Creek section of Cherokee county.

The hearing was held before Magistrate D. M. Reese.

Weather Vane

TEMPERATURES			
1939			
	1939	1938	
22	46	17	53
23	39	8	51
24	54	11	46
25	51	25	38
26	62	41	42
27	58	31	61
28	67	49	58
RAINFALL INCHES			
1939			
Total for February	9.62		1.98
Total this year	15.24		5.66

SENIOR PLAY TO BE OFFERED ON FRIDAY NIGHT

The much talked about Senior play "Gay", will be presented by the Senior Class of the Murphy High School Friday March 3rd at 7:30 P. M., in the school auditorium.

"A fast moving" three act comedy, ultra and very clever" best describe the more than two hours of entertainment which every patron of the school should attend.

For the benefit of those students on the buses a matinee performance will be given on a date to be definitely announced in the near future.

The cast of characters will include the following Seniors: Kate Padgett, Morris Clackler, Lonnie May, Barbara Meroney, Mary Frances Carmichael, George Walker, Mary Katherine Axley, Emmalyn Pryor, and Mary Frances Bell.

FIELD DAY FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS BEING ARRANGED

Program Will Be Held At Martins Creek Week of March 20

Plans are being made in Cherokee county for a field day for the schools of the county unit to be held at Martins Creek Consolidated school during the week of March 20.

Arrangements for this new annual program of athletic and forensic competition among the many schools of the county were outlined at a meeting of the teachers of the county unit held in Murphy Saturday morning.

About 40 teachers from all over the county attended. N. O. Kilpatrick, president over the meeting in the place of L. W. Shields, president of the county board of education, who was absent. County superintendent, A. L. Martin, and several teachers gave splendid talks during the meeting.

Following discussion and outline of plans for the general field day, a committee was appointed to be in charge of the affair. It is composed of: R. C. Pipes, principal of the Peachtree school; Porter Raper, teacher in the Martins Creek school; Ersu McNabb, principal of the Walker school; Douglas Smith, principal of the Unaka school, and Mrs. Kate Shields, principal of the Wolf Creek school.

The following directors were selected: Mr. Shields in charge of the declamation contest; Mr. Smith and Miss McNabb in charge of a recitation contest; Mr. Kilpatrick in charge of a spelling contest; Mrs. Shields in charge of art appreciation, and Mr. Pipes in charge of fundamental arithmetic contest to be limited to the seventh grades.

Mr. Raper will be in charge of the athletic program.

It was agreed that any of the different schools of the county unit could enter contestants in any or all phases of the program.

Any school wishing to enter contestants are requested to report them to the person in charge of the contest in which they are interested.

Plans were made for a hot lunch to be served at the school the day the program is held.

All persons interested in a better day for education in Cherokee county are urged to attend this program. A good time is promised for all", members of the committee said.

Hubbard House Sold To Mr. and Mrs. Raper

The Hubbard Boarding house in Murphy was sold Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Raper, of the Brass-town section.

The boarding house was owned by Sam Lovingood and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hubbard.

The sale was made through the Murphy Realty company, of Murphy, of which Walter C. Witt is agent.

Dance Will Be Held After Senior's Play

Following the presentation of the annual Senior play at the Murphy High school Friday night, a dance will be held at the gymnasium sponsored by the class.

Admission will be 25 cents for couples or 10 cents for stags.

ANNUAL LIONS DINNER HELD TUESDAY NIGHT

Nearly 100 Guests From Surrounding Counties Attend

Nearly 100 persons from Cherokee and surrounding counties were guests of the Murphy Lions club at their annual Cherokee County Dinner held at the Methodist church here Tuesday night.

As the highlight of the evening Russel S. Ratcliffe, assistant in the agricultural relations department of TVA, gave an illustrated lecture on landscape appeal to tourists in the Hiwassee Dam section.

Following the sumptuous banquet attended by all members of the club and their guests, a number of short, interesting talks were given.

Lion President Harve Elkins presided over the dinner. Lion Park Fisher gave the invocation and Lion H. Bueck gave the address of welcome.

Speakers on the program included:

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MANY FOREST FIRES ARE CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS, WARDEN SAYS

According to County Forest Warden S. S. Birchfield of Murphy, approximately 800 forest fires burned in North Carolina during 1938 as a result of brush burning. These 800 forest fires cost the State of North Carolina thousands of dollars damage to timber and wild life to say nothing of the effect the fires have on such as soil erosion and the aesthetic value of our woodland.

Every single one of those 800 fires represents a case where someone was careless with fire. Therefore, County Warden Birchfield takes this opportunity to remind all, who intend to burn brush, sedge, or debris of any kind in connection with their Spring farming and clearing, to familiarize themselves fully with the North Carolina Forest Fire Laws.

Before burning debris of any kind, secure from your County Forest Warden, or one of his authorized representatives, a burning permit.

Burning permits can be secured from County Forest Warden Birchfield at Murphy, N. C., and the following District Wardens: Charlie McDonald, Grandview; Earl Payne, Culberson, and U. S. Ranger office, Andrews.

WPA SEWING ROOM PROJECT HERE PRODUCES MANY FINE GARMENTS

By Kathleen Roberts

One of the most interesting projects, but the least known about, is the WPA Sewing Project.

The Sewing room has been remodeled and now consists of two rooms, the stitching room and the finishing room. The stitching room consists of the sewing machines, arranged in a neat row, a large cabinet containing finished and unfinished projects, and a place to model the finished garments. These finished garments are turned out to the Welfare Office every eight days.

The finishing room contains a group of chairs and tables for the workers who do all the finishing work by hand and it is done to perfection. The garments turned out are as neatly

Murphy Power Measure Is Killed By Committee

TWO ARE BOUND TO COURT AFTER RAIDS ON STILLS

Ezra Bell and Fred Henson, both of the North Carolina-Georgia line section of Cherokee County, were bound over to Superior court Wednesday following a hearing before Magistrate D. M. Reese, of Murphy, on a charge of illegally manufacturing whiskey.

A raid was made on a 21-gallon still they were allegedly operating Monday by Sheriff Carl Townson, Deputies Tom Campbell and Richard Meroney and Constable Sheridan Stiles. The capture of 250 gallons of beer was reported.

Tuesday Sheriff Townson and Constable Stiles joined Graham county officers in capturing a still near the Cherokee-Graham county line. Officers said the liquor was made in a 55-gallon tank. Three quarts of liquor and 100 gallons of beer were found. No arrests were made.

Means Nantahala Power And Light Co. Will Serve Town

The house committee on counties, cities and towns Wednesday reported unfavorably Representative Clyde H. Jarrett's bill to exempt the town of Murphy from certain provisions of the 1938 revenue bond act relating to establishment of a municipal power plant.

The committee's action, taken upon recommendations of Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne, was interpreted as killing the town's prospects of a municipal power plant with aid of the Tennessee Valley authority.

In view of the committee's action, it is anticipated that the Nantahala Power and Light company will exercise its option to purchase the Southern States Power company's distribution plant for the Murphy area. The Nantahala officials agreed with Winborne to give Murphy consumers a rate much lower than the present Southern States Power company's schedule but about ten per cent higher than TVA scale. Winborne told the committee that Murphy could not provide power, amortize its indebtedness and provide for depreciation at the TVA rate.

The Jarrett bill introduced at request of town officials, sought to exempt Murphy from provisions of the act which would require the town to obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity from the utilities commission before acquiring or erecting a distribution plant.

The purpose of the proposed exemption, sponsors said Tuesday, was to permit the town to acquire or construct an electrical distribution system without first obtaining a certificate of convenience and necessity from the public utilities commission.

Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne opposed the measure, declaring that it struck at the state policy of prohibiting a municipality or power company from invading the territory already served by another municipal or private power company.

Mayor Favors Measure

J. B. Gray, mayor of Murphy, spoke in favor of the measure and declared that it was necessary in order that the town may negotiate with the Tennessee Valley authority to furnish power for the proposed municipal distribution system. Charles Mayfield, a member of the board of aldermen; Walter Mauney, Lee Shields, and Fred Johnson of Murphy, also were members of the Murphy delegation but did not speak. Senator Jack Morphey and Representative Jarrett advised the committee they favored the measure.

Mayor Gray said the Southern States Power Company, which owns the present distribution system, "has refused to discuss with us any possible sale or transfer of the properties to the town of Murphy, but it has agreed to sell its properties to another company, the Nantahala Power and Light Company.

"The Tennessee Valley authority desires to furnish us with power, build or buy a distribution system, but will not interfere with the state laws," he explained. "It is necessary for our town to be exempted from the provisions of the 1938 act before we can negotiate with TVA. Unless this bill is passed, we cannot do anything."

Not Opposing Town

"I am not opposing the town of Murphy," said Commissioner Winborne. "Since 1934, the law has been that no utility can invade the territory served by another without a certificate from the commission. If you pass this bill, it means that the

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FORESTRY MOVIES DRAWING LARGE CROWDS IN CHEROKEE, GRAHAM

The Forestry Moving Picture Programs which are being shown in Cherokee and Graham Counties by the North Carolina State Forest Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority, cooperating, are being attended by large crowds and drawing many favorable comments.

The Programs were begun on November 3. Through February 17, 61 programs had been given with an attendance of 6,937 persons. This is an average of 113.7 persons for each show.

Each program consists of a complete, five-reel picture on Fire Prevention and related subjects. The causes of fires, losses suffered and ways of preventing fires are pointed

out in the pictures.

"We surely did enjoy that picture. Fires are certainly ruining this country and we ought to keep them out of our woods", is a remark frequently made by persons having seen the shows. There is a growing realization that forest resources furnish a large part of the revenue in this section and that fires will have to be prevented if this income is to continue in the future.

Every citizen in Cherokee and Graham counties should avail himself of the opportunity to see these pictures. They are shown at the various school houses throughout the two Counties five nights a week. The schedule, giving places and dates, is run in this paper each week.

Andrews Elections Bill Is Deferred In House

The senate committee on elections laws Wednesday deferred action on a house-supported bill to provide non-partisan election in Andrews, it was learned in news dispatches Thursday.

The bill was introduced by Representative Clyde H. Jarrett.