

Work Begun On Prison Camps Near Peachtree

Contract Let After Judge Nettles Dismisses Court Action

Contract has been let for the construction of a new prison camp five and one-half miles from Murphy on the Hayesville highway and work was started on the project Wednesday.

It is estimated the cost of the permanent camp will be around \$40,000. It will be similar to the one now being used near Bryson City. Completion of the project is expected within several months.

When completed the temporary camps, which have been maintained at Andrews since 1932, will be moved to the new location which is in the Peachtree community.

An action against the highway department restraining them from building the new camp was dismissed by Zeb V. Nettles, Superior court judge of the 20th judicial district, of Asheville, on February 28.

A group of Cherokee countians filed the action, and hearing was held before him in Haywood Superior court on February 13. The petitioners, most of whom were from Andrews, charged, among other things, that refuse and waste from the camp would contaminate the water supply at Murphy which is taken from the Hiwassee River.

Following reports from state and federal sanitary engineers advising that septic tank-sand filters, such as were being planned for the camp, would protect the water supply, Judge Nettles dismissed the action. An appeal was taken.

Some 80 acres of property were purchased from the M. L. Mauney heirs about three months ago for the building of the camp. It will be modern in every detail. It is situated on the Hayesville highway about 14 miles west of the Clay county seat. The property purchased lies between the highway and the Hiwassee river.

SPEAKER'S CLUB IS REORGANIZED

The Murphy Speaker's club has been reorganized and a change of policy has been effected, it was announced Wednesday by Earl Van Horn, official of the club.

Beginning Thursday night at 7:30, the club will meet every other Thursday alternating with lectures by Dr. A. R. Parker, of the Western Carolina Teachers college faculty, at the Murphy Carnegie library.

Under its new policy the Speaker's club will be concerned with actual instruction classes and discussions in effective public speaking and parliamentary procedure, rather than with a program of speakers.

"The club is of the opinion," Mr. Van Horn stated, "that certain basic fundamentals are necessary before practice speaking is attempted. Those who desire to improve their faculties of self-expression along these lines are urged to attend."

The newly-elected officers are: Mrs. T. A. Case, president; Miss Hope Yeager, secretary, and Mr. Van Horn, parliamentarian and instructor.

Welfare Superintendent Distributes Checks

A total of \$2159.40 in checks to needy aged and to dependent children have been distributed for the month of March by Linnetta Dean, Cherokee county welfare superintendent.

To 175 residents of the county went \$1,602.40 in old age assistance payments, while dependent children received a total of \$557.00.

Weather Vane

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall for the past week compared with similar data for last year.

TEMPERATURES		1939		1938	
	58	30	56	14	
March 1	58	30	56	14	
2	49	34	61	24	
3	54	32	66	51	
4	51	39	65	40	
5	74	47	71	48	
6	72	48	66	39	
7	63	24	57	20	
RAINFALL INCHES		1939		1938	
Since March 1		2.95		1.20	
Since January 1		18.24		6.86	

Mrs. Bell, 84, Of Brasstown, Dies Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Viola Bell, 84, of the Brasstown community, were conducted from the Hickory Stand Methodist church Thursday afternoon with the Rev. J. C. Gentry and the Rev. J. A. Fry officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Peyton G. Ivie was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Bell died Wednesday afternoon after an illness of two years. She was born in Cherokee county but had spent most of her life in Clay county. Mrs. Bell was the daughter of the late Col. Hugh Harvey Davidson. She was married to Abel J. Hyatt, of Cherokee county, who died in 1893, and later married Reuben M. Bell who died in 1900. She was a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. E. S. Chastain, of Douglas, Ga.; four sons, Harvey N. Hyatt, of Atlanta, Ga., Bass Hyatt, of Brasstown, Victor H. Bell, of Brasstown, and Allen H. Bell, of Hayesville; two sisters, Mrs. W. B. Pass of Hayesville, and Mrs. Ellis Rich, of California; a brother, Ed Davidson, of St. Louis, Mo.; nine grand children and one great grandchild.

Honorary pallbearers were: John Brendle, Fred O. Seroggs, Will Mason, Jim Zimmerman, John Davidson, Pink Ledford, J. B. Byers, John Hyatt and W. E. Brendle.

Active pallbearers were: Fred Pass, Dillard McCombs, Winslow McIver, Neil Davidson, Paul Scofield and Arthur Jones.

ORIGINAL GARDAN PHOTOGRAPHS ARE EXHIBITED HERE

A group of original photographs belonging to Mrs. Bayard Wotten, well-known Chapel Hill photographer, which are being used to illustrate William Lannier Hunt's new book, "Southern Frowns", are on display in the Murphy-Carnegie library here.

The exhibit is being sponsored by the garden committee of the Murphy Womans club. Mrs. R. C. Mattox is chairman and Mrs. Dixie Palmer is publicity director.

Mrs. Wotten was made a member of the National Artists club in New York early this year. Distinguished work in some field of art is necessary for eligibility in the club. Mrs. Wotten is now illustrating a book written for the North Carolina Garden club, "Old Homes and Gardens of North Carolina". It is being published by the University of North Carolina press.

Garrett and Massey are the publishers of Mrs. Hunt's book.

In obtaining the illustrations now on display at the library, it was necessary for Mrs. Wotten to travel over 9,000 miles.

She is scheduled to appear in Murphy this summer and give a lecture on the Charleston Gardens with colored slides. The lecture will also be sponsored by the Woman's club.

Man Is Injured On Highway 64 Tuesday

Bill Cook, of Kinsey, was slightly injured early Tuesday morning on Highway No. 64 near the entrance to the Kinsey community when he was struck by a car of TVA employees going to work.

Mr. Cook was said to be filling the radiator of his car when the other car struck him and knocked him off the highway.

He was taken to Petrie hospital where it was found that his wound were not serious. He was dismissed from the hospital later in the day.

GOES TO MOTHER'S FUNERAL

Mrs. J. H. Pitzer returned from Corbin, Ky. Friday night where she had been visiting her mother who was seriously ill, but was called there again Monday due to the death of her mother. Mr. Pitzer left Tuesday to join her in Middlesboro.

SEEK TO RAISE \$1,500 TO KEEP CANNERY HERE

TVAC Will Match Fund With \$1,500, Official States

Murphy business men, Cherokee county farmers and local citizens were asked Wednesday night to raise \$1,500 in common and preferred stock to assure maintenance of the Mountain Valley Mutual cannery here for the next year.

Mr. John E. Barr, Tennessee Valley Association cooperatives administrator and head of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Association, of Waynesville, appeared at a mass meeting and stated the TVAC would supplement the money by \$1,500 to aid in maintaining the cannery here.

It is necessary that a new building be erected here to house canning operations as the building formerly used, which belongs to W. M. Fain, is situated in the Hiwassee Dam reservoir and has been ordered removed.

The Town of Murphy offered a lot for a site for the new building but J. E. Mallonee, local attorney, appeared at the meeting and said that citizens living in the vicinity of the proposed site objected to the erection of a cannery there but were anxious to keep the cannery in Murphy and were willing to aid in purchase of a new site to insure its continued operation.

Mr. Mallonee offered another site that will be considered.

Of the necessary \$1,500 required locally about \$1,000 had been raised Wednesday night and officials were seeking to raise the remainder this week.

Common stock at \$5 per share is offered to farmers signing contracts with the local cannery and preferred stock at \$25 a share is being sold to the business men.

The following statement was given out by the cannery officials at the meeting.

During the past four years, the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning Association has spent in Murphy for produce \$24,190.56, for labor \$16,378.39 and for other expenses such as indirect labor, telephone, telegraph, field work, repairs, coal, electricity, and a hundred other expense items \$16,979.99, making a total of \$57,548.94. During this time, the business started from scratch and had to educate its growers and workers how to do the job. The packs have grown from 7,000 cases of finished products in 1935 to 20,500 cases in 1938.

The total amount of money expended in Murphy in 1938 for produce, labor, and expenses amounted to \$21,766.83; so if the business can go ahead on the same basis as it did in 1938 (and it is possible for it to increase), it will spend in the next five years, right here in Murphy, \$108,834.00 or an average of \$21,767.00 per year.

This does not take into account the purchase of cans, boxes, labels, machinery, and machinery repairs that are purchased outside of Murphy and which amount to about 40% of the total expenditure.

Now let's look at the benefits from a local point of view. It is likely the money spent in the past four seasons by the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning Association for produce, labor, and expenses found its way into the business houses of Murphy, and let us say the business houses receive the small profit of 10% on the

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County-Wide Interest Is Centered On Weaver Bill

Stockholders Of Federation To Meet Saturday

Cherokee stockholders of the Farmers Federation will hold their annual meeting at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in Murphy warehouse, according to notices sent out by Federation officials.

James G. K. McClure, president, and other executives of the farm cooperative are expected to attend. Reports will be submitted on last year's business and plans discussed for the current year.

Also to come up at this meeting will be the election of a county advisory committee and the nomination of a director.

Each county where the Federation functions is entitled to two representatives of its board of directors. They serve for overlapping terms of two years. They are nominated at county meetings and elected at the annual meeting of stockholders of the entire organization.

D. Witherspoon and J. H. Hampton are the Cherokee directors. The latter's term expires this month.

Music will be furnished at Saturday's meeting by the federation string band.

TAX LISTERS ARE APPOINTED HERE BY COMMISSIONERS

New tax list takers for Cherokee county have been appointed by the board of county commissioners.

The board was vested with the authority to appoint the listers in a bill introduced into the legislature by Representative Clyde H. Jarrett and passed last week.

W. A. Adams, former county commissioner, was named to supervise the work. Others named were:

Murphy township, P. H. Lovingood, Fred O. Seroggs and John E. Hall; Valleytown township, P. M. Reagan, Victor Raxter, and T. J. Bristol; Notla township, J. C. Anderson and Frank Silvey; Beaverdam township, E. W. Bates; Hot House township, C. C. Forrester, and Shoal Creek township, F. E. Sparks and Edgar Taylor.

Only routine business was discussed by the commissioners at their meeting Monday.

Mauney To Help File Tax Returns In District

Tom J. Mauney, of Murphy, district deputy commissioner for the state department of revenue, announces that he will be in the various towns of the district to aid in filing income and tangible personal taxes during the next week.

The following schedule has been announced: Robbinsville, Thursday, March 9; Hayesville, Friday March 10; Andrews, Saturday, March 11; Bryson City, Monday, March 13; Franklin, Tuesday, March 14, and Murphy, Wednesday, March 15. Mr. Mauney maintains his office in the Woods building in Murphy.

Income and tangible personal property taxes must be filed on or before March 15 as required by law.

COUNTY SCHOOLS COMMENCEMENT DAY PROGRAM TO BE HELD MARCH 23

The Commencement Day program for the schools of the Cherokee County unit have been announced by Mrs. John Shields.

The first annual field day will be held at the Martin's Creek consolidated school on Thursday, March 23, beginning at 9:30 a. m. with all the schools of the county unit cooperating.

The following events will be held: Declaration contest, one boy from each school from any grade, L. W. Shields, Murphy, chairman; recitation contest, one girl from each school from any grade, Douglas Smith, Unaka, chairman; Arithmetic covering the fundamental processes, each grade from second through seventh may have a representative, R. C. Pipes, Peachtree, chairman.

Written spelling consisting of 25 words from text-book, one person from each grade from the second through the seventh grades, E. R. White, Grandview, chairman; grammar; grammar parts of speech only, one sixth and one seventh grades students to enter, Ersa McNabb, Suit, chairman; art appreciation on pictures listed in the hand-book for elementary schools to be scored as follows: 1. naming picture, one point. 2. naming artist, one point. 3. naming nationality of artist, one point, Mrs. John Shields, Culberson, chairman.

Athletic contest of: Top of War, running and standing high jump, running and standing broad jump, 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, cleaning the bar, basketball throw. Porter Raper, Brasstown is the chairman.

Would Return Five Per Cent of Power Sales To County

Cherokee countians are much interested in a bill which is being considered by the committee on military affairs in the house of representatives, Washington, which provides for a five per cent return of all power sales from Hiwassee Dam to the county.

Although the Hiwassee Dam was authorized as a flood control dam and not a power dam, generating equipment is being installed. In the event of power sales from Hiwassee Dam, the return acquired by the federal government.

Charles D. Mayfield, local lumberman and member of the town board of aldermen, has returned from Washington where he conferred last week with Congressman Zebulon Weaver and other officials in an effort to have the bill passed.

A report from the committee is expected sometime next week.

The amount of taxable land taken off the county books for construction of the dam has never been revealed.

Text of Bill

Mr. Weaver's entire bill is as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that section 13 of the Act entitled "An Act to improve the navigability and to provide for flood control of the Tennessee River; to provide for reforestation and the proper use of marginal lands in the Tennessee Valley; to provide for the agricultural and industrial development of said valley; to provide for the national defense by the creation of a corporation for the operation of Government properties at an near Muscle Shoals in the State of Alabama; and for other purposes" be amended as follows:

"Sec. 13. Five per cent centum of the gross proceeds received by the Board for the sale of power generated at Dam Number 2, or from any other hydro-power plant hereinafter constructed in the State of Alabama, shall be paid to the State of Alabama; and 5 per centum of the gross proceeds from the sale of power generated at Cove Creek Dam, hereinafter provided for, or any other dam located in the State of Tennessee, shall be paid to the State of Tennessee;

Hiwassee Dam Affected
"And 5 per centum of the gross proceeds from the sale of power generated at Hiwassee Dam, provided for under said Act, and situated in Cherokee County, or any other dam located in the State of North Carolina, shall be paid to the State of North Carolina, for the use and benefit of the county or counties in which said dam or dams, including contributing storage dams, are now or shall hereafter be located.

"Upon the completion of the Cove Creek Dam the Board shall ascertain how much additional power it thereby generated at Dam Numbered 2 and any other dam hereafter constructed by the Government of the United States on the Tennessee River, in the State of Alabama, or in the State of Tennessee, and from the gross proceeds of the sale of such additional power 2½ per centum shall be paid to the State of Alabama and 2½ per centum to the State of Tennessee.

Applies To Dams
These percentages shall apply to any other dam that may hereafter be constructed and controlled and operated by the Board on the Tennessee River or any of its tributaries, the main purpose of which is to control flood waters and where the development of electric power is incidental to the operation of such flood-control dam. In ascertaining the gross proceeds from the sale of such power upon which a percentage is paid to the States of Alabama, Tennessee, and North Carolina the Board shall not take into consideration the proceeds of any power sold or delivered to the government of the United States, or any department or agency of the Government of the United States, used in the operation of any locks on the Tennessee River or from any experimental purpose, or for the manufacture of fertilizer or any of the ingredients thereof, or for any other governmental purpose.

Provided, That the percentages to

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