

## LAND PLANNING SURVEY TO BE MADE OF COUNTY

### Committees Are Ap- pointed To Make Recommendations

A country-wide land use planning program was begun in Cherokee county Monday night, when a group of citizens met and discussed the financial and sociological factors of the county.

The meeting was called by representatives of the United States Department of agriculture and was attended by about 75 persons from all sections of the county.

Miss Aline Richardson, home demonstration agent; A. Q. Ketner, county agent, and Miss Ida Belle Entremain, regional librarian, were in charge of the meeting.

It was explained that Cherokee county had been chosen for an experiment in land use planning. It was stated that the completion of the TVA's Hiwassee Dam and the reservoir will create problems in Cherokee county that call for group planning.

The various problems confronting the county were listed and the following five-point program was outlined: consult planning specialists, setting up of machinery to meet the problems, adequate advertising, marketing and beautification.

A general discussion of the problems confronting the people of the county ensued. It was then agreed to elect chairmen of committees to thoroughly investigate each problem. Later they will meet and formulate a county-wide report which will be put in the form of a formal request to go before the state and TVA planning boards.

These planning boards are then expected to send specialists here to cooperate in increasing the wealth, the living conditions and the development of resources in the county.

Mayor J. B. Gray of Murphy was chosen general chairman of the group, and E. VanHorn also of Murphy was appointed to assist him. Committee chairmen elected were: beautification, Park V. Fisher, of Brasstown; recreation, Tom Case, of Murphy; crafts, Mrs. B. E. Warner, of Murphy; agriculture, Clyde McNabb, of Bellview; housing, Mrs. Walter Witt, of Peachtree; general industry and government, H. Bueck, of Murphy, and advertising, Sam Carr, of Murphy.

The chairmen were authorized to appoint their committees. The date they are to make their reports has not been set.

## NEW IVIE FUNERAL HOME IS NEARING COMPLETION HERE

The new Ivie Funeral Home building being constructed on Valley River avenue near the Methodist church in Murphy is rapidly nearing completion.

The four-story structure will have a brick veneer finish when completed.

The first basement will be used as a garage and storage room and will also contain equipment for heating the building by steam. The second floor will be used for a casket display room and morgue.

The third and main floor, facing Valley River avenue, will contain a modern funeral chapel, with a seating capacity of approximately 100 persons. The fourth floor will be used as Mr. Ivie's residence.

Mr. Ivie states he will conduct his furniture business at his present location.

## A. S. MAUNEY, 82, OF NEAR MURPHY, BURIED ON SUNDAY

Funeral services for Mr. A. S. (Gus) Mauney, prominent 82-year-old Cherokee countian, were conducted from the Tomotla church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Mr. Fry officiating. Interment was in the Tomotla cemetery. Townson Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Mauney a life-long resident of Cherokee county and son of one of this section's pioneer families, died Saturday afternoon following a lengthy illness.

He is survived by: his widow, Mrs. Martha Mauney, and two sons, Charles and Rush Mauney.

## NANTAHALA GORGE SECTION OF NO. 19 WILL BE REBUILT DURING SUMMER

Construction on the Nantahala Gorge section of Highway No. 19 leading to Asheville will be started this summer, according to a notice received by the Scout office this week.

The intention to pave the road was contained in a letter from Highway Commissioner E. L. McKee, of Sylva, addressed to J. A. Gray, editor of the Bryson City Times. A copy of the letter was forwarded to the Scout.

In an editorial several weeks ago, the Scout made a plea that this work not be undertaken during the summer months as it might interfere with the tourist season trade locally.

Last summer a large portion of the road between Topton and Bryson City was rebuilt with the result that it was closed to traffic during most of the season. The four-mile stretch through the Nantahala Gorge was not undertaken at that time.

Mr. Gray answered the Scout editorial in his paper by stating summarily that the work had to be

done and it might as well be done now and over with.

Following is Mr. McKee's letter to Mr. Gray:

We thank you for your editorial relative to the re-construction of section of Highway 19 in Nantahala Gorge.

There never has been a time that building a highway was convenient to the public and while we know there may be some inconvenience in beginning work this summer, I am of the opinion that this work can go ahead with very little inconvenience to the tourist. If contract was held up until next winter, it would probably interfere with the tourist business in the season of 1940. I am anxious to get this piece of road improved.

Also, wish to confirm the statement made to you and Mr. Bennett that the contract for the completion of No. 28 will be in our April letting.

Yours very truly,  
E. L. MCKEE  
Commissioner Tenth Division

## Baseball Fans Meet Here Thursday Night

All baseball enthusiasts of Cherokee county were planning to hold a mass meeting in the Murphy library Thursday night for the purpose of organizing the Cherokee County All-Stars for 1939.

Last year the Murphy, Marble and Andrews players combined to form one good aggregation.

The purpose of the meeting Thursday night is to determine just what the fans want in the form of a baseball team here this year.

## SHERIFF BRINGS IN TWO MORE STILLS

Two more stills have been added to the long list of those being captured by the Sheriff's department.

On Wednesday night Sheriff Carl Townson, and Deputies Sheridan Stiles and Richard Meroney raided a 30-gallon outfit on Hiden Branch in the Topton section and poured out about 150 gallons of mash. No liquor was found and no arrests were made.

Last Sunday night Sheriff Townson and Deputy Patton Coleman raided a still on Grape Creek. The still had been taken away from the furnace, but about 200 gallons of beer was found and poured out.

## Ministerial Conference Will Meet On Monday

The Cherokee-Clay county ministerial conference will meet in Murphy Monday, March 27, it is announced by the Rev. Fred Stiles, secretary of the club.

The club is regularly scheduled to meet on the first Monday after the first Sunday of each month, but some of the pastors were not able to attend the regular-scheduled meeting this month, and it will be held this coming Monday.

After the meeting, the conference will begin meeting again on their regular date.

near the "Deep Cut" section of the highway.

## SOME TIMBER IN RESERVOIR TO BE OFFERED FREE WITH RESTRICTIONS

Fire wood which can be consumed for personal use is available to Cherokee countians, within certain restrictions, as a result of the TVA's Hiwassee Dam basin clearance work in the Town of Murphy.

The official announcement was made Wednesday by Robert F. Holley, superintendent of the Hiwassee Reservoir Clearance project.

The statement was as follows: "To the Local Citizens of Murphy and Cherokee county:

"The Reservoir Clearance Division, of the Tennessee Valley Authority, is now engaged in the preparation of the Hiwassee Reservoir for impoundage, and has started clearing operations in the various areas along Hiwassee and Valley Rivers.

"One of the crews is now engaged in clearing the Valley River

banks within the city limits of Murphy.

"In areas where there is no merchantable timber being sold, it is the policy of this Division to permit the local citizens to remove all, or any part, of the fire wood that can be consumed for personal use, provided it is removed from the area between the time it is cut and before it is piled. The removal of this wood must in no way interfere with clearing operations. We cannot permit the removal of any wood after an area has been piled for burning.

"Anyone may consider themselves welcome to this wood, provided it is removed under the above conditions, and they contact the Foreman in charge of the work in the area from which they wish to remove the wood."

## TVA Highway Relocation Work In Full Sway Here

### WORK ON GOLF COURSE MAY BE STARTED SOON

#### Town Board Request- ed To Help Get WPA Funds

Definite plans for the construction of a nine-hole golf course at Peachtree five miles from Murphy were laid before the town aldermen here Wednesday morning.

The building of the golf course is part of a long-range recreational program that was outlined at a mass meeting here March 15. It was revealed at the meeting that Murphy had approximately \$35,000 available in WPA funds for recreational purposes, and plans for a golf course, a swimming pool, tennis courts and other recreational facilities were discussed.

Following the meeting a committee composed of Tom Case, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Paul Owenby, Harry Bishop, W. Allison Sherrill and T. W. Kindley investigated possible sites for the establishment of a good golf course which, it was explained at the meeting, has been a necessity for the town and tourists for a long time.

About 60 acres of property have been offered for this purpose from the Mauney heirs near the site of the new prison camps at Peachtree on the Hayesville highway.

The land is ideally suited for a good nine-hole course as it has a good surface but contains a number of natural and interesting hazards.

Construction of the fairways and greens is expected to start as soon as the town can get its formal application okehed by WPA.

It is expected that most of the summer will be required in construction of the course.

### FIRST AID COURSE WILL BE OFFERED AT LOCAL LIBRARY

A 15-hour Standard Bureau of Mines first aid course will be conducted by the public safety service of the TVA at a series of meetings at the Murphy-Carnegie library beginning March 28. Meetings which begin at 7 p. m., will be held March 28 and 29 and April 4, 5, 11 and 12.

W. O. Watson will be directly in charge of the classes. Those passing the course will receive a degree from the department of interior in acknowledgement.

The classes will be for men only and all are invited to attend. There will be no charges as this will be conducted in the regular outline of TVA work under T. T. Lindsey, supervisor of the local training division.

### Local TVA Man Buys Plane, Keeps It Here

Burl T. Davis, a TVA employee of Murphy, is the first man in Cherokee county to own an airplane and maintain it locally.

Mr. Davis recently purchased the new Taylor Cub and Sunday began taking flying lessons from Rae Moore, local flying enthusiast.

Sunday the plane attracted quite a bit of attention on the flying field in Woods pasture near Andrews, but later in the day Mr. Moore landed the plane in a field near Tomotla where it will be kept.

### Cherokee Countians To Play Professional Ball

Two Cherokee countians will play professional baseball this summer.

J. H. Pitzer, Murphy high school athletic director, will go to Lenoir where he is signed for the summer to play in the Tarheel league.

Melvin Ensley, spectacular 17-year-old southpaw, of Andrews, who made his pitching debut last summer, will go to Charlotte to try-out with the team there. Ensley has also had offers to try out with Norfolk, Va., a New York Yankee outfit, and Albany, Ga., a St. Louis Cardinal team.

### More Than 170 Men Worked On \$670,000 Project

Extensive highway relocation work is being undertaken by TVA workmen locally at present.

The building of the TVA's \$22,000,000 Hiwassee Dam will necessitate the relocation of more than 17 miles of highway and about five miles of railroad. It is estimated that the total project will cost \$670,011.

According to present plans the dam will start backing water up in the reservoir about January 1, 1940, and it will be necessary to complete the relocation work by that time.

About 175 men are on the job at present keeping the huge trucks and shovels running in the relocation work, which includes the building of 17.3 miles of highway and about five miles railroad.

The highway relocation work will require the construction of 10 bridges and 13 box culverts. Five of the bridges will be over 100 feet long. Portions of both railroads serving Murphy—the Louisville and Nashville and the Southern—will have to be constructed.

The relocation work will be done on both the Joe Brown and State No. 28 highways. The Joe Brown highway is a dirt road leading down the north side of the river toward the dam, and No 28 is a paved road leading to Copperhill, Tenn., and the Hiwassee dam down the south side of the river.

Where the impounded waters cover these two highways they will either be constructed around the edge of the lake or forded. Portions of both railroads coming into Murphy lie in the basin.

Most of the work at present is being done on the Cane Creek section of Highway No. 28, and the Murphy baseball park and Fair grounds. The park is being elevated above the contour line.

A rock quarry on the Joe Brown highway near Murphy is being used to supply rock for the work.

All dwellings and buildings have been moved out of the reservoir and clearance of the lake bed has also begun.

Also under construction at present is a portion of the highway leading from the Suit community to the TVA access road. This project is being undertaken by the state highway department. It is the only road requiring a detour at present.

## INITIAL DAY OF SPRING IS END OF MILD WINTER

Spring made its 1939 debut with an abundance of nice, warm sunshine on Tuesday.

Although the past winter has been marked by heavy rainfall, it has not been considered a severe one. The lowest temperature officially recorded was nine degrees above zero on one occasion. The next lowest temperature was 14 degrees.

This is contrasted with the severe winters of many years ago.

Mr. James Smallshaw recently went through the Scout files of 50 years ago to obtain data on the weather. On one occasion it was found to have gone to 22 degrees below zero in January 1889. At that time, it was reported, the river was frozen over for many days at a depth of nine inches.

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

	TEMPERATURES	
	1939	1938
15	65	49
16	55	31
17	52	20
18	50	28
19	60	17
20	65	25
21	70	28
22	70	28
RAINFALL INCHES 1939 1938		
Total since March 1	4.10	5.10
Total since January 1	19.39	10.76

### WILL SPEAK AT SERVICES

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cary, of the John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, former missionaries to Japan, will speak at the Methodist church Sunday at the 7 p. m. service. The public is cordially invited to attend.