

Power Rates Here Will Be Materially Reduced By July 1

Elkins Named Manager of Electrical Unit by Aldermen

Power rates in the town of Murphy will be "materially reduced" for the exact charge has not yet been determined, the town commissioners decided at a meeting here Thursday night. It was the first meeting held since the town purchased the local electrical distribution system.

H. G. Elkins, who has been manager of the Southern States Power company, the firm that sold to the town last Wednesday, will remain in charge of the new power department of the town, it was decided.

Mayor J. B. Gray said the new rates would go into effect on July 1. The town took over the system on June 1.

Mr. Gray said the rates would be based on the following TVA regulations: 1. fixed at an amount which pays for power; 2. pays all operating expenses including distribution; 3. pays into the town as much taxes as a private power company would. 4. provides principal and amortization of bonds.

Mr. Gray said the power department would be treated as a separate and distinct division of the town and that the town's power bill would be paid out of the general fund.

It was also decided to sell the power lines outside of the town (the line extends from Murphy to various sections of Clay county) "at a reasonable price."

All employees of the town were temporarily reappointed, at the meeting.

The town is figuring with both the TVA and the Nantahala Power and Light company for sale of its facilities. Officials have gone into negotiations with both electrical distribution units for sale of its power facilities both in the Town of Murphy and in its outside lines.

HOUSE REPORT ON POWER BILL AFFECTS TOWN

House Action May Mean TVA Can Not Buy Rights In this Area

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Friends of the Tennessee Valley Authority Thursday were busy attempting to work out a plan for overcoming the house action Tuesday which is believed to be a death blow to the authority in purchasing the properties of the Tennessee Electric Power company.

This failure is of particular significance to Western North Carolina for had the move of TVA opponents not prevailed, it would have meant that in the future the TVA would have been able to purchase the private properties of power companies in the service area of the Hiwassee dam in order to provide a unified electric system on a business-like basis, the objective of the Tennessee Power company purchased.

Meanwhile, early action on his bill providing that 5 per cent of the profit

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Huge Snake Is Killed By Bear Paw Citizen

Lots of large snakes have been reported in Cherokee county this season by citizens of various communities.

But it is claimed that Mrs. Jane Floyd, 71-years-young, of the Bear Paw section, holds the record so far this year.

She killed one of the largest copperheads ever seen in this county in her garden last week.



Wins High Award In Health Contest

Miss Evelyn Wood, of Andrews, was awarded second place in the district health contest at Asheville June 1. She had previously won first place in Cherokee county competition.

Miss Wood's brother, Edward, also had a creditable score in the district health contest last year.

Miss Wood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wood, of Andrews. Mr. Wood, a prominent dairyman, is also a member of the Cherokee county board of commissioners.

Lions Win Trophy At Convention

The Murphy Lions club was proudly displaying this week the fourth achievement trophy it has obtained at state conventions.

The trophy was awarded the Murphy club at a state convention held at Winston-Salem last week. W. A. Sherrill and Park Fisher represented the local club and gave the report that won the trophy.

This marks the third successive year the local club has won the trophy in competition to some forty other clubs in the western portion of the state.

FORMAL OPENING OF NEW IVIE FUNERAL HOME TO BE HELD HERE ON SATURDAY

Formal opening of the new Ivie Funeral home building in Murphy will be observed on Saturday, Peyton G. Ivie, the owner, has announced.

The finishing touches are being put on the four-story brick building this week and everything will be ready for the opening, Mr. Ivie states. The building is located on the lot adjoining the Methodist church.

Mr. Ivie extends a cordial welcome to all persons to visit his new building, but to those persons who come and register on Saturday, the official opening day, he has arranged to give five cents for each person toward the church of their choice.

The building is the newest and one of the most elaborate establishments

in Murphy. A modern funeral chapel has been constructed on the third and main floor which is on a level with a sweeping drive-way which extends out onto Valley River avenue.

The mortuary and casket display room are on the second floor, and the bottom floor is composed of a heating plant and store-room. All facilities for visitors and guests have been included in the building. Mr. Ivie's family will occupy the fourth story of the building.

Mr. Ivie states that his furniture business will continue to be carried on in the present location in the Regal hotel building.

The offices of the Ivie Funeral Burial association will be maintained at the new building.

TELEPHONE COMPANY INVITES PUBLIC TO SEE OPERATIONS WEEK OF JUNE 19

"Number please?" Do you know just what takes place at the operator's end of your telephone line when you pick up the receiver to make a telephone call? These and many other interesting things will be shown to the public here next week.

A. E. Vestal, of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, will open the telephone office doors to visitors for two days next week. The public is invited to visit the telephone office next Wednesday and Thursday, June 21 and 22 to see as well as hear operators, switchboard, and other necessary equipment in operation.

During the "Open House" period the visitors will be welcomed from 10 a. m. to 12 noon, from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. and from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

A lecture demonstration in connection with the open house, which includes some special exhibits sent here for the occasion, will be held at the Woman's club room in the library building. To get the best understanding of your telephone system and how it works, a visit to the lecture-demonstration in the Woman's club room should be made first and then proceed to the telephone office, said Mr. Vestal, although this procedure

may be reversed if you so desire.

A "Voice Mirror" recently developed by the Bell Telephone laboratories will be shown. This device enables visitors to hear how their own voices sound to other people over the telephone. One's voice sounds a little different to others than it does to the one doing the speaking. This is true in ordinary face to face conversation as well as over the telephone. Visit the open house and learn why this is true.

A replica of Alexander Graham Bells' original telephone and also a model of his second telephone will be shown. Displays showing the latest models dismantled into their 183 separate parts, cable displays, the raw materials from which telephones are made, and metal that floats in the air will be shown and explained.

Mrs. Pauline Brendle, chief operator, will explain and demonstrate the switchboard. Mr. Vestal will show and explain the mechanism of the switchboard, test board, frames, power units, etc. Mr. Norris Russell of the company's division office in Charlotte will give the lecture-demonstration.

Sixty-two new telephones have been added since July 1, 1938, Mr. Vestal said.

Elisha Burch Is Held In Death Of Farmer

SINGING HELD AT PEACHTREE LAST SUNDAY

Estimated More Than 6,000 Persons Attend- ed Meeting

One of the largest and most enthusiastic crowds to ever gather in Cherokee county was present at the annual singing convention held at Peachtree Sunday.

It is estimated that more than 6,000 persons from Cherokee and surrounding counties in Georgia and Tennessee attended the meeting during the day.

Some of the finest singing to ever resound through the mountains of Cherokee county was furnished by choirs, quartettes and various singing groups in this section.

As a special treat was the rendition of several numbers by the Vaughn Quartette of radio station WSM in Nashville. The male group has been making a series of personal appearances in this section.

John Donley and Ernest Trantham jointly presided over the session. Mr. Donley is president of the association and Mr. Trantham is secretary and treasurer.

The group decided at the last meeting to abolish the practice of awarding a banner to the best singing choir each year.

All officers were reelected at the meeting. They are: John Donley, Murphy, president; Lawrence Anderson, Andrews, vice-president; Earnest Trantham, secretary and treasurer; Glenn Ellis, Culberson, pianist, and the Rev. John Hogan, Andrews, chaplain.

It was decided to hold the semi-annual convention at Martins Creek on the second Monday in October.

PLAYGROUND HERE ENTERTAINS MORE THAN 100 CHILDREN

More than 100 local children have registered at Murphy's new supervised playground and an average of nearly 75 are taking part in the daily exercises, O. D. Johnson, recreational supervisor of the training division of TVA here, reports.

The playground, designed to provide supervised recreation for youth of all ages (and grown-ups too), was opened here last week. Funds for its maintenance were obtained through local subscription.

Glade Lovingood, popular young Murphy man, is the supervisor at the playground.

Dividend To Be Paid Federation Members

A three per cent semi-annual dividend on the common and preferred stock of the Farmers Federation was declared Tuesday by the executive committee of the farm cooperative meeting in the office of James G. K. McClure, president, in Asheville.

More than 3,800 stockholders of record June 20 will share in the dividend, the eleventh consecutive semi-annual declaration made by the federation since it resumed dividend payments in 1934.

Dividends on common shares will be paid in cash through the cooperative's 18 warehouses and payments on preferred shares will be made by check mailed to stockholders.

L & N Coach Fares Are Now Lowest In History

Officials of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad have announced, effective June 1, the adoption of a 10 per cent reduction on round trip coach tickets.

Last January, coach fares were reduced to one and one-half cents per mile, and this new reduction is the cost of round trip tickets enables coach passengers to travel for less than has been the case previously.

Signs Formal Confession Before Sheriff Here Wednesday

Elisha Burch, of Martins Creek, told Sheriff Carl Townson in a formal confession Wednesday night that he had struck Fred Coleman, 44-year-old Martins Creek farmer, who was found dead on a mountain trail near his home Monday morning, after the latter had started to hit him with a whiskey bottle.

Mystery surrounded the death of Coleman until Burch made the voluntary confession.

A coroner's jury had questioned Burch and two companions on two occasions and Sheriff Townson had spent much time grilling the young man before he made the confession.

Evidence brought out before the coroner's jury investigations led them to bring a verdict Tuesday afternoon that Coleman "came to his death and was killed by Elisha Burch and that John Burch and David Phillips were accessories in the crime."

Held Without Bond
Sheriff Townson said following the confession that Burch would be held without privilege of bond. He will be tried in Superior court which convenes August 7.

In the confession Burch described his movements in detail during Sunday. Earlier in the day he told the sheriff where to find a watch that Coleman had "pawned" him for a pint of whiskey.

Coleman was found dead by Andy A group of Murphy Lions attending about 6:30 Monday morning lying face downward with a fatal head injury about 250 yards from his home and about 100 yards off the Blairsville highway three miles east of Murphy.

The three men admitted in testimony at the inquest Monday afternoon that they had been in Coleman's company Sunday afternoon, but all denied having seen him after he had gotten out of a car owned and driven by John Burch about 100 yards from where he was found dead.

Officers discovered that a watch had been cut off a leather watch chain fastened on Coleman's overalls and that a knife and at least a half dollar belonging to him were missing.

At the Tuesday afternoon session Bob Dockery, of Martins Creek, testified that he had seen Elisha Burch walking alone near his (Dockery's) home Sunday afternoon. Another witness, a youth named Dewey Raper, testified that Elisha Burch had shown him a watch at 5:30 p. m.

Denies Accusations
Burch denied having seen the
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Floyd To Vaccinate Dogs In This County

Since it is compulsory for all dogs to be vaccinated, John Floyd gave the following schedule where he will vaccinate dogs this week:

Saturday, June 17, at Letitia from 7 a. m. to 12 noon; at Wood's store at Suit from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Monday June 19, at George Jones' store at Postell from 7 a. m. until 12 o'clock. At Ed Brown's store at Liberty from 1 p. m. until 5 p. m.

Tuesday June 20, at Shearer School House from 7 a. m. to noon and at the Hiwassee school house from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

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	
8	91	64	85
9	89	63	82
10	85	61	84
11	88	63	83
12	85	63	89
13	85	61	83
14	82	64	80
RAINFALL INCHES			
	1939	1938	
Total since June 1	2.75	2.43	
Total since January 1	31.34	30.63	

Merchants Are Reaping Benefit Of Advertising

You don't think it pays to advertise in the Scout?

Well, listen to this testimony: Walter Coleman, local Frigidaire and Philco dealer, who doesn't spare the horses when it comes to advertising, related this week that he had made one actual sale of a Frigidaire last week from a small ad placed in this paper. The lady who bought the Frigidaire told Mr. Coleman that she had been following the Frigidaire advertising campaign in the Scout and that it seemed to embody every feature she wanted. So she up and bought it.

The Winslow McIver of the Davidson & McIver firm, assured us that through a campaign of Seling hosiery carried for nearly two years regularly in this paper that they had built up an excellent hosiery business. "The advertising has certainly done well for us", Mr. McIver said. "We have an excellent Seling hosiery business now."

And if you think this is some of the advertising manager's hot air, just ask these well-known merchants if the above isn't true!