

The Week In Review

LOCAL

John Henry Axley Jr. truck line operator, and E. R. Stiles, son of the poultry dealer have formed a partnership and bought the Hiwassee Inn, near the Dam. They paid cash and got it at less than half what is cost to build. Former operators just couldn't get along with "The Law."

Sheridan Stiles who operates "The Oasis" on one side of Murphy is trying to lease "The Play-House", on the other side.

Charles Dickey lately launched in the used furniture business says he got stuck three times by different members of the same family—all in one day. First, each made a small purchase for cash. Then each came back and made larger purchases which were to be settled for "on pay day". Charles has since found that they haven't any pay days.

STATE

To date, this year, 22,682 motorists have had the driver's licenses revoked by the courts. Practically all the offenders were white and almost without exception the revocation was ordered following convictions for driving while drunk.

After a search of more than 100 years, the grave of His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Arthur Dobbs, Royal Governor of North Carolina from 1754 to 1762 has been located at St. Phillip's church in Brunswick County. St. Phillip's was erected in the town of Brunswick a few miles from the present town of Southport, on the Cape Fear river. The town vanished, long since, and only the crumbling walls of the church now stand. The grave was located through an item in the Charleston (S. C.) Gazette of April 12, 1765.

According to the State Welfare Department, Carolina children are growing less lawless. Only 878 were confined in County jails last year—getting a record; and in April of this year only 58 were being held—the smallest since the State began keeping records. Most of the culprits were between 14 and 18 years old.

A full sized and permanent CCC camp will be opened in Mount Mitchell State Park, on top of Mount Mitchell, tomorrow. This will be the first permanent camp ever assigned to the park, and will be in operation the year round. CCC workers will lay additional sewer and water lines, build roads, picnic and parking areas and start construction of a recreation hall that will open to the general public.

NATIONAL

An investigation committee of the U. S. Senate composed of Senators Herring (D. Dem. Ia.) and Vandenberg (Rep. Mich.) has reported that the only way to end the warfare between capital and labor is for capital to share profits with employees. They declare such a course will prove profitable to both sides.

Use of a lie detector led to the arrest of a 20 year old mother in an Ohio kidnaping mystery, with the result that the mother has confessed that she not only kidnaped her own baby, she said she wropped the child in a blanket and threw it off a bridge, but murdered it. She did it she said, because the baby was "too much trouble."

Followers of Dr. Townsend are planning revenge for the recent defeat of his plan by Congress, through the medium of reprisals at the polls. The Townsend National Weekly is being sent all over the country listing the names of those Congressmen who voted "no". The plan is to beat 'em next election.

Herr Hitler has decided to "purge" the bible of all Jewish influence. A Nazi version of the Sermon on the Mount has been prepared, as has a Nazi version of the Gospel of St. John, and more "purgings" are on the way. Meanwhile a new hymn book has been ordered used in which such words as Zion, Jehovah, and Hossanah are barred. Christ's blessings, according to The Word we all love, also have been revamped. From here it looks very much as if Christ is to be crucified all over again—on the Nazi Swastika.

STORY IN SCOUT BRINGS RATE CUT ON "GAS" HAULS

Murphy Autoists Will Save Cent A Gallon By Southern Slash

A story in the Scout last week revealing "inconsistent freight rates" on gasoline here brought quick action from railroad company officials that should result in a considerable saving to motorists.

Southern officials announced Thursday morning that the cost of shipping gasoline from Charleston, S. C., and Savannah and Port Wentworth, Ga., where most of Murphy gasoline comes from, would be reduced to 35 cents per hundred pounds.

This represents a cut of 11 cents per hundred pounds (approximately 16 gallons) from Savannah and 12 cents from Charleston.

The story in the Scout last week revealed that the Southern was charging 47 cents per hundred pounds for gasoline shipped to Murphy, while the rate at Andrews (16 miles distant) was only 33 cents.

Thus Murphy motorists were being penalized nine-tenths of a cent per gallon difference for this "inconsistent rate". The new rate will be only two cents per hundred pounds more than the cost of shipping gasoline to Andrews and should result in a drop of nearly one cent per gallon in the cost of gasoline here.

A. N. Hinton, local Southern railway agent, who announced the reduction here Thursday morning, said he had "been working on the matter a long time" and that it was "possible" that a reduction would have been effected by the Southern "within a short time anyway". But he admitted the story in the Scout had brought matters to a head.

Four of Murphy's five gasoline dealers use the facilities of the Southern railway. They are: Standard, Sinclair, and Pure Oil which have distributors in Murphy, and Texas which has Andrews as its distributing point. The Gulf corporation here uses the facilities of the L. and N.

Informed of the Southern's action, the local office of the L. and N. stated that the same lowered scale, also to be effective July 27, had been announced by the L. and N. on June 8.

FOUR YEAR HUNT FOR JAIL BREAKER ENDS IN CAPTURE

Odell Reider Stops for Visit Here and Chief Johnson Corrals Him

Up in the County jail, Odell Reider, 28, paces a cell today and wishes he had never come back to Murphy. For shortly after his return he run plump into Chief of Police Fred Johnson—and Fred was glad to see him, no end! For Fred has been looking for Odell nearly four years.

Back in 1935 Odell was locked up charged with a series of mid-night burglaries. Such a crime may carry the death penalty in this State, and according to Chief Johnson, the man was at least slated for a long term of years in the State pen.

Odell probably thought so too; for during court-week, he broke jail, and vanished.

Within the past few months the escaped prisoner has been reported as seen passing through town on several occasions. Always it was at night, each time he was in a different automobile, invariably a good one, and always he was travelling fast. These reports always reached Chief Johnson too late to do any good.

Last week Odell drove here again and decided to stop over an hour or so and greet some old buddies in Factory town. That was a fatal mistake.

Chief Johnson saw him as he turned down the road toward Factory town. Within half an hour Odell was in a cell.

Chief Johnson believes the car his prisoner was using was stolen. Trial on that charge, however, will have to wait until the more serious cases already pending against him have been settled. Said the Chief:

"That fellow wont have to worry about living expenses for a long, long time."

SHOAL CREEK ROAD WORK WILL START SOON, IS PROMISE

Extensive improvements on the Shoal Creek road soon will be started by the State, the TVA and by contract labor, according to Mr. Roy Plemmons, of Sylva, who is connected with the State Highway department. In Murphy a few days ago, Mr. Plemmons told C. W. Savage, of the Regal Hotel, that the State Highway department is having a steam shovel overhauled preparatory to beginning operations on a large scale.

The shovel will be moved to the Shoal Creek road, and put to work widening parts of the road and re-grading others. A large section of the road is flooded, and Mr. Plemmons said the TVA has promised to rebuild around the flooded part.

The road will be straightened, widened, and otherwise improved from Ranger to the point where it connects with the finished piece of highway about two and one half miles Southeast of the Dam.

Top treatment of the two and one half miles of finished highway will be done by private contract which, Mr. Plemmons said, will be let at an early date.

TWO LOTS GIVEN MURPHY LIBRARY BY CITIZEN HERE

A public-spirited citizen, who modestly insists that his name not be disclosed, has presented the Murphy library with two building lots, which are to be sold, and the proceeds turned over to the Book club.

The lots are in Mayfield Heights, and are said to be ideally suited for construction of homes. The library has asked the Scout to express its public thanks to the bighearted and modest donor. Potential purchasers can get more detailed information from Miss Ida Bell Entekin or Miss Josephine Heighway.

FEWER NEED JOBS IN CHEROKEE THAN MOST OF COUNTIES

Cherokee county is far and away better off than most of the other counties of the state, according to a report just issued by the North Carolina State Employment Service. Out of 155,065 claims filed for jobs during May, only 529 came from Cherokee.

Only one other county, Haywood, of which Waynesville is the seat made a better record, with 265.

North Carolina ranked 11th in the 48 states in the number of placements, made, and 14th in the number of those registering in search of work. The State ranks 13th in population.

National figures show 6,386,827 on the "registered jobless" list, but only 112,707—less than two percent—are from North Carolina. Jobs were found for 333,185 throughout the nation—a gain of 52 percent over one year ago.

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	
22	91	65	79 59
23	89	60	83 56
24	84	56	84 57
25	87	60	86 62
26	83	60	86 67
27	87	62	88 67
28	82	65	78 55
RAINFALL INCHES			
	1939	1938	
Total since June 1	7.35	6.03	
Total since January 1	35.95	34.23	

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Power To Be Sold Here At 4.5 Cents

Users of Appliances To Get 3 Cent Rate, Effective on July 1

MURPHY "HOOKED" BY FAKER WITH 'BURIED ALIVE' ACT

Collects From All; Pays None; Leaves Girl Buried, Penniless

The "fake" burial in which a man—and later a woman—was buried alive in the lot of J. L. Hall's gasoline station, has caused just about as much grief in Murphy as if the burial were genuine. Indeed, there are several trusting business men who wish the burial—so far as the man was concerned—had been the real thing; and permanent at that!

For the unshaven gent who had himself ensconced in a coffin box, about six feet under the ground has departed, owing everybody with whom he had dealings, including the grave diggers.

Worse still, he went away leaving "Pauline", the girl who replaced him in the "grave", still there. All day Sunday and far into the night Pauline lay without food or water. Finally policeman Neil Sneed and "Eskimo" Hatchett brother of Harold the cafe man, answered a cry for help, got shovels and dug her out.

She was nearly hysterical, and was penniless. Constable Sheridan Stiles took her to his "Oasis" camp, fed her, and gave her money enough to get her to her home in Chattanooga. She said she had been hired there, for \$15 a week, of which she had collected exactly nothing.

The burial expert, gave his name as "Joe Miller". Too late his victims remembered that Joe Miller was a one-time famous practical joker. "Joe Miller's Joke Book is an old standby—and this great evidently had read it, thoroughly.

At and rate "Mr. Miller" showed up in the office of the Scout about ten days ago, told his burial plan, and ordered half a page of advertising, and 2,000 handbills.

When he was informed that, being a stranger he would have to pay a deposit of half the bill, he went away promising to "come back in about an hour".

Of course he did not; but he went plenty of other places. He went to a hotel and got a room and bath—on credit. He went to a cafe and arranged for meals for himself and "Pauline"—on credit. He went to Dave Townson, rented a coffin box and a tent, and purchased lumber with which to build air vents into the "grave"—all on credit.

He rented a radio from Walter Coleman—on credit. He rented an electric fan from Bart McCook—on credit. He persuaded J. L. Hall to have the "grave" and tent wired for electric lights—on credit. Finally he hired Bob Sudderth, negro, and Willard White to dig the grave for him, for \$6—on credit.

Then he went to various merchants and sold advertisements which he himself pointed on cards, to be stuck about the tent. These transactions, however, were strictly cash.

He had himself buried first. Running into the "grave" was a big pipe bearing a sign which requested contributions. "Mr. Miller" stayed underground as long as nickels and dimes were dropped in by folks who came.

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Beginning July 1, Murphy householders who have been paying ten cents per kilowatt hour for electric current will get it for four and one half cents. Users of appliances which gave them a rate of four and one half cents, will have that charge cut to only three cents.

These roughly, were the figures given to the Mayor and members of the Town Council Thursday night by Mr. Harvel Elkins, who will manage the new system, to be supplied by the TVA.

The figures are not exact. Mr. Elkins has pored over records for many days and nights, and still has not been able to reach a final conclusion. But the amounts stated above will differ only a hair's breadth from the charges finally determined.

It must be understood, too, that the above charges will apply only for the first kilowatt hours. Additional power used will be even cheaper.

Mayor Gray stated that the approximate rate was reached by adding 50 per cent to the basic charges made by the TVA.

At present the town is using power supplied from the Southern States Power company dam on Nolichucky river, and is paying the Nantahala Light and Power company a flat sum for power used when the Southern States dam can not pull the load.

Actually the Southern States power house has been taken over by TVA as part of the Hiwassee Dam basin, and the Town is already using what might be termed "TVA power".

The TVA will supply rural lines with power taken from Mission dam at Peachtree.

Mayor Gray said no large expenditure will be necessary to repair local lines. Contrary to general supposition, he said, investigation had shown the lines, generally, to be in good shape. He gadded that a "five year repair program", which probably will be adopted, will keep them in tip-top condition.

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NEW SCHOOL HEAD REPLACES MARTIN BEGINNING JULY 1

Retiring Official Sets Record With 40 Years Of Splendid Service

The office of Superintendent of Cherokee county schools, held for the past 40 years by A. L. Martin, will change hands Monday when Lloyd Hendrix, of Peachtree, takes over the post.

The last meeting under Mr. Martin's administration was held in the County Superintendent's office in the Courthouse Saturday. Mrs. G. W. Cover, Sr., Chairman of the Board, presided. Mr. Martin did not attend.

At the Meeting Walter Allen was appointed to the Davis Creek school. Teachers endorsed for Hiwassee Dam were: Lena Kitchens Brown, Dorothy Latimer, Martha Nell Wells and Amy Talbert.

Members of the Board are requesting that all persons interested to attend a general organization meeting to be held Monday. Mr. Hendrix will be sworn into office Saturday, July 1, the beginning of the County's fiscal year.

Those who qualified for the board last April are: Mrs. Cover, J. T. Hayes, B. M. Harbin, E. L. Shields, B. B. Palmer, E. B. King, and Lawson Lunsford.

County Commissioners To Meet Monday Night

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners will hold a regular "first Monday" meeting at the courthouse Monday to discuss the general affairs of the county.

At the meeting the commissioners are expected to set the date of the special meeting to be held sometime during July for the purpose of setting the tax rate for the county for the fiscal year which begins July 1.

Bank To Be Closed July 4th

NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

Office Of Secretary
Raleigh, June 28, 1938

Governor Hoey is in New York attending a meeting of Governors. Upon recommendation this morning of the State Bank Commission, and the Commissioner of Banks, he has advised the Attorney General that he will tomorrow morning issue a proclamation making Monday, July 3 a legal holiday.

This proclamation will be issued under the authority of the Emergency Act of 1933, which requires the approval of the Council of State. This approval was secured verbally from

all members of the Council of State this morning before the Governor was called over long distance telephone.

He instructed the Attorney General to advise me, as representing all banks, that the proclamation would be issued tomorrow morning, that banks will not be open Tuesday, July 4.

I am advised that the Governors of Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina have already issued similar proclamations and that accordingly the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond and its branch in Baltimore will observe both days as holidays and I feel sure that the Federal Reserve Bank in Charlotte will follow this course.