

The Week In Review

STATE

A 55 mile highway from Low Gap, on Carolina-Virginia line to Deep Gap, near Blowing Rock, N. C. was opened, without ceremony on July 1. The paving is 20 feet wide on a 30 foot base.

Search for the State's oldest living Confederate veteran has led to the State Penitentiary, in Raleigh where is jailed Joe Davenport, of Martin County, aged 95. Also the State's oldest prisoner, he is serving life for killing his young wife whom he married when he was a spry young thing in his early eighties. He says his first wife "ceased" after bearing him 14 children. He adds that he had "five head of young-uns" by the wife he killed but doesn't know where any of them are.

Malcolm Wise, 27 year old Burke County farmer has a sow which has just given birth to her tenth litter of pigs in four years, for a total of 114 pigs. She had ten litter of nine pigs each, and two of 12, and he says she raised them all but two.

The State Board of Conservation, to meet July 10, will be urged to change the system of enforcement of fish and game regulations; eliminate "reward and arrest" fees for deputy protectors, and turn all such fees over to the school funds of the counties concerned. A deep slash in the list of deputy protectors in Western North Carolina also is urged. It is planned to retain not more than three in Cherokee, and to pay them only for time actually worked.

The Farm Security Administration has reported that Carolina tenants and sharecroppers who borrowed government money to buy farms of their own are paying their loans in advance of the date due.

NATIONAL

The Federal Government has signed an agreement with England for the exchange, on a barter basis, of British rubber for U. S. Cotton, in the event of war.

A Chicago company has just patented a "zipper" sausage. The casing, made of vegetable parchment, is equipped with a zipper of the same material. Cook the "dog", yank the zipper, and the sausage plops right out of its skin.

The Franklin Institute has perfected a glass which can be heated red hot, and then plunged immediately in ice water without even cracking. It can be shrunk by heating, and is known as "rubber glass".

Supposedly dead and buried by his family six months ago at Sweetwater, Tenn., after his drowned body, supposedly had been taken from a creek, Clarence M. Randall returned home and had a hard time convincing his family that he wasn't an impostor. The true identity of the man buried has not yet been learned.

Medical experts at the University of California have announced a new drugless treatment for angina pectoris, painful and often fatal heart ailment, in the form of a special belt, which applies pressure to the abdomen and thereby increases the flow of blood to the heart muscle.

U. S. Senator Ashurst, of Arizona told the upper legislature body that Julius Caesar had a "ghost writer" named Aulus Hirtius; and that some of the poetry attributed to Oliver Goldsmith was really written by Dr. Samuel Johnson. Senator Ashurst added that there was strong evidence that George Washington's immortal farewell address was written by Alexander Hamilton.

FOREIGN

Sensing, perhaps, an opportunity to pull a fast one while England is embroiled with Japan, Fuehrer Hitler has announced that he will visit the Free City of Danzig, of which he covets, on July 23. He will arrive on a war-ship, and is expected to make a mob inciting speech. Meanwhile Danzig authorities report the city packed with Nazi guns and ammunition, and with a horde of Nazis, armed with bayonets, and posing as "Heimwehr" or "Home guards."

YOUTH RESCUES 4 AFTER THEIR CAR PLUNGES IN RIVER

Ernie Young Proves Hero; One of Victims Has Ear Torn Off

Too much speed on a curve came near costing four lives early last Sunday afternoon when Winston Farmer, 25, of Unaka, who was driving, was unable to keep on the road, and his car plunged into the Valley river just above the end of the Lower Valley River bridge.

Hurting down the embankment, the car turned turtle, and finally landed upside down, its top resting on the river bed. Trapped inside, in addition to the driver, were two of the driver's brothers and a sister: Clifton and Lester Farmer, aged 19 and 17, respectively, and Miss Ivy Farmer, aged 21. All probably would have been drowned but for the heroic efforts of Ernie Young, aided by Miss Meatrice Payne, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Payne, who live near the bridge.

Ernie Young crossing the bridge on his way to town, saw the accident, ran down the bank and plunged into the river. Exerting almost Herculean strength he managed to push the car from its turtle-like position over on its side, but some of the occupants still were unable to get out.

Miss Payne seated on her front porch also saw the accident. Although clad only in pajamas, she scoffed at false modesty, and also ran to the rescue. She too plunged into the river, and together, she and Young managed to right the car, and help the occupants out.

Then Young Climbed the bank, hailed a passing motorist, and sped to town where he notified Mr. Ivie. The latter rushed his ambulance to the scene, and hurried the drenched and half drowned occupants of the car to Petrie hospital.

Lester Farmer was splattered with blood, and examination showed that his right ear had been almost torn from his head. The ear was almost shredded, and although Dr. Hoover rushed him to the operating room, and stitched the sireds together again, he said he was not certain the flesh would ever mend. The youth also is internally injured, and is still

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Every Hotel Crowded; Guests Turned Away

The old proverb; "it's an ill wind that blows no good" has again been proved by the hot weather which has "burned" down on this section for the past ten days. When it is hot here, it's a ten to one bet that it's unbearable in Atlanta, Chattanooga, and other cities. As a result every hotel in Murphy has been filled, and has been forced to turn guests away.

Murphy's younger sister, Andrews, also is benefitting. The Terrace Hotel there, long rather a white elephant, is booming, and last week also had to turn guests away, for the first time in years.

Cole Denton, Back On Visit, Lands Two Trout At Once

Two fat rainbow trout, one 12, the other 11 inches long, and both caught on one line at the same time, is the greatly sought but rarely attained record made by J. Coleman Denton on July 4th on Little Snow Bird. One was caught on the regular hook, the other on the sinker hook.

The catch climaxed two days of glorious sport by Mr. Denton, and a party from Murphy and Robbinsville. They landed 36 rainbows the first day, and 23 the second, the smallest fish being a little more than nine inches long.

Also, the party found a bee tree cut it down, and took out more than 50 pounds of wild honey, Denton will take the honey, and snapshots of his trout catch back to his home, in Washington, D. C. to show his friends. He predicts a lot of visitors from the National Capital will result.

Mr. Denton, known through all Cherokee and Graham counties as "Cole" is a striking example of the "Country boy who made good in the city, in a big way." A world war veteran, he went to the national capital shortly after the big struggle to visit Mrs. Nancy E. Olmsted, his cousin, and remained to go to work. His first

ED DODSON BITTEN BY "BLACK WIDOW", BUT IS UNHARMED

Bitten by the supposedly deadly "black widow" spider, Mr. Ed Dodson of Culberson has proved either that scientific findings regarding the insect are all wrong, or that he has a system which is immune to the spider's venom.

Mr. Dodson was seated on his front porch one evening last week when he felt something crawling on his neck. He reached up to brush it off, and as he touched the insect he felt a sharp bite. He slapped at the spot, and the insect fell to the porch floor, dead.

On being examined the body of the insect had the unmistakable "death's head" of the "Black Widow".

Ignoring the pleas of his family, Mr. Dodson refused to call a physician, and treated the bite with "home remedies". Thus far he has felt only a slight naseau.

WORK BEGINS SOON ON \$35,000 PLANT TO SERVE MURPHY

Construction of the new \$35,000 sub-station which is to serve Murphy with electrical current under the new TVA contract is expected to start soon, it was learned yesterday. There probably will be a resultant boost in employment.

The sub-station will be located on a bluff, and in the rear of the Southern railway Station, on a lot now understood to be owned by the town. This land will be purchased by the TVA, which also will bear all the expenses of constructing the building.

Once the work is started, according to Mr. C. L. Alverson, Power Representative of the Department of Operation, TVA, the sub-station can be completed, and put into operation within 30 days. TVA lines already have been extended to within six miles of Murphy.

Mr. Alverson stressed the fact, however, that while the TVA will supply all necessary power, it will NOT be responsible for actual service to residents over the town lines. The latter are the property of the town, and any damage to them, with resultant interruption to service is up to the municipality.

One of the chief needs of these lines, it has been pointed out by a town official, is the thinning out of trees through which they now run. During storms, the lines often are fouled by branches, and the entire town plunged in darkness.

WORKMEN AT DAM FORCED TO TRAVEL TO JOBS IN BOATS

It water backed up for six miles, with a depth of 30 feet at the dam, the Hiwassee Project today has graduated from the dream class into actuality. Six men, employed at the giant TVA works now are forced to go to and from home and work by motor boat; the roads they once travelled by motor car, or on foot, now being buried under waters which eventually will make a huge lake.

Meanwhile new concrete sections are being rushed to completion at the dam proper.

job was with the Washington Railway and Electric Company. He resigned this to become a Washington policeman, and while off duty, began selling real estate as a side line.

Washington found his dry mountain humor refreshing, and was impressed by his innate honesty. It wasn't long before he resigned from the police force—which paid him \$2,000 a year—and devoted all his time to salesmanship. He rose steadily to his present post as sales manager for one of the Capital's largest real estate and construction firms, specializing in apartment houses and big office buildings.

Every winter Coleman goes hunting, sometimes returning to this section, and sometimes going to Pennsylvania to shoot deer. On one of these trips, about five years ago, he met his bride, Dorothy, who is with him on his present visit here. They have a small son, Jimmy, aged three, who also is with them.

Mr. Denton expects to be here several days. He recently moved into a new home in the most swaggar section of Washington. Plans for which were drawn under his personal supervision, and construction of which cost \$25,000.

Mayor, State Aide Study Town Finance

JOHNSON NABS 4 ON CHARGES OF TIPSY DRIVING

Two Of Accused, from Ga. Taken Operating Same Auto

The fact that there are drunks in Murphy definitely is not news. Drunks, like the poor, we have always with us. But drunken drivers are something else again; a menace from which Murphy happily, has been free for many a moon.

Therefore it came as rather a shock even to the Chief of Police Fred Johnson—and he is a hard man to shock, too—that he should have not one case of drunken driving, but four; and all within 48 hours.

More unusual still, two of the cases involved a single motor trip. Both men were arrested for driving the same car.

The two unfortunates, both of whom were given a hearing before Gray, held for court, and released under \$200 bond each, are Howard Deweese and Charles Arp, both of Sweetgun, Ga. With two young women as companions they came to Murphy and their strange driving attracted the attention of the Chief. But at the very same moment that Chief Johnson saw them, they saw him too, and started out highway No. 28, bound for home.

Johnson followed, put on speed passed them, and then turned back to block the road. As he passed them he says, Deweese was driving.

Seeing the Chief pass, Deweese probably figured that his friend was more sober than he and so gave him the wheel; for Chief Johnson says that when he came back, Arp was driving.

"But both of 'em were high as kites," said the Chief, "so I locked the two of 'em up. The mayor did the rest."

The two girls were allowed to go free.

Worth Gurmay, of Blairsville, Ga. was another nabbed on a drunken driving charge, and John Caldwell, of Young Harris, Ga., who was with him was found to be carrying a black-jack, according to the police records, and was charged with carrying concealed weapons. They too were ordered held for court and released under \$200 bonds. They were arrested by Chief Johnson near the L. & N. depot, on their way to town after a too hilarious session at a nearby "rest camp". These prisoner too, had young women companions, who also were allowed to go free.

The fourth victim to run afoul of the law on a drunken driving charge was Elmer Slague, local photographer, who was arrested while driving the car of Aud Wilson, last Friday night. Saturday morning a dozen customers were at Slague's studio while he languished in the jail house. It was nearly noon before he could make the required \$200 bond for his appearance at the next court.

Ernest Loudermilk, Slague's companion in the car, also was locked up on a charge of intoxication.

MRS. GRAY FINDS CORPSE IN YARD; BIRD DOG VICTIM

Mrs. J. B. Gray, wife of the Mayor called His Honor on the phone Wednesday, her voice so choked with tears she could hardly be understood.

"There's a corpse hanging in back of our house" she sobbed. "I—don't know whether it's a suicide or a murder."

The Mayor dropped everything and hurried home. The body of the corpse swung against the front of the woodhouse of Mr. R. S. "Bun" Alexander. It was Bun's prize setter bird dog.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander went off on a trip and left the dog chained in the woodhouse. The animal had climbed up and through a window in the front, tried to leap to the ground, and hanged himself.

Refinancing Is Sought To Bring Power Cost To 3 Cents Per K.W.H.

With a base rate of three cents per kilowatt hour for electric current as the goal, the Hon. Charles M. Johnson State Treasurer came to Murphy tonight for an intensive study, with Mayor Gray and his Board, of the Town's tangled financial condition.

A conference was held seeking a way to clear up the muddle without increasing taxation. This last is something that Mayor Gray is determined shall NOT be done.

The difficulties are the result of the town's purchase of the plant and lines of the Southern States Power Company. The price paid, according to TVA officials made it a "good buy". Nevertheless that purchase forced the town to shoulder a big debt.

Teactive plans were laid last night to meet this debt by issuance of revenue bonds, over a reasonable period of years. The security, it was pointed out, will be better than gilt edged and bond purchases will be of joint benefit to both the buyers and the town.

Such a plan, it also was pointed out, will speed a further reduction in power rates, already cut from ten to four and one half cents per kilowatt hour.

Mr. Harvey Elkins, manager of the plant for the Southern States Power Company, who will continue in that post for the Town, was present at the conference, with a mass of records covering past years, which showed that purchase of the plant will result in benefit for town, county, and individual, with the latter "collecting" first.

State Treasurer Johnson, Mayor Gray and the Board went over facts and figures in detail, and all were convinced that a plan can be worked out to ease the situation, without any too great difficulty.

Mayor Gray warned that residents should not expect immediate slashing of rates below the four and one half cent base charge.

PLAYGROUND LISTS 185 ON ITS ROLLS; DRIVES FOR MORE

With all sorts of amusements already provided, and the list to be still further increased, 185 children have been enrolled in the Murphy Playground, on the school grounds, and Supervisor Glade Lovingood is conducting an intensive one-man drive to make the enrollment include every child in Murphy and its immediate environs.

He points out that the playground is also open to children of the entire County, and to the youngsters brought here by tourists. He has asked the Scout to stress the fact that children there are under constant supervision which keeps them from getting hurt, but in no wise interferes with their pleasure, and that it is a splendid place for parents to leave their youngsters while they are shopping, or on business trips.

The children play tennis, soft ball, hand ball, and group games. They pitch horseshoes and they see-saw; and there is a merry go round, and a sand box for the tiny ones.

The playground opens daily at 10 o'clock with a flag raising ceremony. It closes at noon, reopens at two o'clock in the afternoon, and closes with flag lowering exercises at 5:30.

Richard Mauney's Tale Of A Fish Is Challenged

Richard Mauney, home on a visit claims the record catch of the season with a fish he hauled out at Santeelah Sunday which measured 25 1/2 inches in length and weighed five and three quarters pounds. Sceptics, pressing for details, learned that the catch was a cat-fish and promptly ridiculed Richard's alleged championship. One declared his little brother had caught a bigger one with a bent pin.

Nevertheless, as Richard points out, a twenty five inch fish, regardless of variety, is no minnow.