

## POWELSON GIVEN \$110,000 AWARD FOR BARE PLANT

### \$1,690,00 Decision For Remainder Of Rights Is Not Yet Settled

For a long time, before the TVA came, most of the people hereabouts thought extremely unkind thoughts about the sale of the Power works to Powelson. The thoughts were especially bitter every time they had to pay at the rate of ten cents per kilowatt hour.

These thoughts may reach a climax of bitterness at the news that Judge Webb, sitting in the U. S. Court at Asheville, has just awarded the Southern States Power Co., \$110,000 for the power plant alone. The rest a contested award of \$1,800,000 made to Powelson for the entire property—a mere matter of \$1,690,000—has not yet been settled.

It will be recalled that the Town of Murphy sold the entire works, lock, stock and barrel to Powelson for only \$200,000. It should be recalled too, that the Town has already paid him \$67,500 of that amount back.

It also should be noted, that the present court award gives the Southern States Power Company the right to remove all machinery, fixtures and equipment from the plant, on 30 days notice.

The town of Murphy would seem to have done very well by Mr. Powelson; very well indeed.

Considering the services—and the price charged by the Southern States Power Company—one is reminded of the Biblical gentleman who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. When the town of Murphy made its sale of the power plant, it didn't even get the pottage. It only got the "mess".

Meanwhile, work on the sub-station in East Murphy is fast nearing completion, and a hook-up there, for power, may be expected shortly. However, those who expect miracles are warned that there may be little change in service so far as the consumer is concerned.

That is to say, the lights still may fail—always when they are needed most—just as of yore. This is because the sub-station is equipped to supply a load no larger than that already gotten from the reacquired Southern States plant and the hook-up with the Nantahala Power Company.

However, if the sub-station service proves inadequate, Harve Elkins who should know, says the power can be "stepped up."

## PRISONER FOUND TO HAVE ESCAPED FROM TWO CAMPS

Lee Hughey, man of many aliases, held in the county jail for the shooting of young McClure and the robbery of a U. S. Sailor has been found to be an escaped convict, wanted in at least two places.

Hughey got away from the Look-Out Mountain prison camp, near Chicamauga, Tenn. only a few months ago. He was serving a sentence for run-running, and told jailer Patton Coleman he ran away because they made him "work in mud and water," and treated him "like a dog."

Hughey also is said to have escaped from the prison coal mines at Bessy Mountain, Tenn.

The prisoner's finger-prints have been sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, to see if he is wanted anywhere else. He is said to have boasted that no jail could hold him.

## NEW FUNDS GIVEN FARM TO MARKET HIGHWAY PROJECT

Every farmer in Cherokee will have markets accessible over good roads, it was learned from Ed Barnett, who said that a new WPA "farm-to market" project has been officially approved and will be put into operation October 21.

The old project expires Oct. 20, but an additional fund of \$124,660 has been set aside, which will give employment to 259 men.

Barnett also announced that a new appropriation is expected to come through so that work of widening the highway between Murphy and Andrews will continue without interruption.

Barnett said ditches would be dug above the hillsides which were so carefully "manicured", in order to prevent erosion.

The farm to market roads will be graded and covered with gravel. Since no binder will be placed, it is probable that this gravel soon will be thrown into the center of the roads, or into the ditches.

Barnett said the workers would be glad to spread a binder if they could get it. But they can't.

## AGE OF MAN PUT AT 100 YEARS BY LECTURER HERE

### Medical Society Told Infected Teeth Are The Great "Plague"

Declaring every normal man should live to be 100 years old—and would were it not for infections—Dr. Vaughn L. Sheets, M. D., F. A. C. P., of Chicago addressed the Cherokee County Medical Society, urging closer cooperation between physicians and dentists. Dental surgeons were guests at the meeting.

"Infected teeth are responsible for many of the ills filling our private and public institutions" Dr. Sheets declared. "They may be termed 'the plague' of present day civilization. The good dentist of today has evolved from the humble role of 'tooth carpenter' to one of the most important specialties in the entire realm of clinical medicine.

"The dentist of the future will be a well educated physician, specializing in that branch of medicine known as dentistry. His diagnosis will not be made from observation of the teeth alone.

"He will be enough of a scientist to determine the cause of disease process, and will, in a tactful manner re-educate the public in relation to cause and effect, so that his work will mean cure for the present, and prevention for the future.

Dr. Sheets urged complete cooperation and frequent consultation between physicians and dentists, and concluded: "When we have this cooperation—and then only—we are going to give the public honest service."

## Charles Reece, Aged 84, Passes On At Pine Log

Funeral services for Charles Reece, 84, of Pine Log who died Saturday night, were held from the Pine Log church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. Ham Coffee and the Rev. Zeb Stevens officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Ivie Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Reece, a farmer and blacksmith had been a lifelong member of the Pine Log church and a leader in civic and religious work in the community.

He is survived by his wife and several children.

## WOULD REPLACE TOWN FOUNTAIN WITH TINY PARK

### Benches To Be Placed And Umbrella Trees And Lawn Planted

The proposal to convert the fountain that does not fount into a pavilion where oldsters could sit and play checkers by day, and youngsters could dance to the strains of a nickelodeon by night, has met a quick death.

Officers of the newly formed Chamber of Commerce decided that crowds would gather around the place, with the probable result that there would be a flood of traffic accidents.

It was generally admitted, however, that something should be done about the park, now definitely an eye sore with its lamentable unkemptness, and its rusty machine guns which bristle out as if to say "Keep Away!" Town Clerk Eph Christopher declared that there is no prospect that the fountain will ever "fount" again. He said the town can neither spare, nor afford the water.

It finally was tentatively decided to fix the soil, plant a lawn and flowers, purchase some half grown umbrella trees and set them out as shade, and to place benches within the enclosure. It also was decided, tentatively, either to lower the surrounding wall, or to make an entrance, so that people can get inside to use the benches.

Charles Mayfield, President of the new Chamber, volunteered to make attractive rustic benches, and install them as a gift to the town. The Chamber probably will supply funds for the umbrella trees, and planting and tending of the lawn and flowers.

Another step toward offering tangible attractions for tourists was taken when Victor Olmsted offered to donate the use of land along the main highway, in East Murphy, for the construction and maintenance of four public tennis courts.

## "JOEY" RAY MARKS 80TH BIRTHDAY OF A & P CHAIN

Joe Ray is having a week long birthday celebration at the A and P store he manages, and is marking the event with a general trimming of prices.

Joe tells the Scout that the A and P chain was established in 1859—80 years ago—when George Huntington Hartford, a tall rather gangling young man with luxuriant crop of whiskers (everybody wore 'em in those days) took a plunge in tea.

It seems that the beverage was selling for \$1 a pound. Young Hartford bought an entire ship-load, rented a store on Vesey street, New York city; painted the front a bright red, and offered his tea at only 30 cents per pound.

Today that red-fronted store has grown into the great chain which operates thousands of units in 39 states and the District of Columbia and has 85,600 employees on its pay-rolls.

Joe Ray is one of the youngest managers in the chain—and also one of the best.

## Two County Girls Win Honors At Cullowhee

Two girls from Cherokee County have been honored by the Women's House Government Association of Western Carolina Teachers College, at Cullowhee, this week, by being named proctors in Moore Dormitory for the fall quarter.

The girls honored are Mary Grant, of Andrews, and Anna Wells of Marble.

## GRID CORONATION POSTPONED WEEK; CONTEST IS CLOSE

With the voters saying it with pennies in ballot boxes strategically placed throughout down-town Murphy, as well as in the school house, the election of a football queen for the Boomer's has been continued another week, until Thursday evening, October 26.

The girl elected as the sovereign will be crowned on the gridiron, next day, with appropriate fanfare and rejoicing—and mayhap a bit of wistfulness on the part of the runners-up.

Desire of the teachers to attend the coronation caused the postponement. The event had been set for tomorrow, but Friday will be a holiday, so that the faculty members may attend an important educational meeting in Asheville.

Meanwhile the battle of the ballots—at one penny per vote,—goes on apace, with the candidates for royalty closely bunched and with one as likely to win as the next. So close is the contest that it looks now as if it will take the casting of the final penny to decide it.

The candidates are: Kate Gray, Margaret Meroney, Lois West, Martine Moore, Gwendolyn Staleup, Lois Carringer,

Marion Axley, Anne Moore, Mary Helen Simmons, Lois Jenkins, Polly Moore, Eula Baker, Josephine Johnson and Maureen Lovingood.

## FARMERS TO GET RICH PHOSPHATE AT HAULING COST

### TVA Cooperates With County—Expert Sent To Lecture On Plan

Plans whereby Cherokee Farmers may obtain rich phosphate fertilizer merely by paying the freight are being worked out by the Agriculture Division of the TVA, in cooperation with County Agent A. Q. Ketner.

Farmers are to receive enough phosphate to fertilize about 65 percent of their land holdings at a total cost of only 40 cents per 100 pounds. The shipments analyze 65% in richness, as against only 15 or 20% in the grades usually purchased.

Mr. Ketner says use of the phosphate will increase the output of grasses and legumes to a remarkable degree.

In furtherance of the planned distribution, Mr. W. M. Landis, of the Agriculture Division of the TVA will give a series of illustrated lectures throughout the county next week. On Thursday, Oct. 26 he will speak at the Folk School, Brasstown, at 10 o'clock A. M. Central time. The same day, at one o'clock P. M. E.S.T. he will speak and show lantern slides of farm demonstration work in the schoolhouse at Peachtree, and that evening, at 7 o'clock Central time, he will be at Martins Creek.

Discussion will follow the lectures, with the purpose of showing the farmers the value of placing these communities under a cooperative watershed program, which will make them eligible to receive the phosphate at the low cost stated above.

Last week Mr. W. B. Collins, Assistant Farm Management Supervisor for the 17 Western counties of the State was in Cherokee working up new demonstration unit farms. Thirty new units were established.

### 20 CENTS A MILE

Members of Congress attending the special session draw 20 cents a mile for travel to and from home. Some of them didn't go home, but they got their average cut of \$1,000 just the same.

## BARN OF MINER BURNS; STRIKERS HELD FOR ARSON

### 2 Mules Die In Flames; Arrest Follows Use Of Ga. Bloodhounds

The smoldering fire of hate, kindled weeks ago by the C. I. O. strike at Copperhill flamed anew Tuesday night when the barn of Oscar Simonds, non-striking mine foreman who lives at Hothouse, was burned to the ground. Two mules perished in the flames, and a considerable quantity of feed was destroyed.

Homer Loudermilk, striking miner and also proprietor of a county store near the Tennessee line and Jack Gaddis, of Isabella, Tenn. are held incommunicado in the County jail in Murphy, charged with the crime. Loudermilk was arrested within a few hours after the fire. Gaddis was arrested Tuesday night.

Both insist they are innocent.

Arrested early Tuesday morning, by Sheriff Carl Townson, Loudermilk had been locked up only a short while before a stream of friends—most of them striking miners—called at the jail to see him. Permission to visit the prison was refused, but his friends stood outside the jail and shouted to him, through the window, that they would "stick by him", and would see that bond was supplied, after his hearing.

The hearing date has not yet been set.

Loudermilk's arrest was the result of clever detective work, aided by a bloodhound, sent from Marietta, Ga. The dog was rushed to the Hothouse section by automobile, in response to a telephone call.

Sheriff Townson was waiting at the burned barn, and the dog quickly found a scent which he followed to a place where an automobile had been parked. There the dog was baffled; but examination of the ground showed that the car had three tires with badly worn treads, and a fourth tire, with a non-skid tread that was practically new.

Walking down the highway, Sheriff Townson finally came to a side road where the tire marks showed again, indicating that the auto had turned off at that point.

Following the tire marks, Townson finally came to the combined store and home of Loudermilk. A car was in the rear, and its tires exactly matched the markings near the burned barn.

Loudermilk was at home, and in bed. Despite the evidence, he denied having been near the Simons barn. He submitted to arrest under protest, but without attempting any resistance.

The owner of the barn is a cousin of Marion Simonds, accountant, and former Register of Deeds.

## Three Students Leave For District Parley

Three Murphy highschool students will leave tomorrow (Friday) for Asheville to represent Murphy at a session of students from the Western District.

The meeting was called to promote better understanding of student problems, and the three given the honor of representing Murphy are: Malcolm Crotzer, Kate Gray and Martine Moore.

## Death Claims Mother Of Rev. Arthur Barber

Word has been received here of the death in High Point, N. C. of Mrs. Cora M. Lewis, mother of the Rev. W. Arthur Barber, former pastor of the Methodist church here. Mrs. Lewis died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Knight.