

PROSPECTS DIM FOR KEEPING TVA LIBRARY SERVICE

Project Comes to End 1st of July, Unless Something is Done

The TVA library project in this area is scheduled to be concluded July 1 according to reports received here several weeks ago, and to date there have been no indications that the project will be extended.

Miss Ida Belle Entekin, regional librarian, has been working at various projects during the last few months to extend the service rendered this area.

A few months ago there was advanced a plan to have the commissions of Cherokee and neighboring counties assume financial obligations for continuing the work of the TVA. In Cherokee county a ballot was proposed on the question of a small levy to finance the work. However, the plan failed to materialize and the time for the conclusion of the TVA regional work is approaching with little definite assurance of how the service will be continued.

Last week the Clay County News reported that the Clay county commissioners had refused to grant financial aid to the library project, amounting to \$600 to \$700.

The ballot proposed for Cherokee county was not called, probably because it seemed evident that the decision would be unfavorable and that the expense and labor would be useless.

The TVA regional library service was established to provide suitable service for the Federal employees at Hiwassee Dam while that project was under construction.

Some of the services will doubtless be assumed by the libraries or WPA employees. Other may be discontinued.

Hundreds of modern books, in fact the best sections of Andrews library, will probably be turned over to the local service by the TVA interests, when the work ceases next month.

A Wrong Impression

The story printed in the last week's Scout that 17 persons had been arrested for being drunk at the all-day singing at Peachtree, may have created a wrong impression, the Editor of the Scout learns. Some readers thought the story implied that the all-day singing was a rowdy affair.

Nothing could be farther from the fact. The singing society is one of the most praiseworthy in the county. A huge crowd invariably gathers for their musical get-togethers which are pre-empted by a spirit of true religion and innocent pleasure. The singers are in no way to be held responsible for the fact that some visitors brought liquor, and drank too much.

Rod and Gun Club Formed; Promised Quail by State

Frank Ellis of Murphy has been named president of the newly formed Cherokee County Rod and Gun Club, an organization of sportsmen, pledged to work for the development of the wildlife resources of Cherokee County.

Other officers selected at a meeting here Tuesday night were W. D. Whitaker and John F. Christie of Andrews, first and second vice-presidents respectively; legislative chairman, Fred Christopher, of Murphy; educational chairman, Quay Ketter, of Murphy, and secretary-treasurer, James D. Mallonee, Jr.

Directors are E. C. Moore, Dr. E. L. Holt, W. M. Mauney, W. A. Sherrill and Joe Fulmer, of Murphy; Fred Barton, W. R. Dockery and Arthur Palmer, of Marble; Z. L.

3 TVA OFFICIALS COMING TO HEAR GOLF CLUB PLANS

Three officials of the TVA will come to Murphy from Knoxville tomorrow (Friday) to talk over ways and means of securing a golf links, a big boat house, and perhaps a country clubhouse near the town.

The boathouse would be constructed, probably, near the Southern railway trestle, although a site near the L & N depot has been suggested as an alternative.

The golf links might be located in one of three places. The one most favored runs along the river from the L & N depot to beyond Martins Creek. The clubhouse probably would stand on or near the links.

The land involved all belongs to the TVA, but that agency has expressed its willingness to lease it to the town for a purely nominal figure. Once the lease is gotten, the PWA has tentatively expressed its willingness to advance funds to put through the improvements.

The TVA officials are coming at the telephoned request of Mayor Gray, who acted following a Murphy Chamber of Commerce conference held in the Mayor's office last Friday night. It was pointed out, at that time, that if anything is to be done by Murphy the action will have to be immediate; for all remaining funds of the PWA appropriations soon will revert to the U. S. Treasury. Expenditures for national defense, and present conditions in general make it unlikely that another appropriation will be made.

With Jack Blagg, TVA engineer who has been in Murphy since the start of the Hiwassee Dam, as a guide, the officials from Knoxville will be shown the sites that Murphy hopes to develop. Mayor Gray and Fred Christopher, Secretary of the Murphy Chamber, will be there to explain the details.

It is hoped that funds may also be secured to construct a wading pool for kiddies on the property across from the Fair Grounds.

Stabbing Follows Scuffling In Road Between Friends

An attempt to play the good Samaritan, and take a friend home, landed Walter Arrant, who lives near Bellevue, in the County jail, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, he says. His victim was James Hughes.

Hughes was stabbed in the chest, and when first brought to Petrie hospital, it was feared he might die. He now is reported as on the road to recovery, however, and Arrant was released from custody Wednesday morning, under \$1000 bond. He will be tried at the next term of the Circuit court, when, he says, he will plead self defense.

The stabbing took place last Saturday. (Continued on Back Page)

STABBING IN BACK IS HOTLY DENIED BY ASHEVILLE

Anxious To Cooperate With Smaller Towns, Chamber Declares

The Scout has received a letter, printed below, from the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

It may also be true that the two "reliable young men" in Atlanta told visitors that "there were three routes to Asheville."

We would like to know if tourists who have come to Murphy told the truth when they said they were ADVISED TO AVOID THE ROUTE THROUGH MURPHY.

While we are on the subject we also would like to know if the Asheville Chamber will deny that a few years ago a topographical map of Western North Carolina on exhibit at a Fair in Florida, showed the Hiwassee Dam, and Asheville—and did not show Murphy at all?

The Asheville Chamber's letter follows: Editor, Cherokee Scout, Dear sir:

There appeared on the front page of your newspaper of June 6 an article entitled "Entire Section Stabbed In Back By Asheville". We have made a careful investigation of every charge made in that article and we are prepared to prove that the statements made, insofar as they relate to the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, are grossly in error. The article is based, so it states, on information "from a thoroughly reliable source", and undertakes to point out that this organization is keeping a "full-time" man in Atlanta to route tourists "away" from Western North Carolina. That is preposterous in the extreme.

"For your information, during the month of May this organization, through its Rhododendron Committee, maintained an office in Atlanta for the purpose of promoting travel to Western North Carolina and the Rhododendron Festival. During the thirty days the office was operated we had two reliable young men in charge. Both of them have been questioned, and they state emphatically that all prospective visitors were told that there were three routes to Asheville; namely, through Murphy, through Franklin and through Greenville and Hendersonville.

"That was the correct information and is identically the same information which this organization has given and will continue to give in any office which it may operate as long as the highways remain as they are. It is the traveler's prerogative to select his choice of routes. No fair-minded man could quarrel with that.

"On behalf of the civic and business interests of Asheville, please let me assure you that our desire for Western North Carolina unity and (Continued on Back Page)

W. A. Elliott Passes On; Funeral Rites Friday

Death ended the long suffering of Mr. W. A. Elliott Thursday morning when he died at his home in Murphy. He was 81 years old. Funeral services are to be held Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in the Baptist church with the Rev. J. C. Ammons and the Rev. W. R. Jenkins officiating.

Grandsons and nephews will serve as active pallbearers, as follows: James Mallonee, Jr., John Dickey, Tom Dickey, Frank Dickey, Herman Elliott and Mark Elliott.

Forty two of the leading citizens of Murphy will serve as honorary pallbearers; most of them long-time friends of the deceased.

Mr. Elliott is survived by his widow and two daughters: Mrs. Leila Dickey and Mrs. Hadley Dickey; one brother, H. B. Elliott, of Murphy, and one sister, Mrs. Nannie Williams of Gainesville, Ga. He also is survived by six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of interment.

CHECK FOR \$100 GIVEN CHAMBER BY P. K. FEREBEE

President P. K. Ferebee, of the Citizen's Bank and Trust Co., has presented the Murphy Chamber of Commerce with his personal check for \$100. The gift was made without conditions, or reservations, in appreciation of the aggressiveness of the Chamber of Commerce in boosting Murphy.

Mr. Ferebee explained that what he, Murphy helps the entire county.

The banker preferred that his gift not be given any publicity. The Scout knows of other public spirited and generous acts of Mr. Ferebee, made with the same modesty, and which at his request were never publicized. In the present instance, however, the Scout feels that Murphy should know that Banker Ferebee, though he lives in Andrews, has the interests of the entire county at heart. His present generosity is typical of the man, wherever public welfare is involved.

The officers of the Chamber of Commerce have asked the Scout to express to Mr. Ferebee their deep gratitude.

Towns Will Unite To Boost Section With "Co-op" Ads

Dr. Elmer Holt and Attorney Fred Christopher, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, will go to Bryson City tomorrow (Friday) night, to meet with representatives from the towns in Western North Carolina.

The group will map plans for cooperative advertising of this section, with every town bearing its share of the cost. The program, once arranged, will be submitted to the various Chambers of Commerce, Lions, and Rotary Clubs for approval.

The entire program is intended for next year. It is believed that co-operation will result in far wider coverage at far less expense than if the towns try to advertise separately, as they have done in the past.

Handsome folders will be printed, telling about each town, but stressing the entire section. It is hoped that the cost per town can be equalized, and that every participant will receive the same amount of publicity.

The plan is the result of the get-together meeting held in Bryson City two weeks ago. Participating are Murphy, Andrews, Bryson City, Sylva, Franklin and Waynesville.

Robbinsville was not represented at the former meeting but it is hoped that the Graham county seat will see fit to "come in."

Public Playgrounds Opened; Many Games Available

The Murphy public playground opened for the summer season Tuesday on the Murphy school grounds. Due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. W. M. Palmer, assisted by H. Bueck, K. C. Wright, Mrs. T. A. Case and others, enough funds were raised to insure operation of the playground for the time between now and the opening of school.

The playground activities will be divided into two phases. From 10 o'clock until noon, the grounds will be given over to ages of 6 to 10, under the supervision of Mrs. Martha

NANTAHALA DAM START PREDICTED WITHIN 30 DAYS

Huge Project Will Cost \$15,000,000 And Give Jobs to Hundreds

With formal approval granted by both Federal and State authorities, completion of the giant dam started ten years ago, hard by Nantahala, is practically assured.

The work will cost between ten and fifteen million dollars, and will require not less than two years. It will mean jobs at good wages for hundreds of men.

Approval of the Federal Power Commission was announced by the Nantahala Power and Light Company last Monday. Approval of the State authorities followed the next day.

Work is expected to start within the next 30 days.

Two power projects are planned; one at Nantahala, and the other at Glenville.

It is reported that the Nantahala company already has hired a small group of men to clear rights of way, lay water lines, and do other routine preliminary work at Glenville. Some equipment was purchased, it was said, on which Cherokee county firms made bids.

The Nantahala project would provide a turbine developing 60,000 horsepower while Glenville would have a turbine developing 30,000 horsepower.

The Nantahala dam would be on the Nantahala river, a tributary of the Little Tennessee, in Macon county, at a point about two miles below the Aquone postoffice.

The Glenville project would be in Jackson county, on the west fork of the Tuckaseegee river, also a branch of the Little Tennessee river, also a branch of the Little Tennessee river.

These two dams would have the highest heads of any east of the Rocky Mountains. The Nantahala would be 999 feet and the Glenville 1,215 feet. The Nantahala dam would be 260 feet high and the one at Glenville 130 feet high.

At the Nantahala a lake of 1,631 acres would be created for water storage while at Glenville the lake would cover 1,470 acres.

Both dams will be earth-faced and rock-filled. The Nantahala dam will contain 1,829,900 cubic yards, and the Glenville dam will contain 458,000 cubic yards.

Of interest, especially is the driving of the tunnel through Beachertown through the mountains—a distance of approximately 28,000 feet.

Since already approximately one mile of the tunnel already has been driven it is assumed the work will start at the Beachertown end, which is ten miles from Andrews.

It is believed that construction of the tunnel will give Andrews a business, stimulation similar to that of Murphy when the Hiwassee dam was built.

Adams and Mrs. J. H. Pitzer. Supervised games and story hours will make up the bulk of the morning periods.

The afternoon period from 1 until 4:30 will be devoted to children eleven years of age and over. Supervised games also will be conducted in the afternoon.

Softball, tennis, table tennis or ping pong, horse shoe pitching, volleyball, basketball, and shuffleboard are available.

The swings and giant stride will also be available throughout the day.