

## WORK STARTED ON NANTAHALA DAM

### TVA MUST GIVE COUNTY PART OF SALES REVENUE

#### Senate Action Insures Relief From Losses In Property Taxes

Cherokee county seems almost certain to receive a portion of the revenue from the sale of hydro-electricity produced by the TVA at Hiwassee Dam as a result of recent action of Congress.

A bill was introduced several weeks ago to compensate local units for taxes lost through the sale of agriculture lands to the government. The bill provided for the distribution of five percent of the revenue from the sale of power. The bill was killed in committee and Cherokee county residents had been told that there was little likelihood of it being revived.

The Senate however, has attached the proposition as a "rider" to a relief bill, under which the TVA will pay compensation in lieu of taxes to five states, and their counties, in the region in which it operates. This week the House agreed to the bill by a vote of 205 to 178 members.

This proposal had been passed as a separate bill by the Senate three months ago, but had been tabled by the House Military Affairs committee.

Without a word of debate the Senate next attached it to a Senate Relief bill, a maneuver which insured its passage without being passed on by the House Military Affairs committee, which was antagonistic.

Now having been passed by both houses the bill is expected to be placed in operation through the regular methods. The exact benefit that Cherokee county would receive from the bill could not be learned.

Tax-payers, faced by an increased rate, as a result of the TVA, will welcome any relief that the measure may bring.

### Scout To Issue Earlier Because of Holiday

The editor of the Scout feels that the staff is entitled to a holiday July 4th. Next year we may all be in the trenches, so let's celebrate while we can.

The Scout, therefore, will be printed a day earlier than usual. This also will benefit the advertisers—for few people read a paper on holidays.

Correspondents will please get their copy into the Scout office on Monday, if humanely possible, and certainly not later than Tuesday morning.

## Murphy to get Free Ads In State Tourist Magazine

For the first time in its history, Murphy soon will be advertised in the colorful magazine sent all over the nation by the State of North Carolina.

"Bill Baker", assistant manager of the State News Bureau, in Raleigh, whose job is to put out pictures and reading matter that will bring in tourists, was in Murphy, Sunday and Monday, and promised the Editor of the Scout he would "give the town a boost in the next issue of the magazine."

Baker not only writes "copy" for the magazine, but also takes the photographs that go with it. He got some beautiful "shots" of Hiwassee Dam, and the Editor of the Scout told him several interesting things

### HENRY CRISP DIES AGED 86, LEAVING 119 DESCENDANTS

Henry A. Crisp, 86 year old, died at his home in Peachtree Wednesday afternoon, June 26. He had lived in Peachtree 17 years and had been a member of the Missionary Baptist of Stecoah since early youth.

Mr. Crisp is survived by a widow and eleven children, six sons and five daughters. He also leaves 37 grand-children, 56 great-grand children and six great-great-grand children. The children are:

Mrs. George Gunter, of Jackson County; Mrs. L. P. Payne and Mrs. Bill Stiles, Beech Creek; Mrs. Hugh M. Hogsd, Peachtree; Mrs. G. E. Payne, Copperhill and Mrs. Nelson Simonds, Murphy; Ira, Oklahoma; Harley and Posey, Peachtree; Aphriam, Marble and Glenn of Akron, Ohio.

Funeral services were held from the Peachtree church Thursday morning, with Townson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

### Ten Towns United To Boost Section In Cooperation

A "Good Neighbor" motorcade visited Murphy Tuesday, marking the joining of eight counties and ten towns in a cooperative campaign to boost Western North Carolina.

The motorcade followed a meeting of representatives of the towns in Bryson City, last Friday. Dr. Elmer Holt and Attorney Fred Christopher, Treasurer and Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce represented Murphy. Other representatives were present from Waynesville, Sylva, Bryson City, Highlands, Franklin, Robbinsville, Andrews, Hayesville and Cherokee.

All these towns also were represented in the motorcade which started from Waynesville, and visited every one of the towns, stopping in each to "get acquainted" and to explain the new cooperative advertising plan. The response everywhere was enthusiastic.

Representatives of the ten towns will meet again in Bryson City two weeks hence, to form a permanent organization and elect officers. Their plans include a profusely illustrated booklet boosting Western North Carolina, and to be printed cooperatively.

### MAD DOG BITES MAN, CALF AND 3 OTHER DOGS

#### Bud Nelson, of Topton Kills Animal After Fangs Slash Knee

A mongrel, homeless dog went mad near Topton Saturday, and created a reign of terror before, finally, he was killed.

The animal, described as a "medium sized cur" bit three valuable dogs belonging to Bass Duval; bit a yearling calf belonging to Bud Nelson, and finally attacked Mr. Nelson, and bit him on the knee.

Fighting the maddened animal off, Mr. Nelson picked up a large rock, and crushed its skull.

Mr. Duval was advised by the district health office to have his dogs inoculated with anti-rabies serum, and to keep them penned and chained for 21 days. He is said to have chosen to destroy his pets instead, believing that to be more merciful.

Mr. Nelson is being given a new anti-rabies treatment which will be continued for only 14 days instead of the customary three weeks. The treatment, according to Dr. Whichard, District Health Officer, who is administering it, is exceedingly painful.

"It is an improvement over the old method" Dr. Whichard said, "but even so, it may be dangerous, unless it is positively known that a person has been bitten by an animal with rabies. In this case the dog's head was so badly crushed, and the heat had so decayed the brain that it was useless to send it to Raleigh for examination.

"We don't know positively that the dog was mad. All indications are that it was, however—and we cannot take a chance that it was not. But Mr. Nelson is in for a very unhappy two weeks."

Dr. Whichard added that the occurrence brought home the importance of having all dogs vaccinated.

"This is the first case of rabies in Cherokee, Clay or Graham counties in more than a year" he said, "and this dog was a cur which had not been vaccinated.

"The Health Office hopes that all dog owners will have their pets vaccinated willingly, instead of making it necessary for us to have them arrested, and fined, first."

### TVA Offers Acreage For Recreation Plan

Five TVA officials came to Murphy at the Request of Mayor Gray and the Chamber of Commerce last Friday, and made an exhaustive survey of the territory with a view to establishment of recreational facilities.

Following a tour of the territory surrounding the town, a meeting was held, Friday night the Mayor's office at which the visitors said the TVA would lease any land desired for recreational purposes for \$1 per year. Mayor Gray already has applied for a WPA fund to put the plan through.

### Decoration Service At Ranger Sunday

The decoration service originally arranged at Ranger for the 3rd Sunday in June will be held this Sunday, instead, by the Rev. G. W. Bumgarner, Murphy Methodist Circuit rider.

The Rev. W. R. Jenkins, pastor of the Methodist church here, will begin a revival meeting at Tomotla Sunday evening.

## Project Will Employ 1500 Men and Last At Least 2 Years

### Hospital Patient Is Taken To Tenn. As Jail Breaker

It was an unlucky fight that Floyd Millsaps had in Robbinsville last Saturday night. In the first place he received a terrific beating in the face, and on the head, with a beer bottle.

In the second place he owes a bill for medical treatment at a Murphy hospital.

Third, and worst of all, he has been taken to Madisonville, Tenn. as a jail breaker, there to serve 118 days of an uncompleted sentence—and perhaps more added as punishment for escaping.

Millsaps was taken to the hospital of Dr. Bryan Whitford, in Murphy, by two friends early Sunday morning. His head was cut, his eyes were black and blue, and his face and mouth swollen and cut. He told the physician he had been beaten with a beer bottle, but said he did not know who had done it.

He had been in the hospital only a few hours when a phone call was received from Sheriff Martin, who asked that Millsaps be turned over to the Murphy authorities, and held in the County jail until he, Martin, could come after him.

Millsaps offered no objection to going to the Murphy jail, declaring himself confident he was the injured party, and hence had no fear of the law.

It so happened, however, that a lookout for Millsaps had been received at the Murphy Jail, from Madisonville, Tenn. and Sheriff Carl Townson remembered this. He phoned Madisonville, and the Tennessee officers came over and took Millsaps back.

Millsaps is said to have escaped when he still had 118 days to serve following conviction on a charge of dynamiting fish. He also is said to face prosecution on a warrant charging him with having taken a shot at the Tennessee Game Warden's wife.

### Plan for All-Concrete Structure Changed; To Use Dirt, Stone

Preliminary work on the \$15,000,000 Nantahala power project to be located about six miles from Andrews has started.

A group of staff engineers and high officials of the company spent three days in the Andrews vicinity last week and told the Journal that the project is actually in operation.

The group consisted of H. E. Williams, of San Francisco; John Ray, Nantahala; Allen D. Christenson, Salt Lake City; J. P. Growdon, Pittsburg; A. H. Ayers, Croton Falls, N. Y.; and L. S. Corey, San Francisco.

The project was started ten years ago, when much of the land needed was acquired. In the last few weeks, however, efforts have been made to secure all of the property to be flooded by the lake. It is reported that one land holder has refused the price offered and the matter may have to be settled in court.

Gangs of workmen are expected to be employed within a month, although it may be some time before the peak of employment of labor is reached. Already surveyors and their assistants have been employed at Glenville which is to be a sister project to the Andrews work. Regular employees of the Nantahala Power and Light company at Beacher town said hundreds of people had appeared at various places where the company has property, to make application for employment.

Back in 1930 the plans called for a concrete dam across the Nantahala River, two miles below Aquone. These plans have been abandoned and it now has been decided to build an earth dam, rock-faced. This will require less imported materials, but will necessitate considerable more labor.

Local men probably will be given preference, but the magnitude of the project makes it almost certain that Murphy, Robbinsville and other towns of the county will be called on; and even these may not be able to supply necessary man-power.

Unofficially, it is reported that at least 1500 men may be employed (Continued on Back Page)

## Power Off Seven Hours; Bolt of Lightning to Blame

For seven hours last Monday all the homes and business houses in Murphy and for many miles around were without electricity—but no human being was to blame.

The sudden shut-off of power, which came shortly after ten o'clock Monday morning was caused by lightning which struck the Hiwassee Dam line near Grandview, and burned out the explosion gaps. Those gaps, it was explained by Harve Elkins, Superintendent of the Murphy Electrical Department, were placed especially to protect the lines from bolts. Had it not been for them he said, the damage might have been considerably greater.

The TVA rushed two crews and two trucks from Cleveland. Working from Murphy on a base, they finally

located the scene of the trouble; but not until several hours had passed. Once found, the damage was soon repaired.

Meanwhile, business generally was at a standstill. Beauty parlors and barber shops were idle; huge cans of ice cream melted to a soupy messes, and the Murphy Laundry and several other industries were "dead".

Dr. Elmer Holt was drilling a patient's tooth when the power went off. What that patient said, before Dr. Holt applied some "pain killer" wouldn't bear repeating.

Superintendent Elkins said that had the bolt struck in Murphy, the trouble could have been located and repaired much more quickly. As it was, the TVA crews had to traverse many miles, without a single clue to guide them.