

WORK RESUMED ON MONDAY AT NANTAHALA DAM

1000 Men Return To Jobs Following Meeting Thursday

Practically 1,000 men had returned to work Monday on the projects of the Utah Construction Company following a conference last Thursday at Benchertown where the policies of the Union and Company were announced and the workers were given an opportunity to hear a message read from Governor Hoey by Forrest H. Shufford, state labor commissioner.

The Company opened up for work Friday but some of the men formerly employed did not return until the week end. Representatives of the company said that at the greatest expansion the company had employed 1,024 men and that the number would be increased a few more hundred during the winter.

Work started just nine days after the project shut down as a result of an effort on the part of certain men to drive out the Northern men who were employed on the job. Investigations made during the trouble indicated that the attempt to drive out the Northern workmen had been started by several men who were not employed but included also some employees of the company.

Scores were thrown into the river, a few persons were seriously injured in the fights that occurred Monday and Tuesday, some of whom were forced to report for hospital treatment. Many of the Northern men left several accompanied by their families, some, however, remained in the vicinity and returned to work.

UNION CLEANS HOUSE

John S. Turner, representative of the Union, told the workers at the mass meeting Thursday afternoon that it was obvious that some house cleaning was necessary in the Union. This he said was being done and that it was hoped the men would return to work peacefully.

Following the mass meeting, Turner said, that Robert E. Lee, organizer and later business manager of the AP of L activities at the Nantahala project had been transferred from the Utah Construction job near Andrews and would not return. Lee

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Final Tribute Paid J. Aberham Green In Rites Thursday

J. Aberham Green, better known as "Uncle Abe", passed away at his home in Brasstown November 28, at 5 a. m. Funeral services were held at Greencove Methodist church Nov. 29 at 11 o'clock with the Rev. A. J. Climmer and the Rev. D. H. Dennis officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Green, who lived in Brasstown all his life, had been a member of the Methodist church for more than 60 years. He was a charter member of the Green Cove church and served as steward there 35 years.

He is survived by his wife, 1 daughter, Mrs. Neal Scroggs, Brasstown; sons, Frank, Young Harris, Neal, Brasstown, Hamnier, Marble and Roy, Blairsville, Ga.; 2 sisters, Mrs. Nora Arrant, Murphy, and Mrs. Jamie Sales, Brasstown.

Pall bearers were Green Green, Elmer Sales, Neal Scroggs, Ed Arrant, Elmer Green and Luther Green.

Townsend Funeral Home had charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. V. H. Olmsted Passes On, Aged 87, In Home In Virginia

Mrs. Victor H. Olmsted, known and loved throughout all this section died Sunday night at her home in Arlington Va. a suburb of Washington, D. C. Funeral services and burial were held in Virginia Wednesday.

Mrs. Olmsted was 87 years old, ill for several weeks, death followed a heart attack.

Christened "Nancy Elizabeth," but generally known as "Betty," Mrs. Olmsted was the daughter of Dr. John W. Patton, a pioneer who came to the mountains of North Carolina before the Civil War. Dr. Patton married Martha Meroney, auburn haired beauty who was the belle of the section in those early days.

The pioneer couple raised a large family, notable among whom were Dr. W. Oscar Patton, surgeon, legislature, and one time Consul General in the diplomatic service, who died two years ago, and Dr. Samuel Patton, well known as a physician, Henry Patton, of Murphy, and John W. Patton, Jr., of Washington, D. C. were other sons. All four are dead.

Daughters in the family, besides Mrs. Olmsted were Belle Patton, who married Archibald Hunter, of the family in whose memory the Murphy Pyramid was erected; Gertrude, who married John Airheart, a Tennessee merchant; Bird, who married Frederick Adams, of Brasstown; and Mary, who married Prof. Crawford Hicks, Tennessee educator. Of these only Mary and Bird, both widows, survive.

"Betty" Patton married Victor H. Olmsted, who came to the mountains with his father, a Northern army officer, shortly after the Civil war. The elder Mr. Olmsted established a private school in Murphy.

During the first years of their marriage the couple lived in Murphy, where their first two children were born, Stanley and Myrtle. Later moving to Jacksonville, Fla., where Mr. Olmsted entered the hardware business.

After two years in Florida the family moved to Washington, D. C., where Mr. Olmsted received a Government appointment. He rose rapidly, becoming Chief of the U. S. Bureau of Statistics. He also was Associate Director of the first census ever taken in Cuba.

Leaving the Government to become Secretary of the National Manufacturers Association, he later also practiced law in West Virginia as a member of a firm representing many corporations, and returned to the Government to fill several important posts, among them the directing of a statistical survey of the Hawaiian Islands, going to Italy as special representative of the U. S. Government at the World Agricultural and Statistical Congress in Rome. He also was Director of a second census taken by the Government of Cuba.

Meanwhile a second son, Victor C. Olmsted had been born, and the family made their home in Arlington, Va. There the oldest son, Stanley died, burned to death, not quite one year ago.

Mrs. Olmsted never completely rallied from the shock of this death, although her splendid courage enabled her to keep her great, constant grief largely hidden. But from that day, her health began to fail.

She came frequently to Murphy, which she always regarded as her true home. Though ill, she voted, by mail, in the recent elections, and shortly before her death she was planning, eagerly

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NEW HEARING IS GRANTED BY FPC ON FONTANA DAM

Reconsideration of Power Project Set For January 15th

A rehearing on its findings with relation to the proposed Fontana hydro-electric project in Swain and Graham counties will be given, the Federal Power Commission has announced, following a request by the Nantahala Power and Light company.

The rehearing will be held in Washington, January 15, the announcement said. Reconsideration will be given to the commission's holding that the project would affect interstate commerce in the fact that the Little Tennessee river, proposed site of the power project, was navigable.

The petition, requesting the rehearing, presented by the Nantahala Company, asked that the Company be given opportunity to present additional data regarding its claims. Among these was citation of the fact that the Knoxville Power Company also planned a similar project on the same river below the proposed Fontana site.

The commission had formerly held that the building of such a dam would interfere with navigation on the Little Tennessee river, and required the company to secure federal license. The license had been granted but was not acceptable by the company.

Indications are that the power generated at the new hydro-electric plant would be transferred out of North Carolina into Tennessee for use in the plants of the Aluminum company of America, of which the Nantahala Company is a subsidiary.

County Council Meet Scheduled on Monday

The Cherokee County Council newly formed organization representing all public agencies in this section, will hold its first regular meeting in the county Agent's office in Murphy courthouse Monday evening, December 9, at 7 o'clock. A. Q. Ketter, president, announced today.

All members who were present at the organization meeting are urged to attend the Monday meeting.

Baptist Association To Meet in Special Session on Sunday

A special meeting of all pastors, promotion committee members and executive committee members in the Western North Carolina Baptist association has been called by Rev. E. F. Baker, moderator. The meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, December 8, at 2 o'clock (CST), in the Murphy Baptist church.

The purpose of the meeting, Rev. Baker explained, is to consider work in the churches and to plan extra work for the coming year.

The promotion committee is composed of the pastors and one member of each church in the association. Members of the executive committee are: Rev. E. F. Baker, chairman, R. P. Lovingood, W. A. Adams, Mrs. J. C. Ammos, H. L. Mulkey, Leslie Crawford, Miss Violet Spivey, Robert Barker, Everette White, Miss Corena Truett, J. F. Ballew, Mrs. Nora White, Noah Lovingood and Mrs. E. F. Baker.

Murder of Workman Is Confessed by Wiggins

THREE MEN HELD FOR POSTOFFICE ROBBERY FRIDAY

Ed Guthrie, Vernie Hartness and Hugh Sneed were arrested and placed in the Cherokee county jail Saturday by Sheriff Carl Townson on charges of breaking into Fred Green's store and post office at Ranger Friday night. The post office is in the store building.

When notified of the robbery, Sheriff Townson secured bloodhounds which trailed the men to the Hartness house. A lot of the stolen goods were found in the house, consisting of flour, coffee, cigarettes, and candy. A post office inspector said that a small amount of money and stamps were missing from the post office.

According to the sheriff, all three men have admitted participation in the robbery. Federal officers are expected to arrive in Murphy some time this week to take charge of the prisoners.

MAYOR PUTS BAN ON PUNCHBOARDS; CHIEF TO GET 'EM

Mayor J. B. Gray issued orders to the city Police Department this week to confiscate all punchboards either in operation or on display in the town of Murphy.

Chief of Police Fred Johnson further stated that no partiality will be shown any person or group of persons and issued general warning that all punchboards or similar devices should be removed to avoid embarrassment and probably other results of discovery.

Each year a large crop of punchboards springs up in town during the Christmas shopping season but they are no more legal than at any other time, it was pointed out. The mayor and police feel the action they are taking is necessary in order to forestall probable future expansion of such practices.

Cherokee Land Use Association to Meet

A meeting of all county committeemen in the Cherokee County Land Use Planning Association will be held in the courtroom of the Murphy courthouse Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock (CST), secretary Quay Ketter has announced.

Jack Criswell, who has charge of all Land Use Planning in the state, and J. W. Crawford, staff member, will be present to address the gathering and assist in the meeting.

In addition to excellent record in his present position, Mr. Criswell has a state-wide reputation as a good speaker, Mr. Ketter said, and all committeemen are urged to be present for the meeting Monday.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE IS STARTED

This year's Christmas Seal Sale has been started in Murphy. Mrs. C. W. Savage, chairman, has announced, and is being sponsored by the Woman's Club.

The primary drive in sale of these seals is being made in the local schools, Mrs. Savage stated, under the direction of several of the teachers.

Andy Stiles, Held For Firing Shot, Released Tuesday

Fred Wiggins, of Andrews, signed a full confession here Tuesday of the slaying of James Workman, the night of November 21, after Claude Stewart, alleged accomplice, made a confession of his part in the crime, which involved Wiggins, Sheriff Townson has announced.

Workman was slain by gunshot on the night mentioned in front of his home near Andrews. Dora Ray, present at the time was wounded by the same shotgun charge.

At a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace D. M. Reese in Murphy Saturday, Andy Stiles, Claude Stewart and Hoasca Thrasher, all of Andrews, were ordered held for grand jury action in the April term of superior court. Mrs. Ray positively identified Stiles as the man who fired the fatal shot. Wiggins was released.

Stewart sent for Sheriff Townson Monday night and told him that he, Thrasher and Wiggins had been the three men involved in the shooting at the Workman home, and further stated that Wiggins fired the shot. He also told the Sheriff where to find the shotgun, near the scene, which had been broken up and thrown away.

Sheriff Townson arrested Wiggins Tuesday, and had him (Wiggins) show the place where the gun had been thrown. The sheriff then carried Wiggins to the Murphy jail where he confessed the killing.

Following a short hearing in the presence of Justice Reese, Andy Stiles, formerly identified as being the killer, was released from jail, and Wiggins, Thrasher and Stewart were all held for the murder.

George Snodgrass, L. D. Schooley, O. B. Sutton and L. J. McCarty, who were being held as material witnesses, were released under summons to appear in the April court.

In the actual story of the slaying, as told in the two confessions Tuesday, (Continued from Front Page)

First Monthly Meet Of Sunday Schools Called for Dec. 15

In accordance with a plan to hold regular monthly meetings of all Sunday Schools in the Western North Carolina Baptist association, the first meeting has been called by J. F. Ballew, association superintendent, for Sunday afternoon, December 15, at 2 o'clock (CST) in the Murphy Baptist church.

A special program of music and other interesting features has been planned by Mr. Ballew for this first meeting. An invitation is extended all quartettes and choirs in the association to be present and take part in the singing. Mr. Ballew also asked that any singing group which had a special number they would like to render, he would make a place for them on the program if notified by letter. His address is, Route 2, Murphy, N. C.

All teachers and officers in the various Sunday schools are especially urged to attend this meeting and all other interested persons.

The association is composed of thirty-six Sunday schools with a total enrollment of 2,967.