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## SURVEY ORDERED FOR RELOCATION OF HIGHWAY 64

### Completely Modern Road Will Replace Old Crooked Route

A survey for relocation of Highway No. 64 between Murphy and the Tennessee state line was ordered this week by the North Carolina state highway commission. P. B. Ferebee, commissioner, has announced.

Engineers will be transferred to this section as soon as possible, Ferebee said, to undertake the task of re-routing the present road. All state engineers are now employed on defense structures in the eastern part of the state.

According to the plan advanced by Ferebee the road between Murphy and the Tennessee state line would be completely rebuilt, straightening it and greatly shortening the distance. When finished it would be as modern as any highway now existing.

The request for a survey of the route was filed by Ferebee with the commission over two months ago and the order just came through this week.

This particular section of highway is the most important in this entire section being a link in main routes from the Pacific coast and the deep south.

At present the highway is one of the most crooked and is in the worst state of repair of any now leading into this section. When rebuilt it will prove of unlimited value not only to this particular section of North Carolina but to the entire state.

Plans now being consummated by the Tennessee state highway department call for complete paving of the "river road" which connects with this highway at the state line. When finished it will form an unbroken concrete chain across the continent to the Pacific coast.

In addition this road will link with the Modern highway from Atlanta to Chattanooga, affording motorists a direct route through this section without the inconvenience of having to travel the extra distance through Knoxville and other points to avoid bad roads.

This highway is now the main southern route from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast with the short Tennessee and North Carolina sections being the worst links. As soon as finished it will be almost a straight route from the Atlantic coast through Cherokee county, Chattanooga, Memphis, Little Rock, Fort Smith, Albuquerque to Los Angeles.

## OPM Changes Site Of Aluminum Plant Scheduled for N. C.

Western North Carolina's chances for an aluminum plant took wings and flew out the window Monday with the announcement of a cross-country change of plans by the Office of Production Management.

The plant originally planned for North Carolina was shifted to Tacoma, Wash., the announcement said "in view of the power stringency of the Southeastern area."

Original plans announced recently had called for eight aluminum plants to be sponsored by the government and operated by various aluminum companies. Of this number one was to have been located in North Carolina but this was removed and the number of plants reduced to seven.

The OPM statement said that an extra block of power had been made available in the northwestern state, enough to operate the aluminum plant. Therefore, the site of the North Carolina plant was changed.

"Therefore, in view of the power stringency of the Southeastern area, the OPM has now recommended that the plant originally indicated for North Carolina shall be shifted to Tacoma, Washington, where power will be readily available," the OPM announcement said.

Three of the plants planned will be operated by the Aluminum Company of America, the company which is now draining all available electric power out of Western North Carolina into Tennessee, and others will be constructed and operated under its supervision.

## USO Contributions Continue to Grow as All Sections Report

Contributions have literally poured in from all sides in the past two weeks in the USO funds drive in Cherokee county and it is expected the quota of \$200 will be greatly exceeded within a few days.

Answering readily to the call for aid in providing recreational facilities for enlisted men, huge numbers from all over the county have been bringing or sending their contributions in until the list has grown to an unforeseen length.

P. B. Ferebee, county chairman of the movement, and Frank Forsyth, Murphy chairman, have expressed great satisfaction at the excellent response the campaign has received. (Continued On Page Six)

# 5300 Men Will Be Employed In Construction of TVA Dams

## LIST OF JURORS FOR AUG. COURT GIVEN BY CLERK

### Criminal Session to Open Aug. 4; Judge Bobbitt to Preside

The jury list for the August term of Cherokee county Superior court has just been announced by John Donley, clerk. The court convenes August 4.

Judge William H. Bobbitt will preside over this session, which will cover the criminal docket.

Jurors for the first week are: H. W. Percy, Andrews, W. M. Bradley, Andrews, D. T. McNabb, Suit, W. G. Coleman, Postell, J. M. McAllister, Culberson, route, F. D. Bradley, Andrews, J. F. Chastain, Murphy, J. P. Johnson, Unaka, C. P. Matheson, Andrews, R. P. Lovingsood, Marble, W. T. Montgomery, Culberson, J. H. Suit, Postell, Dallas Truett, Andrews, S. E. Stiles, Postell, Harold Lang, Andrews, M. L. Kilpatrick, Murphy, C. W. Shields, Culberson.

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## JIMINY CRICKET ADDED TO TOWN ELECTRIC FORCE

### Disney Character Will Devote Efforts To Saving Power

The City of Murphy Electric Department now has a new employee! His name: Jiminy Cricket, the likeable cartoon character who stole the show in Walt Disney's recent feature-length film, "Pinocchio."

H. G. Elkins, manager, announced that, for the duration of the present power emergency, Walt Disney, who designed emblems for many fighting units in both Army and Navy air forces, has now contributed Jiminy Cricket to the Emergency Power Conservation Program to help enlist boys and girls in the power saving drive. The character has been made available to municipal and cooperative electric systems in the T. V. A. service area for use in their power conservation advertising.

Jiminy seemed pleased with his new assignment. "It's a whale of a job," he said, "but then, I'm used to whales. You remember how Pinocchio and I beat up old Monstro the Whale after he swallowed Gepetto! Why, this power shortage won't even know what's struck it by the time the kids (Continued on Back Page.)"



## Utah Co. Employee Drowns Wednesday In Nantahala River

Collis J. Crisp, 24, employee of the Utah Construction company, was drowned in the Nantahala river about 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning while working at the Nantahala dam project.

While working with the river crew, Crisp fell from a slippery log into the swift churning waters of the river. The strong current carried him for about half a mile down the stream before an employee of the Nantahala Power company, who was passing in a truck, leaped into the river and dragged him to shore.

Artificial respiration and other attempts to resuscitate Crisp failed. An examination by the company doctor also disclosed a broken neck probably received in the fall or from being smashed against the rocky bed of the river.

Crisp, a resident of Japan, Graham county had been working for the Utah construction company since last August.

Surviving are the widow and two small children.

## Committee Members Of Old North State Fund Making Drive

A concentrated drive is being made in Cherokee county by the Old North State Fund committee to raise \$150, this county's share of the necessary funds needed for the purchase of an ambulance airplane for Great Britain.

Such a plane will cost approximately \$75,000 and will be donated by the state of North Carolina to help relieve the condition of the civilian populace of Britain and her allies.

All persons in the county are asked to contribute to this cause. Committee-members will call for the donations but those not contacted are asked to send their contribution to Miss Sara Ruth Posey, treasurer of the local organization. (Continued On Page Six)

## Annual Federation Picnic Is Big Success As Huge Crowds Gather from All Sections

More than 1500 Cherokee countians and visitors attended the huge annual Farmers Federation picnic at the Peachtree schoolhouse Saturday, many of them traveling as far as 100 miles to be present.

With James G. K. McClure, president of the federation, acting as master of ceremonies, an all-day program was carried out beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning and ending at about 4:30 in the afternoon.

Fred Sloan, western Carolina district farm agent, McClure, Rev. DuMont Clarke, director of the Lord's Acre movement, and A. Q. Ketner, county agent, headed the roster of speakers for the day.

McClure, reviewing the successes of cooperative farm work in this and other counties, and urging further progress, stated: "Cooperation is one of the biggest words in the English language. When farmers are cooperating together they can build up quality programs through the Farmers Federation and improve quality of seeds, poultry, dairy cattle and—through the Lord's Acre plan and the country church—the quality of their own lives."

Succeeding him on the floor Fred Sloan made a brief but effective speech in which he praised the work of the farmer in national defense.

"The farmer is contributing more to national defense in time like this than the average city person," Sloan said. "His food and his feed will be a real asset to the American leader. And the farmer, with his home and his buildings, his stock and his lands, has more to defend."

Continuing the program of the morning, various athletic contests and entertainment was staged, and prizes were awarded winners in each event. During the afternoon various choirs, quartets, and other singing groups vied for prizes, while the oddity prize winners were also chosen. Everyone attending brought a lunch which was served at 12 o'clock, and free lemonade and watermelon were made available to everyone present by the federation.

Various local and visiting singers gave performances including the eight Martin sisters, Lawrence Anderson and Ernest Burnette, Ella Mae Hogsd, Poley Brockman, the (Continued On Back Page)

## "Grapevine" Petruzzi Performs Daring Rescue of Flood Victims "Tarzan Style"

It was a pretty good trick if he could have pulled it!

Leo Petruzzi, assistant football coach at the University of Tennessee during a recent flood in the Martins creek section but found the jungle growth inadequate and his capacity for ape-like antics far short of the famous fiction character in attempting to rescue a stranded family.

It seems that Petruzzi and Harold Hatchett, proprietor of a local restaurant, were driving through the Martins creek section the other day during one of the worst rain storms to occur in many months. As they drove along they came to a washed-out bridge on the flooding Martins creek and found the entire family of Mr. Ben Mintz stranded on the other side so that they could not reach their home.

The gallant and adventurous blood of both Hatchett and Petruzzi boiled right up and out they went to the rescue.

Ideas for the rescue popped out of their heads like corn in Walt Mauneys popcorn machine until finally Pet-

Personnel machinery was set in motion Wednesday by the TVA for hiring 5300 men to build the four new dams planned in this area on the Hiwassee river and its tributaries at an approximate cost of \$40,000,000.

Also a recommendation was made by the Federal power commission for two more dams to be built by the TVA, one at Fontana on the Little Tennessee river and one on either the French Broad or Holston river near Dandridge, Tennessee.

Construction of the four new dams in this section will add approximately 216,000 kilowatts of power to the TVA system when completed and put in operation.

Temporary work has already been begun on the four dam sites such as core drilling seeking foundations and general surveys for determining best locations and reservoir acreage. Notice was sent out immediately upon approval by congress to landowners in all the reservoir areas of the four dams by the land acquisition division forces now located here.

The most serious problem confronting these projects now is a lack of housing for workmen and possible facilities for feeding the huge number of employes now arriving and expected to arrive here for duty within the next few days.

All available office space in Murphy has been taken by the TVA and other offices are being prepared will be occupied as soon as ready. Shell forces of all divisions for exploration work have been located here for some time and are now being expanded. Working forces of all divisions of the TVA system used in construction of such projects will be located here simultaneously within a very short time.

Permanent offices containing members of the maintenance personnel have been formerly located in the building that was used as a garage during the construction of Hiwassee dam. These offices have now been moved to another building and the garage reconditioned for similar work on a large scale for the present projects. Additions have also been made to the building to further facilitate the general garage work. (Continued on Back Page)

ruzzi, spying a huge grapevine suspended over the creek, decided on a daring plan.

Flexing the muscles of his magnificent physique, which resembles that of a Greek wrestler, Petruzzi prepared to swing out over the flooding stream on the vine and carry the Mintz family across "Tarzan Fashion."

Grasping the vine firmly in one sinewy hand and a member of the Mintz family in the other, the self-styled Tarzan swung in a wide arc out across the plunging, rushing stream.

But, Alas! The grapevine failed, Mr. Petruzzi almost failed, and a part of the Mintz family came very near to being history, directly over the middle of the creek.

Hatchett, who for some reason had not been asleep all this time rushed to the rescue, and very promptly advanced an idea of his own. The Mintz family was safely transferred from one side of the creek to the other by means of a stack pole bridge hastily thrown up by our heroes.