

PRESIDENT ASKS FUNDS TO BUILD DAM AT FONTANA

Appropriation Would Finance Beginning Of Several Projects

President Roosevelt asked Congress Tuesday for an additional \$40,000,000 for expansion of the Tennessee Valley authority to meet growing needs of defense industries for additional electrical power.

The money would be used to begin construction of hydro-electric projects on the Little Tennessee river near Fontana, and on the French Broad river near Dandridge, Tenn.; to install additional generating units with a total rated capacity of 324,000 kilowatts in existing TVA projects; to install an additional steam electric generating unit with a rated 60,000 kilowatts in the Watts Bar steam plant, near Chattanooga; to purchase or build transmission facilities and acquire land.

Beginning of construction of projects usually means the completion later with other appropriations acquired when work is well underway and expenditures are such that a halt would cause costly losses. Such is the case of the Fontana project.

According to plans drawn up by the TVA for construction of the Fontana dam the cost was set at approximately \$50,000,000. The construction plans are much the same as those drawn up by the Aluminum Company of America who formerly planned to build this project.

Under such plans the dam would be rock-filled, about 470 feet high, 1700 feet long, and creating a reservoir of about 10,350 acres. Installed capacity of the power plant would approximate 300,000 horsepower.

The plans, as laid out, would create a lake of such size as wipe out a number of small villages and necessitate the relocation of 20 miles of railroad track of the Southern Railway system.

Contributions Continue To Pour in For USO Campaign; List Given

After the quota set for the local organization of the USO had been raised the drive has been continued bringing more and more contributions. The total reached so far according to Frank Forsyth who is managing the drive here, is now \$130.97.

Contributors who have made donations to this campaign since the last publication of a list are:

Dale Sudderth, May Sudderth, Glenn Hendrix, George Hendrix, Marie Gregory, Robert Barker, Wayne Townson, E. E. Stiles, Christine B. Jones, T. P. Calhoun, W. E. Studstill, Mary Porter Fain, E. R. Stiles, Paul B. Owenby, W. D. Townson, H. E. Dickey, Willard Graham, Fred Graham, Fred Graves, Charles Odom, Oscar Davis, Glenn Crowe, Bill Everette, Kate Everette, Herman Jones, R. W. Martin, Robert Baines, Jerry Jenkins, John Payne, Wade Martin, Lee Murphy, and Fred Davis.

Catalogues for Cherokee County Fair Now Ready; Get Yours From Ketner

Catalogues for the forthcoming Cherokee County Fair, which opens Tuesday September 30 and continues five days, came off the press Thursday and are being distributed by County Agent A. Q. Ketner, and his several aides.

The catalogue has an attractive yellow cover; contains a complete list of exhibits and rules. It also includes the advertisements of merchants all over the County who took this means of proving their support to the farmers and their Fair.

The booklet contains 48 pages; re-

Report of Polio Here Is Absolutely Untrue Health Office States

Due to numerous inquiries by persons in Murphy, the Cherokee county health department stated this week that no cases of infantile paralysis whatsoever had been reported to them in this county.

It was also stated that no cases existed in Graham county and only one case in Clay county.

Rumor mongers have spread the tale that a polio epidemic was so near that plans for the County Fair had been abandoned. This is not true. The Fair will be held just as scheduled and the crowd is expected to set an all-time record.

Fair Moguls Expect Big Crowds, More Exhibits This Year

Preparations are being made by the Cherokee County Fair Association for taking care of a greatly increased number of exhibits at the festival this year, and for accommodating crowds unprecedented in the history of the event.

Number one problem will probably be caring for the huge numbers of people and automobiles expected during fair week. Due to the fact that much of the space is taken by the new exhibit hall, now under construction, and a much larger show to fill the midway, parking will probably be almost entirely excluded from the grounds.

In anticipation of this situation, the association officials point out that the space directly above the new building may be used for parking in addition to use of the school campus and the space along the river below the schools. The vacant lots along the river above the bridge will also be available and suitable except in wet weather.

Particular stress is being laid on horticultural exhibits this year, and upon general food exhibits in conjunction with the current national food and feed campaign. This exhibit should be extra good to display the effort being extended in this county toward promoting this program.

With the exception of a few minor changes exhibits this year will be practically same as last and prospective exhibitors may go ahead and prepare their entries in the same manner as previously.

Catalogs of the premium list are now available to those who do not have them at the county agent's office in the courthouse.

Fair officials have asked that the people of the county make note of the fact that dates of the fair as advertised in some places in the county are incorrect. Some of the posters advertise the fair as a six-day affair, beginning September 29 and extending through October 4. The correct dates are September 30 through October 4, Tuesday through Saturday.

presents many hours of effort and a large outlay of money for paper which is steadily mounting in price.

Read the catalogue from cover to cover. It will tell you all about the Fair. It is invaluable to exhibitors and to the judges, and it will enable you to enjoy the displays with a better understanding.

Read all the ads, too. The merchants represented in the catalogue are your friends. They believe in this County, its farmers, and the County Fair—and they have advertised to prove it.

LAST RITES HELD WEDNESDAY FOR MRS. CHRISTOPHER

Prominent Resident Dies Suddenly After Stroke on Monday

In a church thronged to the doors with sorrowing friends and relatives, and with chancel and walls banked with lovely floral offerings, last sad tributes were paid Wednesday morning to Mrs. Emily Christopher, popular Murphy woman and wife of the Town Clerk, E. O. Christopher.

The services were conducted from the First Baptist church at 10 o'clock, with Rev. A. B. Cash, pastor, assisted by Rev. C. B. Newton, Methodist pastor, officiating. Interment was in Sunset cemetery.

Mrs. Christopher died at her home late Monday night following a stroke suffered about 10 o'clock that morning. Her condition was such that she could not be moved to a hospital and she finally succumbed about 9:30 o'clock that night.

In tribute to her popularity friends of Mrs. Christopher gathered from all over this county and nearby towns and communities, packing the church. The floral offering was probably the largest and most beautiful ever seen here.

During the services Mrs. Roberta Dickey sang, "Some Day We'll Understand," and the choir sang, "In the Garden," and "God Will Take Care of You." Mrs. H. D. Akin accompanied at the piano.

Mrs. Christopher is the former Miss Emily Nelson, daughter of the late P. E. Nelson and Mrs. Nelson. She was a member of the Baptist church and was very active in the social and religious affairs of the town, being extremely popular with the entire citizenry.

Surviving are the husband; one daughter, Mrs. L. D. Schuyler; three sons, Jack, Harry and Kenneth; two sisters, Mrs. Vesta Hensley, of Murphy, and Mrs. Lula Jones, of Turtle-town; and one brother, W. B. Nelson of Asheville.

Flower girls were Mrs. Pauline Kindley, Mrs. Robert Akin, Mrs. Kathleen Davidson, Kate Padgett, Barbara Meroney and Mary Willard Cooper.

Active pallbearers were: T. W. Kindley, Wade Massey, Hadley Dickey, W. C. Keener, C. I. Calhoun and J. W. Donley.

Honorary pallbearers were: J. B. Gray, C. D. Mayfield, L. M. Shields, E. L. Shields, W. P. Odom, E. C. Moore, Noah Lovingood, M. W. Bell.

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PURCHASE PLAN TO BE EXTENDED THRU NEXT YEAR

Tenant Farmers Will Benefit by Program Now Planned by FSA

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The Bankhead-Jones Tenant Purchase program will continue through 1942, in the 100 North Carolina counties in which it was in operation last year, it was announced today by Vance E. Swift, State Director of the Farm Security administration.

The number of loans to be made in each county during the coming 12 months has not been determined said Mr. Swift, adding that the number in each county would be limited by the funds available and the widespread demand throughout the United States for relief of tenancy.

The new loans as were the old, will be available to tenant farmers and farm laborers who wish to purchase farms of their own, but who cannot

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Mother of Millionaire Oil Man Is Claimed by Death, At Culberson

Mrs. J. B. Cobb, of Culberson, mother of A. B. Cobb, millionaire oil man of Montana, died in a local hospital Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock. She was 76 years old.

Mr. Cobb, with one of his sisters and three brothers who all reside in the west, arrived by plane to attend the funeral services. These were set for Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Mt. Zion Baptist church near Culberson with the Rev. John Cook officiating. The remains will rest in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Cobb, who had been a church member since early childhood was well loved throughout her community. Born in Cherokee county, she moved after marriage to Union county, Ga. She and her husband, who survives had been married 56 years.

Surviving, besides the husband are: four daughters, Mrs. A. L. Loudermilk of Murphy, Rt. 2, Mrs. Tishie Cearley of Gastonia, Mrs. Zenra McNamara of McKittrick, Cal., and Mrs. Zona Crawford of McCallville, Ga.; four sons, A. B. and Ernie Cobb of Culberson, Montana, John S. Cobb of McKittrick, Cal. She also leaves a sister, Kettie, at. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Dora Davidson of this county.

Draft Board Seeks Nine in County For Ignoring Summons

The local draft board is still seeking a number of young men who have either failed to return their questionnaires or to respond to calls of the board for service in the army.

Of a list of twelve who were delinquent about a month ago all but four have been located. Since that time, however, five others have been added to the list and a total of nine draftees is now being sought for service or answer to questionnaires.

In a case of this kind the board, after a reasonable length of time spent in seeking these delinquents, reports them to federal authorities. When sought by federal representatives their discovery may result in prison sentences.

Delinquents now listed at the local office, whose last address is given, are: Rufus Edwin Hunsucker Patrick; Earl W. Cagle, Robbinsville; Edgar Winslow Tanner, Murphy, Rt. 2; Henry Thurman Cearley, Culberson; Carter Riddle, Andrews; John Dillard Mings, Murphy, Rt. 3; Arnold Waco Robertson, Andrews; William Marcus Kidd, Unaka; George Henry Williams, Maryville, Tenn.

Johnson Finds Lime, Phosphate Valuable in Pasture Improvement

An excellent demonstration of the value of using lime and phosphate on pasture lands has been made on the farm of V. M. Johnson, area demonstration farmer in Tomotla watershed, according to a narrative report filed by D. C. Snodgrass, assistant county agent.

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New Automatic Printing Press Installed At Scout Does Everything But Talk

A huge new Kluge automatic printing press was delivered to the Scout Thursday, and by the time you read this it will be in operation. Weighing nearly two tons, and able to do just about everything but talk, an expert had to be sent to Murphy from the factory to set the ponderous machine up, and test it until it operated in perfect working order.

The new press can turn out work at the rate of 3,500 an hour, and can print on paper ranging in size from two by three inches to 12 by 18 inches.

MRS. EVA DOCKERY SHOOT'S SELF AS SORROWS MOUNT

Note Left by Mother Of Eleven Explaining Decision to End Life

Leaving a note declaring: "I can't stand to see my boys go to war," Mrs. Eva Dockery, mother of eleven children, of Ebenezzer, placed a .38 special revolver to her head and pulled the trigger Thursday night. Her body plunged into a stream where she had gone on a pretense of fishing.

Mrs. Dockery apparently took her own life early in the evening but the body was not discovered until about 1 o'clock the next morning, when her children, frantic over her being gone so long, started a search. Her body was found half submerged in the small creek about three-fourths of a mile from her home. The pistol was found in the stream near where she lay.

Sheriff Townson said no inquest was necessary, as all evidence pointed to suicide.

Mrs. Dockery wrote a short note telling her daughter: "Churn—I won't be back," and left her house some time Thursday afternoon. Neighbors saw her passing on her way toward the creek, wearing an apron and carrying a fishing pole over one shoulder and a package under one arm.

The note was not found until hours later. Then a search was started and she was found washed against the river bank.

When the body was found, the fishing line had not been unwrapped from the pole, which had been stuck in the bank. Nearby were Mrs. Dockery's apron and a paper in which she had wrapped the gun.

Mrs. Dockery was dressed in overalls when found and apparently had worn the apron to avoid attracting undue attention. She took no chance on poor aim, for she placed the gun with the muzzle in her right ear. The bullet ranging upward and forward, and death probably was instantaneous. Both the ear and face showed powder burns.

The creek at this point has a high, steep bank and the water is about seven or eight feet deep.

The gun was found only after considerable difficulty. A flashlight was placed in a half-gallon glass jar and lowered into the water. This lighted the bottom of the stream and thus the death weapon was revealed.

Sheriff Townson, in searching the apron, found the note left by the deceased woman in the pocket. The note read:

"Children, I am going away. I can't stay here any longer. May God bless you. I haven't been satisfied since Whit died. I can't stand to see my boys go to war. This was written by Eva.

The statement, "I haven't been satisfied since Whit died," referred to her husband who committed suicide about three years ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the White church, Hanging-dog, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with the Rev. Fred Stiles officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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