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SLIGHT CHANGES IN DAM PLANS

Town Board Names Provisions For Future In Authorizing Additions To Plans For Power Dam.

Present plans call for the completion of two units at the municipal power dam. At a meeting of the town board Saturday morning a motion was carried to construct the 3rd unit to a point above the water level. No doubt the town will need this extra unit within a few years. By completing the concrete work on this unit at the same time the other work is in progress it was found that the cost would be negligible as compared to the cost should the entire work have to be done at some future time.

Present plans also call for a dam 25 feet high. The board authorized the engineers to include in the plans a provision making the dam 27 feet high at a slight extra cost. It is not the intention to add this extra height now, but the plans will be so drawn that the extra height can be added at any time in the future when the demand for more power makes such step necessary.

At this meeting the board authorized the engineers to include in the plan provisions for piers for a bridge 16 feet wide on top of the dam. In any event piers were necessary for a bridge to accommodate the machinery to be used in raising and lowering the gate. By making the piers a little wider apart and a little heavier a highway bridge can be placed on them. This change in plans is estimated to cost not more than one thousand dollars.

School Board To Blame

Every few months the country is shocked by the burning or trampling to death of a school house full of children, often in connection with celebrations of a public nature.

Such a disaster occurred at a country school house near Hobart, Okla., on Christmas Eve when about 200 persons, mostly children were trapped in the little building where all the windows were covered by heavy wire netting, making escape impossible, excepting through one small door. About 40 perished while as many more were injured, when the Christmas tree took fire.

It is foolish to say that no one is responsible for such horrors. The members of the school board who permitted the building to be barred and candles lighted among inflammable Christmas tree decorations, are morally responsible. It was their business to see that reasonable safety precautions were taken.

Men who do not have a greater sense of responsibility than is shown by members of many school boards are unfit to be entrusted with the lives of children and others.

No disaster is quite so pitiful as one in which helpless and trusting children are roasted to death, because of the negligence of those whose duty it is to protect them.—The Carolina Mountaineer.

Legion Supper

Local Chapter of American Legion has supper at Junaluska Inn.

On January 8th the local chapter of the American Legion enjoyed a supper at the Junaluska Inn. Thirteen members were present. This unlucky number however, did not discourage those present. Comprehensive plans for the year were discussed. This chapter intends to put on a membership campaign and to engage in many other activities for the best interest of the county and town.

A Double Funeral

At the Coweta Baptist Church, Saturday, January 10th, a double funeral services was conducted by Rev. J. Q. Wallace, for Harley Bates 41 years of age, son of Mr. Jim Bates and Robert Bates 18 years of age, son of Henry Bates.

Mr. Harley Bates succumbed to the fourth attack of pneumonia and leaves a wife and six children. He was a member of the Junior Order and the Order held their usual services at the grave.

Robert Bates, the young son of Henry and Aida Bates was a fine boy and a good worker. He endured his suffering like a good soldier and expressed his hope of going to rest soon.

Both bodies were laid to rest in the Coweta Cemetery and though the weather was inclement and roads well nigh impassable a large audience attended the services and proved their sincere friendship.

DAM CONTRACT TO BE LET AT EARLY DATE

Mr. C. L. Emerson, the engineer in charge of plans and specifications for Franklin's power dam, recently announced that the plans will be completed in time to allow letting of the contracts to build the dam before the first of March. When this is done the contractor can immediately begin building his camp and shipping his machinery so as to be ready to start operations on a big scale by the first of April.

In the near future the town expects to begin the building of a road to the dam site so that the contractors may not be delayed in starting his work. The survey of this road will probably be completed in two weeks. Work on the road can then be started.

CULLOWHEE

This is a name which has been figuring more and more in the papers in the State in recent months and it is all because of gradual development there of one of the finest educational institutions in the State. Cullowhee is located in the "back mountains" of Jackson County, a half-hour motor trip from Sylva the beautiful little town that glories in being the county seat. It is an "Injun" country up there and appropriately enough the school was given an Indian name. A small beginning was made and so beneficent was the character of the management of the school that it was quite soon attracting the attention of the State. The state of North Carolina now owns, supports and controls the school, which has developed into a standard which rates it among the best of its normals. About four years ago Mr. W. W. Watt, of Salisbury, who had been summing in the vicinity of the school and in its work, became interested in the work. Mr. Watt devoted much time to the proper equipment of the buildings, meanwhile seeing the possibilities of developing the adjacent waterpowers. The school now has lights and power and all the benefits of electricity, and secures an income from sale of current. As industry develops in that section the school may become a waterpower capitalist.

Dr. H. T. Hunter is president of the school and he has made up one of the most felicitous of institutional reports of the day, for information of the Legislature. Of its present situation and prospects the Legislature and the State are told that the recorded increase indicates the growing popularity of the Cullowhee institution; it is finding its right place in the hearts of the people. The total enrollment in 1922-23 was 160; that of last year, 213; and it is expected that the present session will have an enrollment of approximately 300. At the present rate of increase, therefore the school should have an enrollment in the regular session by 1926-27 of between 400 and 500 students, or an increase within five years of from 150 to 215 per cent. If the summer school continues its present rate of increase until 1927, it should have 600 summer students. Few schools can show a better record. Many of the friends of the Normal are insisting that Cullowhee should be developed into a four-year teacher's college. An educator of National reputation who recently visited Cullowhee and made a survey of the situation concurred in this view. The increase in attendance seems to indicate that students could be secured in sufficient numbers to justify a four-year college. The physical situation could hardly be more ideal in many ways. Why ask our friends, shouldn't western North Carolina have a great teachers' college of its own?

The question seems timely. At present the counties in the western division of the North Carolina Education Association are graduating annually about 1,200 students from high schools. This number should reach 2,000 within three years. Suppose only 20 per cent of these should wish to prepare for teaching? That would give 400 freshmen in teacher-training institutions from this immediate section annually. But this is of course, but one aspect of the situation. The future plans for Cullowhee must be laid in the light of all available facts. They must proceed from a careful survey of the total situation. If such a survey of all facts should give convincing proof that a four-year college is desirable and feasible, the board of trustees stands ready to move in that direction.—Charlotte Observer.

TOWN BOARD LETS CONTRACT

Water Wheel and Electrical Equipment Bids Awarded to Laffer & Company and The Westinghouse Co.

On the afternoon of January 8th the town board met in the office of Mayor Dean Sisk to discuss bids for water wheels and electrical equipment for use in the proposed municipal power house. These bids had been opened by Robert & Company on January 6th and rejected. All bidders were eliminated by Robert & Company with the exception of four companies. Representatives of these four accompanied by Mr. C. L. Emerson and Mr. A. J. Stanford, construction chief and electrical chief, respectively, of Robert & Company, journeyed to Franklin on the 8th instant and met with the town board.

Mr. E. M. Clapp, representing the General Electric Company and Mr. J. G. Simpson, with the Westinghouse Company, were called before the board to explain the merits of the electrical equipment manufactured by their respective companies. The board also had before it Mr. H. W. White representing James Leffel & Company and A. E. Young, representing the S. Morgan Smith Company, manufactures of water wheels.

After talking with all these men and ascertaining that some of them were not ready to submit final bids the board adjourned until 10:00 o'clock the following morning. When the board reconvened at the time stated the General Electric Company's bid of \$22,500 for all the electrical equipment was accepted. The board therefore awarded the contract to the latter company.

Laffer & Company's bid on the water wheel was \$10,500 while the representative of S. Morgan Smith bid \$10,750. The contract for the wheel was therefore let to Laffer & Company.

The town board was in no hurry to award the contracts in question. Representatives of the companies mentioned were called before the board several times and given opportunities to modify their bids. No representative knew what figures an opposing bidder was submitting. This procedure was continued until rock bottom prices were obtained. As a result the town board bought the electrical equipment and wheel for \$33,000. The engineers had estimated this cost at more than 36,000 and the bids as originally submitted were approximately on a par with the estimate of the engineers.

It will be remembered that the town board rejected all bids for bonds as such bids were considerably under par. By standing pat on this proposition the city authorities finally sold the bonds for a little over par. It is evident therefore that the town council watches the nickels in all transactions connected with the municipal power dam.

Horn's Ability Recognized

The ability of Representative Horn of Macon County while known to his constituents is likewise recognized by Speaker Pharr who has placed Mr. Horn of the following named important committees: Claims Congressional Districts, Expenditures in the House, Finance, Judiciary No. 1, Revision of the Laws, Private and Public Local Laws, Public Roads and Turnpikes, Enrolled Bills.

The Senate committee appointments have not yet been received by the Press. No doubt the well known abilities of Senator Henry G. Robertson will win his appointment on several important senate committees.

The work of all legislative bodies is done in the committee rooms. The appointment, therefore, of Mr. Horn as a member of several committees makes him one of the most influential members of the house. It is expected that Mr. Robertson's influence in the senate will be no less felt.

WARREN TO SUCCEED STONE

Washington, January 10.—Charles Beecher Warren, Michigan lawyer and former ambassador to Japan and to Mexico, is to fill the cabinet vacancy caused by the elevation of Attorney General Stone to the supreme court bench.

Hughes Will Retire From the Cabinet on March 4th

Washington, January 10.—Charles E. Hughes will retire from the cabinet on March 4, and Frank B. Kellogg, now ambassador to London, will succeed him as secretary of state.

Mr. Hughes has placed his resignation in the hands of President Coolidge with a reaffirmation of loyalty to his chief, but with an insistent request that after nearly 20 years of public service, he be permitted to return to private life.

The president, accepting the decision, expressed regret, warmly praised the retiring secretary's record of accomplishments since he took charge of the country's foreign affairs four years ago and bespoke for him a "well merited repose" after the cares of public responsibility.

Ambassador Kellogg, already familiar with many of the outstanding problems of foreign policy through his service at a succession of European conferences, probably will come to Washington soon to serve for a few weeks in the state department before he takes his new post in March. His successor at London has not been selected.

War Declared

A certain section of Logansville, a suburb of Franklin having become dissatisfied with the management of Logansville's affairs has seceded and adopted the name of Petersburg. Or perhaps the name was given this section by the remainder of Logansville. At any rate they are no longer one. Bill Higdon and Mark Dowdle seem to be the rulers of Logansville during the day, while various and sundry other folks take a hand and other things in the management of this village at night.

Sandy Munday and Peter McCoy are the acknowledged bosses of Petersburg. Tom Angel is in doubt as to which municipality should claim his services.

The Press was unable to learn what caused the war. The citizens of Petersburg are now threatening to close the street leading into Logansville while the citizens of the latter town are planning dire revenge should Petersburg put its threat into execution.

Obeys The Law

Dear sir—The information we have from the people in your county indicates that it is frequented less by the moonshiner than some of the others. I hope that the people of Macon county will not only hold this reputation but strengthen it in the coming months and years.

There is tremendous need for educating the people to see the necessity for obeying the law and insisting upon like obedience by others. A person who makes moonshine liquor or disposes of it illegally violates both the Constitution and the laws of our country. There is no excuse for any loyal citizen engaging in this nefarious business. Chief Justice Taft

"The safety of society is in obedience to law. To obey the law is to be a true democrat. If every man thinks every law must suit him in order to obey it, he is not a democrat, but an anarchist. The basis of good government is obedience to law as people have determined it to be."

It may take some time to get before the people the seriousness of the offense which they are committing when they violate the Eighteenth Amendment. The person who does this sets a very poor example to the automobile or horse thief or other criminals violating property rights. There is only one safe course for good Americans and law abiding citizens, and that is to obey the law. If it is on the statute books patriotic citizens should not only obey it but help to enforce it.

We are making headway in this fight against liquor lawlessness. We have demonstrated that prohibition, even when only partially enforced is infinitely better than the liquor license system. We can make it still better by having better enforcement of the law.

Yours cordially,
WAYNE B. WHEELER.

Some time ago the Press made the announcement that 30 holes each 50 feet deep would be bored on the dam site to test the rock formation. Instead of 30 holes only five will be bored provided no fissures or cavities are found. In which case test will have to be made slightly above or below the present site.

BOYS ARRESTED FOR LARCENY

Coffey and Pannel Caught Boys In Warehouse of The Carolina Provision Company With Goods.

For about a year The Carolina Provision Company has been missing articles from its warehouse. Recently Mr. Arthur Pannel by some nice detective work got information as to the names of the guilty parties. He likewise learned when the next attempt to rob the warehouse would be made. The time chosen for this object was the night of January 8th. On this night Chief Coffey and Mr. Pannel concealed themselves near the warehouse and waited. No one appeared. Finally Chief Coffey decided that if he returned to town and was seen on the streets things might happen at the warehouse. As soon as Chief Coffey appeared on the streets two boys made their way to the warehouse and entered through a window. When they started to come out with a load of chewing gum, cigarettes, shot gun shells and candy Mr. Pannel who had made his way to the window seized the boys and dargged them through the window.

On turning the rays of his light into their faces Mr. Pannel discovered that he had captured Henry Tallent and Olnie Stanfield, boys about 17 years of age. The prisoners on being placed in jail implicated Carl Tallent brother of Henry, and John Collins in former robberies. The two last named were later arrested and placed in jail. On Saturday all four boys appeared before Mayor Dean Sisk, waived examination, and were bound over to the superior court on bonds of \$300 each.

Henry and Carl Tallent are the sons of Mr. Jule Tallent. Olnie Stanfield is the son of Mr. Sam Stanfield and John Collins the son of Mr. Jake Collins of Franklin.

Work Wants Two Parks

Washington, Jan. 10.—Secretary Work of the interior department declared today that he hopes to see the establishment of two national parks in the eastern section of the United States, one at Blue Ridge, in Virginia, and another in the Smoky Mountain area bordering on Tennessee and North Carolina.

Mr. Work said: "The Southern Appalachian National Park Committee, which I appointed last year, recently made its report and recommended the Blue Ridge, Virginia as the logical place for the location of the first national park in the east. This report has been approved by me and forwarded to Congress. The committee also pointed out that the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee and North Carolina surpassed all other regions in their availability as a site for a national park in the east. I am convinced a second national park should be established there.

"At the present time legislation is pending in Congress for the creation of a commission to investigate and report to Congress the possibility and cost of acquisition of the proposed site at Blue Ridge, Virginia. An appropriation of \$10,000 is included to cover the necessary expenses of this inquiry. It is my opinion that this commission, instead of confining its work to the Blue Ridge site should also be authorized by Congress to investigate the cost of establishing a second national park in the Great Smoky area.

"Of the existing 19 national parks all, with the exception of one are located in the western states. It is time that definite policy be adopted for the creation of at least two national parks in the eastern section for the benefit of its millions of inhabitants who live in densely populated communities. As a matter of fact the people of the east are probably more in need of opportunities for outdoor life than any other part of the country.

"The proposed national park at Blue Ridge, Virginia, with its scenic and recreational qualities, will draw visitors from a population of forty million inhabitants. A second national park in the Smoky Mountain area in Tennessee and North Carolina will also give outdoor and recreational facilities to many millions more in the south. These proposed sites are identical in area. Both are small for national park purposes and one should be operated to supplement the other."—Charlotte Observer.