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49th Cherokee County Fair Opens Monday

Power Rate Hike Set For September

The rate increase announced by the Tennessee Valley Authority on March 16 begins in September and the Town of Murphy Electric Power Board will adjust the bills its customers receive in October.

According to John Bayless, Manager, the increases will be relatively small, averaging a small percent overall.

Residential Bills, he said, will increase by a few cents a month for small users to \$1.23 a month for very large users. The exact amount will depend on monthly electrical use.

"No residential customer will receive an increase of more than \$1.23 a month no matter how much electricity is used," Bayless explained.

The rate changes will start with meter readings taken on, or after, September 18. The first bills reflecting this change will be mailed on October 1.

There will also be a similar

adjustment in commercial and industrial rates. The monthly rental charge for outdoor light units was not changed.

TVA stated in March that higher interest, fuel and labor cost forced the increase in wholesale charge to its distributors. Each of the 160 distributors of TVA power is now in the process of determining its new retail rates.

W. Frank Forsyth, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the local utility said, "This rate change is necessary to meet our increased power costs. We are happy that the rate change will be so small for our customers."

"Since we operate this electric system on a non-profit basis, retail rates must reflect the cost of selling power. We are pleased that our new rates correspond so closely to the present rates and create small, uniform increases among all customer classifications.

"Both our present and new electric rates are extremely low, and our customers will still have the benefit of one of the lowest rates in the nation," Forsyth concluded.

TVA has told the Town of Murphy Electric Power Board that last year the average residential electric customer in the Tennessee Valley paid nine-tenths of a cent for each kilowatt-hour. Under the new rates the average customer will still pay less than 1 cent. TVA estimates that the new residential average will be .98 cent a kWh. The national residential average electric cost is 2.22 cents, more than double the TVA average even after the rate increase.



Washed Out

THE DOWNED POWER POLE AND THE WASHED OUT GREEN of the Blairsville Golf Course show the damage that was repeated throughout Union County, Ga. during last week's heavy rains and flood. Butternut Creek (left) had returned to its banks by the time this picture was taken.

Meeting On Ft. Butler Tonight

The Cherokee County Historical Society will meet at the Murphy Power Board Building tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 to decide upon a firm proposal to develop an historical site at Ft. Butler.

This proposal, which will be presented to the Murphy Town Board, will be the first necessary step in a plan recommended by the Department of Archives and History.

Sen. Mary Faye Brumby will attend the meeting.

Jack Frauson of the State Department of Recreation and Bob Conway of the State Department of Archives and History have been invited and have indicated they will attend.

Members of the Murphy Town Board and the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners have been invited.

The Historical Society has urged anyone interested in the restoration of Ft. Butler to be present tonight.

Dr. George Size Leaving Murphy

Dr. George F. Size, M.D., is concluding his practice in Murphy Friday.

"Due to circumstances beyond my control, I regret to say that I will be moving away from Murphy," Dr. Size said in a letter to his patients. "I will always have fond memories of our association. To those of you who know my son Tommy, he also expresses his regrets on moving away," he continued.

Dr. Size said records of his patients will be left at Murphy General Hospital "for the doctor of your choice so that he may have your history."

Scout Office To Be Closed Monday

The Scout office will be closed Monday in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

High Water Mark Set; Flood Damage Extensive

Heavy rains last week caused extensive flood damage and established a new stream-flow record in the Upper Hiwassee Basin, according to figures compiled by TVA's Hydraulic Data Branch office

in Murphy.

The most serious damage reported was in Union and Fannin Counties in Georgia. Pasture land and crops were flooded, many bridges were washed away and the golf

course at Blairsville was damaged extensively.

The streamflow record was set on the Nottely River south of Blairsville. Last Wednesday, August 23, the river crested at 21 feet around noon. The previous high water level was 16.8 feet 69 years ago.

The flooding at the stream gauge where the record level was recorded caused several thousand dollars worth of damage to the radio which relays the stream level to Murphy.

The Toccoa River came within .2 feet of a new record at the stream gauge at Dial, Ga.

Brasstown Creek had a near record flow.

Eighteen inches of rain were recorded at the rain gauge at Neal's Gap in Union County in the 72-hour period of August 21 through 23.

A total of 12.8 inches were recorded at Young Harris, Ga. from Sunday, August 20, through Monday, August 28. Murphy reported 8.83 inches during the same eight day period with 2.28 inches last Tuesday and 2.26 inches on Wednesday.

The heavy rains fell south of Murphy. Only moderate rainfall was recorded along the Valley River in Cherokee County.

TVA reported it was necessary to spill water from Apalachia, Blue Ridge, and the three Ocoee Dams. There was sufficient storage space available in Nottely, Hiwassee and Chatuge reservoirs. Spilling is the act of dumping water over the dam without using it to generate electricity. It is TVA's policy to spill water when necessary for flood control purposes.

Figures released by TVA show that from the start of the heavy rains on August 20 until the peak was reached, the level of Nottely Lake rose 14 1/2 feet. Blue Ridge Lake increased 13 feet and rises of six and one-half feet and six feet were reported at Chatuge Lake and Hiwassee Lake.

Wrecks Cause Serious Injury, Power Failure

Three Cherokee County traffic accidents resulted in one serious injury and a power failure Sunday afternoon.

Ray Chastain, 22, of Murphy was seriously injured when the car he was driving ran off the right side of the road and hit a tree in the Martins Creek section four miles south of Murphy. The accident occurred on old US 19 at about 5 p.m.

Highway Patrolman Patt Miller, who is continuing to investigate the accident, said Chastain was admitted to Murphy General Hospital with severe head injuries.

Three Asheville residents were uninjured when their car skidded out of control and struck a power pole three miles east of Murphy on US 64 at 12:15 p.m. in a heavy rain. The car continued running for 200 feet after hitting the pole, according to Miller.

Power was off in the area for about three hours and traffic was held up for over an hour while the downed power lines were cleared from the highway.

Miller identified the driver as Henry I. Southard of

Asheville. Mrs. Burch Victoria Lowe and her daughter, Katie Jane, also of Asheville, were passengers in the car. No charges were filed.

Reathel Lottie Allen, 21, of Rt. 4, Murphy escaped injury at 7:30 p.m. Sunday when she lost control of her car on SR 1304 in the Cane Creek section. She told Miller she met another car in a left hand curve and cut to the right, ran off the shoulder and skidded into the left hand ditch. She did not strike the other car. Damage was estimated at \$400. Miller said no charges were filed.

Three members of a Rt. 2 Murphy family received injuries Monday night in a car wreck on SR 1556 in the Bellview section.

Miller said James Quinton Martin, 40, lost control of his car on a curve and the vehicle overturned.

Martin, his wife, Leona, 45, and the couple's nine-year-old son Eddie were treated at Providence Hospital. No charges were filed.

Postal Zip Kits To Be Delivered

Cherokee County and surrounding county residents will have an opportunity to easily put ZIP into their mail in late September, Postmaster Joe Ray reported today.

During the last half of September, the post office will deliver to every householder a kit of eight postal cards which can be mailed back to the post office with addresses needing ZIP Codes. Each complete card will be sent to the post office which services the "zipless" address and the proper code will be added before the form is returned to the sender.

No postage will be needed on these cards.

Each of the eight postal cards in the kit will contain a message encouraging the general use of ZIP Code. There will be a ninth card of instructions. All will be folded together like a closed accordion. There will be perforations between each form. In addition, another separate card will be delivered along with the kit which is a reminder of the local ZIP Code.

Last year several thousand addresses were ZIP coded by the Murphy Post Office as part of a similar program using only one card with spaces for as many as 12

addresses, Postmaster Ray said.

The unit cost of entering the Code onto each card will be less than the system used in 1966 because no look-up will be necessary. Every card in the final post office will need the same code, so an inexperienced clerk will be able to simply stamp it on the card and send the form on its return journey.

On an average day, between 175 and 250 million new pieces of mail enter the postal system. It is not expected that more than 10 million of the ZIP-A-LIST cards will be in the system at any one time during the peak periods of mailing. Since they will be handled essentially as ordinary postal cards, there will be no burden or dislocation of service.

"The ultimate result will be an improvement in service," Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has said about the project.

"ZIP Code is the base upon which the modern postal service is being built. But, it won't work and the modernization and efficiencies ZIP Code will bring cannot go into effect, until there is more widespread usage of the five-number Code.

Local Industries Have New Exhibits

The 49th annual Cherokee County Agricultural Fair opens Monday at the Murphy Fairgrounds.

The fair, sponsored for the Cherokee County Mutual Fair Association, will continue through Saturday, September 9.

Lions President Kenneth Godfrey said one of the highlights of this year's fair will be exhibits by industries in the Murphy area. He said most of the local industries have indicated they will exhibit at the Fair.

"These exhibits will emphasize the progress that has been made in transforming Cherokee County from a primarily agricultural area to one in which there is a balance between agriculture and industry," Godfrey said.

Agriculture will continue to be a dominant theme of the fair. Displays from Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties in North Carolina and Towns, Union and Fannin Counties in Georgia will be competing for

recognition in the exhibit hall. The exhibits will be open to the public on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Godfrey pointed out that there will be no charge for parking at the fair this year. "Honest Homer" Scott's Georgia Amusement Co. will return to provide the midway entertainment.

Judging in the flower show will be on Tuesday afternoon. Dairy and beef cattle judging is scheduled for Wednesday at 8 p.m.

School Day will be observed on Thursday. All Cherokee County students will be admitted to the grounds free that day.

The judging of sheep and swine will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The horse show will get underway at 8 p.m. Thursday. Four classes of horses are to be shown. They are walking horses, pleasure horses, ponies with carts, and quarter horses.

Town Board Considers Highway Bond Projects

The Murphy Town Board is trying to determine the best way to spend the Town's share of money from the statewide highway bond referendum in November, 1965. Murphy is entitled to \$87,000.

Originally, the Town had planned to spend the money to widen the bridge over the Valley River on Joe Brown Highway and widen and repave Regal St. It appears now that the Regal St. project will not be approved.

The State Highway Commission has established specifications for the street, and the Town Board feels it can not meet the requirements. One specification is that there must be a 40 foot right-of-way.

The Town has investigated the possibility of property owners donating the necessary right-of-way to widen the street and most of the owners indicated they would not donate the land.

"The State won't buy right-of-way for secondary roads and the Town can't afford to," Mayor Cloe Moore said at the Board meeting Monday night.

Town Clerk C. E. Johnson said SHC officials have indicated to him they are anxious to begin using Murphy's share of the money.

The Board is expected to make a decision on other ways to propose spending the money at the next meeting on September 11.

Moore recommended that the Board approve a bid by Higdon Construction Co. to pave the parking lot on Central St. Hot mix will be applied at the rate of \$1.25 per yard. The project is estimated to cost \$3,000.

Jerry Hatchett made a motion to accept the bid and it carried unanimously.

The Board accepted another Higdon bid of \$935.90 to pave

Oak St.

The bid of Oran Witt was accepted to pave a stretch of sidewalk on Valley River Ave. Charles Hyatt requested the Board to assist the Cherokee County Rescue Squad in the purchase of a Scott Air Pack. He recommended that a pack also be purchased for the Murphy Fire Department.

Hyatt said the pack is used for entering a burning building. It consists of a tank carried on a man's back with oxygen and a face mask.

The Board passed Kenneth Godfrey's motion to purchase one pack now and another next year.

Hatchett complimented the Rescue Squad for its work and said he hoped there would be better cooperation with the Squad on its traffic directing at Murphy High School football games. He said a small minority ignore the Squad efforts to create an orderly traffic flow and their acts inconvenience everyone else.

Basin Horse Show Monday

The Copper Basin Jaycees and the Copper Basin Riding Club will present a horse show at the Copperhill-McCayesville Ball Park Monday evening at 7:30.

A total of 12 classes of horses will be shown. September 16 has been set as the rain date for the show.

Schools Closed

On Labor Day

The Murphy City Schools and the Cherokee County Schools will be closed Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Bulldogs Open With Double O

By Red Schuyler

In a game that was postponed from Friday night to Saturday night due to rains that had plagued the entire area, Murphy nor Gilmer County could keep up enough steam to get in the scoring column.

After 48 minutes of play the score was the same as it was before the Teams took the field. Actually weather conditions were better Saturday night than they were Friday night, but officials of both schools thought perhaps the weatherman would give them a break and conditions would have been better if postponed for Twenty four hours. Saturday afternoon was a beautiful day and the rains

came about thirty minutes before gametime and continued throughout the night. The entire game with the exception of a few minutes was played in a down pour of rain.

Under the conditions the game was played, it would be unfair to try to judge the caliber of either team. The Bulldogs threatened to score at one time and Gilmer County threatened twice, but fumbles and the slippery turf prevented either team from scoring. Gilmer County attempted one field goal that failed to go off due to the snap from center was too high to the placement point.

There will be plenty of football in the area this weekend. The Thursday night Murphy-Franklin Jayvee game has been cancelled, but on Friday night the varsity will host Union County from Blairsville Ga. Union County and Hayesville battled to a 12-12 tie Friday night in the opener for both teams. On Saturday night the Murphy Midgets and Mites will host Andrews, with the first game starting at 7:00 p.m. and the second game starting immediately after.

If you are not a football fan, you might enjoy stock car racing at the Tri-County Speedway Saturday night. Then, if you are still hungry for some sports action, the Southern 500 late model stock car race will get underway at 11:00a.m. Monday (Labor Day), if you can't make the trip you might be interested to know that Radio Satation WKRR will carry the broadcast from start to finish. According to Paul Ridenhour, president of WKRR, pre-race activity will get underway at 10:30 a.m. and the green flag will drop promptly at 11:00 a.m. This will mark the eighteenth year that the race has been run having started back in 1950.

Wildcats Open Season Friday

The Andrews Wildcats host the Robbinsville Black Knights Friday night in the Wildcat football opener.

Robbinsville comes into Andrews with a 1-0 record. The Black Knights scored 20 points in the first period last Friday and went on to down the Cherokee Braves, 26-0. Friday night's game will be the first of three consecutive home games. Andrews will host Franklin on September 8 and Canton on September 15.

The Wildcats hit the road for three weeks after that with visits to Swain, Hayesville and Sylva on September 22 and 29 and October 6.

Hayesville visits Andrews on October 13.

The Wildcats go to Robbinsville on October 20. The traditional big game with Murphy will be played at Andrews on October 27.

The Wildcats play at Cherokee in the final game on November 3.



Hit 'Em Hard

THE MURPHY MIDGET AND MITE football teams have been working out all week in practice sessions to prepare for Saturday night's opener with Andrews at the Murphy High stadium. The Miss Kick-off at 7 and the Midget game is scheduled for 8.



Receive Eagle Award

BRIAN AND BRUCE COWARD, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Coward of Murphy, received the Eagle Award in Scouting Sunday morning at the First Methodist Church. The presentation was made by Scoutmaster Tommie Gentry (left) and Scout Executive Dan Angel. Brian (center) and Bruce (right) received the God and Country Award in May 1966. They belong to The Order of The Arrow and attended Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico this summer. Gentry is Scoutmaster of Troop 408 which is sponsored by the Murphy Lions Club.