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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING THIS WEEK

Tax Lists Appointed—M. W. West Is Made Supervisor—Will Sell Township Bonds

The County Commissioners met Monday and Tuesday of this week and transacted the regular county business, including a number of routine matters. Of interest to the constituents of the county is the decision of the Commissioners to sell twenty-five thousand dollars worth of Murphy Township road bonds for the purpose of macadamizing some of the principal roads out of Murphy into various parts of the township. Work has been in progress on the road down the river for some time.

The commissioners also began the preparations for the listing of taxes for the coming year. County auditor W. M. West was made county tax supervisor and the following township lists were named: Murphy Township, G. E. Hembre and G. W. Chambers; Shoal Creek Township, W. F. Hill and H. L. McNabb; Notta Township, Oscar Anderson and L. M. Shields; Beaverdam Township, J. H. Hall and E. W. Bates; and Hothouse Township, Lester Cole.

Spring Weather Starts Preparations for Garden

The warm spring days the first of the week put the gardeners and truck farmers to work. On nearly every hand fresh sod can be seen and planting operations have been begun.

Also, much cleaning of streets, alleys, vacant lots, and around private premises has been much in evidence during the last few days—another unmistakable sign of spring. The town sanitary department will assist in any of these cleaning efforts, if any number of the Board of Commissioners or the Mayor is notified of the desire for the truck to give aid in removing rubbish.

"With the planting of gardens complaints are beginning to be registered about chickens and cattle running at large," said the Mayor a few days ago, "and notice was given that the ordinance respecting the freedom of chickens and cattle will be strictly enforced."

By means of a sweetpotato storage house, H. T. Watkins of Blanch, states that he has kept and sold to advantage two good crops of cured potatoes.

Buy good seed for the home garden

Republicans Held Convention Last Wednesday

There was a meeting of Republican delegates of the county in the court house last Wednesday, April 2nd. Mr. W. M. Axley presided at the meeting and Mr. Clyde H. Jarrett of Andrews acted as secretary. No particular delegates were named to the Bryson City district convention which will be held Saturday, but say of the members who can go will be clothed with the authority to represent the party from this county.

Convict Saws Way to Freedom Saturday

E. Webster, serving a sentence on the county chain gang, sawed his way to freedom last Saturday night and up to a late hour Thursday, his whereabouts remained unknown. Webster was first missed from the old county jail about nine thirty o'clock when prison officials went to put the prisoners in their cells. At first it was thought that Webster had been allowed to escape at the door as the bars in the windows remained intact, but upon examination, it was found that one of the bars had been sawed and was cleverly put back in place by some of the other prisoners.

Police officers, the sheriff and guards were notified of the escape as soon as they could be found. Webster was serving a twelve months sentence for a crime committed in Jackson county. He was sent here from that county a few months ago.

A step ladder was found leaning against the wall on the outside of the jail under the window from which Webster escaped. It is thought that either some sympathizer on the outside placed the ladder there, or else that Webster brought it there after his escape in order to try to induce some of his companions to escape with him. It is thought that the only reason for the failure of the others to flee was the fact that only one bar was cut and that the opening was too small to allow their exit.

New Feed Store Recently Opened

Messrs. E. L. Townson and Anderson have opened a feed store on the north side of the alley running by the Cherokee Mills. A feed house has been constructed at this point. Mr. E. L. Townson has also just completed another dwelling house on this same alley.

Wife of Former Violet Citizen Granted Divorce

Knoxville, Tenn., April 8.—T. Hatmaker, formerly of Violet, Cherokee County, N. C., who was sued by Clara Hatmaker, his wife for divorce and alimony was awarded custody of their thirteen year old son by a decree of the court, but his wife was granted a divorce without any alimony.

Mr. Hatmaker is well known in Cherokee County and this section.

Wofford Purchases Lot Next to Cherokee Mills

A Business transaction was consummated a few days ago in which Mr. C. M. Wofford acquired the lot lying just to the west of the Cherokee Roller Mills. It is understood that quite a cash consideration was involved.

CITIZENS MEETING NOMINATES CANDIDATES FOR CITY OFFICES

Mayor W. M. Fain was named as a candidate to succeed himself at a non-partisan gathering at the court house Tuesday night, which was attended by a large and representative gathering of citizens from all sections of the town. Mr. C. B. Hill was made chairman of the meeting, and Mr. A. H. Martin, secretary. The voting was done by written ballot, only those being allowed to vote who are eligible to vote in the general election, which will be held on May 6th. The mayor and board of commissioners were named separately, the mayor being voted on first. On the first ballot

Mr. Fain received a large majority of the votes and by consent of the others whose names had been offered, was by motion declared unanimously elected as the candidate of the gathering for the office of mayor.

Messrs. W. W. Hyde, J. B. Storey, I. H. Phaup, W. D. Townson, E. M. Hawkins and B. W. Sipe were declared the nominees for commissioner. Here again the voting was by written ballot. About twenty or twenty-five names were offered as candidates, but by consent of the meeting the six highest were declared the nominees.

FOREST PROTECTION WEEK PROCLAIMED BY PRESIDENT

Forest Protection Week for 1924 has been designated by President Coolidge for April 21-27, inclusive, announces the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

In his proclamation, President Coolidge calls attention to the appalling losses that occur each year from forest fires, and urges all citizens, either in association or as individuals, to protect all wooded areas from fire. Governors of many states will issue proclamations supplementing the one issued by the President, and Arbor Day in several States will be observed during Forest Fire Protection Week.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and W. B. Greeley, chief of the Forest Service, have many times emphasized the importance of preventing forest fires, about 36,000 of which every year sweep 11,000,000 acres of land.

People Are Careless With Fire Secretary Wallace has stated that eight out of every ten forest fires

not happen once the public is brought face to face with the serious losses these fires cause. These losses fall especially heavy on the American public since the United States uses more sawtimber than all other nations combined.

Chief Forester Greeley says it is not difficult for everyone to be careful with fire while in wooded areas. Here are simple rules which if observed will go far toward reducing the appalling number of man-caused forest fires reported every year: Be sure your match is out before throwing it away; Don't throw cigars, cigarettes, and pipe ashes along the road side; Build small camp fires away from brush and small trees; Never leave your camp fire unwatched; Make sure your camp fire is dead—then bury it; Keep in touch with Forest Rangers and Fire Wardens and report all fires you may see, no matter how small; Be as careful with fire while you are in wooded areas as

THOMAS C. DICKEY SUCCUMBS TO STROKE OF PARALYSIS THURSDAY

Thomas C. Dickey, one of Murphy's oldest and one of Cherokee County's best known and most respected citizens, quietly passed to the great beyond Thursday morning about four o'clock as a result of a stroke of paralysis, suffered on last Sunday. Mr. Dickey had been in feeble health for several years, although he had been able to go about most of the time by the aid of a crutch or walking cane. He suffered slightly from apoplexy some time ago, from which he never fully recovered. By the affliction on last Sunday, Mr. Dickey was rendered practically speechless and helpless from which condition he never rallied. He seemed to suffer no pain during the intervening days, and the end came very peacefully.

Mr. Dickey was a native of Cherokee County, where he has spent his entire life. He was born in the vicinity of Ranger and Culberson seventy-two years and eleven months ago. He came to Murphy about forty years ago, where he and his wife, Mrs. Nettie Dickey have been engaged in the management of the Dickey Hotel.

Mr. Dickey was the head of one of the most prominent families in the county, his sons being active in the political and business life of the community. He is not only well known in this county but throughout this entire section, through contact with

commercial travelers over a period of more than forty years.

He is survived by his wife, and four children, Mrs. Edythe Clark, of Asheville, and Messrs. A. B. Frank and Fred Dickey; and one brother, Mr. A. K. Dickey, of Washington, Ga.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Baptist church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. T. L. Sasser, assisted by Rev. E. G. Clary, after which the Masonic Lodge took charge and concluded the services. The Masonic Ceremony was conducted by Past Master A. A. Fain, and interment took place in Sunset Cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. M. Vaughn, Tom Axley, E. E. Davis, J. D. Mallon, P. H. Sword and J. W. Axley.

The large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends who braved the inclement weather to pay their last solemn tribute to the departed, and the many beautiful floral offerings attested to the high esteem in which Mr. Dickey was held by the people of this section.

Among the out-of-town relatives here for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. John Dickey, of Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dickey, of Madisonville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clarke, and Mrs. Edythe Clark and daughter, Miss Edythe, of Asheville; Mr. A. K. Dickey, of Washington, Ga.; and Mrs. Fisher Hubble, of Atlanta, Ga.

COUNTY AGENT GIVES OUT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO SOY BEANS, VEAL CALVES

Plan to grow more soybeans this year for hay and soil improvement. If you will use at least 300 pounds of acid phosphate per acre with them they will not hurt your land as much as many other farm crops, even if you cut them off, and in case you return the manure they make when fed on the farm they will improve the land. Also they will make a larger crop by using acid on them. They will not need any other fertilization except on very thin land which should have an application of 100 pounds per acre of nitrate of soda which will cost around \$3.25. It was proved last year that the bean beetles do not damage them seriously.

Do not forget the date of the first shipment of veal calves, May 3rd, and do not fail to have them in by noon. If you have a calf that you want to ship that will not be four weeks old by that time take good care of it by giving it all the milk it wants or at least all that you can spare it direct from the cow twice a day and do not try to feed it anything else as the next shipping date is May 31st. Tell your neighbor who does not take at least one of the county papers that he should do so at once; also tell him about this opportunity to raise and sell veal calves.

H. H. ELLIS, County Agent, Cherokee County.

Evans & Lance Get Notla Road Contract

At an opening of sealed bids the first of this week Evans and Lance were awarded the contract for grading and making a road from the Murphy and Notta Township line to the Notta and Hothouse Township lines at Cole Gap, a distance of approximately eight miles. The road will be built by plans and specifications made up by the State High Commission made up earlier in the year, when the Nichols survey party was here. It will connect with the Penner road about six miles from Murphy and extend that road on to the Hothouse Township line. The exact sum involved was not stated by either the township or county authorities, who let the contract.

The sale of Notta Township bonds was authorized and the bonds awarded some weeks ago, but the money has not yet been received on them. As soon as it is received, the work on this road will be begun, announced members of the highway commission.

Hiawasse Bridge Ready for Concrete

The bridge over the Hiawasse River near the L. & N. station is about ready for the pouring of the concrete floor. This bridge has been undergoing repairs for the past several weeks under the direction of a crew of maintenance men of the state Highway Commission. The old floor of the bridge gave way. This has been removed, the arches refilled, and outlets made at the bottom for draining any water that may get in the bridge. The new concrete floor will probably be poured the latter part of this week.

Tom Tarheel says that he wants to know if the man is a help to his community, rather than how rich he is.

Mr. C. A. Gregory, of Andrews, was a business visitor here this week.

Bascomb R. Carroll Announces Program Selma Commencement

According to an announcement recently received here, Bascomb R. Carroll, principal of the Selma High school, has completed the commencement program, which will be on the 20th and 24th of April. The opening address will be delivered by Dr. J. C. Campbell, of Buie's Creek Academy. The address to the senior class will be delivered by Dr. Wade H. Atkinson, of Washington, D. C. Judge H. B. Brooks, of Smithfield, on "County Unit System of Taxation," and Miss Mary E. Wells will also deliver addresses during the commencement.

Mr. Carroll is a native of this section and his many friends will be glad to learn of his success at Selma and the fine commencement program he has planned.

Wilson Begins On Murphy End of Road

The Wilson Construction Company began work the first of the week on the Marble-Murphy section of the Murphy-Andrews link of Number 10 State highway the first of the week. Teams and grading equipment came in the latter part of last week and were kept in Murphy until camps could be built at the far end of the road. The link at this end is known at 912-A, while the section from Marble to Andrews is known as 912-B, and has been awarded to the W. T. Moore Concrete Products Company, of Andrews. The latter company also has the contract for the structures on this road and has been pushing this work.

PLASTERING OF NEW CHURCH NEARING END

The plasterers of the new Methodist church estimate that by the latter part of this or early part of next week, the plastering of the church can be completed. The carpenters can then begin the finishing work, which can be pushed to completion in a comparatively short time. The plumbing contractors are going ahead with the work of putting in heat.

Building For Roller Mills Under Way

Construction work was begun last week on a mill house beyond the Hiawasse River and across the road from the ice plant which will be occupied by the Cherokee Roller Mills. The building will be approximately 100x90 feet and will be completed within the next two weeks, it is estimated. Mr. J. C. Townson, who bought the mills several weeks ago, is moving it beyond the river so as to have it near his other interests.

Electrician Doing Double Duty This week

On account of the illness of one of the employees at the power plant, City Electrician Elkins is having to do double duty for the past ten days. He has had to stay at the plant almost day and night during this time and completely suspended all his other duties.

YOUTH HEWS OFF HIS HAND AND GIVES BIBLE AS MOTIVE

Locust Grove, Ga., March 20—Holding the bleeding stump of his right hand aloft, Herbert Little, 17, late last night rushed into his home near here and informed the family that he had performed the amputation in accordance with the Biblical injunction, which says, "if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off."

Herbert Little is the son of a prominent family. His father, H. H. Little, is a well known and prosperous citizen of the county. According to neighbors and friends he had been seeking solitude a great deal during the last few months and his reticence and avoiding of people had become noticeable. When the recent spell of bad weather set in young Herbert always took the Bible with him when setting out upon his solitary walks along the lonely roads or the secluded woods.

After first aid had been administered at the home, he told his par-

ents that he had read in the Bible the passage from the Sermon on the Mount which reads: "If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off."

He explained that he understood this to apply literally in his own case and therefore had taken his hatchet and chopped off the offending member.

Whether religious fervor, bordering on a sort of fanaticism sustained him during the bloody operation, when he was forced to hack and and hew no less than nine times, before it was severed, is a question for psychiatrists and expert alienists to discover.

During the dressing of the wound by the doctor he almost lost consciousness from loss of blood. He did not seem to have any regret over his action, repeating again and again that he had acted upon the Biblical injunction.

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