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SATURDAY LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Saturday, December 6th, is the last day on which voters may register for the special election to be held on December 23rd to express their will with regard to the sale of the city power plant. This is a new registration and everyone expecting to vote will have to register. The fact that one has been registered for and voted in previous elections will have nothing to do with this election. It is an entirely new registration and all voters interested in this matter are urged to make the necessary preparation for voting—that is, REGISTER. The books are open at the Murphy Hardware Store Mr. T. W. Axley is the registrar. It will be impossible to register after Saturday of this week for this election!

REGISTER!

Wm. P. Payne Lost Barn By Fire November 27th

Mr. Wm. P. Payne had the misfortune to lose his barn, several work animals and a quantity of feed last Thursday night when flames swept through the structure. The flame had gotten considerable headway before it was discovered. The fire department answered the call but by the time they reached the barn it was too late to save it.

Mr. Payne was away from home at the time and it is not known how the flame was started. It was first discovered about 9 o'clock. It may have caught from a match or cigarette accidentally dropped about the barn at feeding time or may have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

There were three head of horses and several head of cattle in the barn at the time. The cattle were gotten out but the horses were burned. The horses were valuable animals, one having taken the prize at the horse show of the Cherokee County Fair in September. Along with the horses considerable grain, hay and other feed was destroyed. The total loss is estimated at from a thousand to fifteen hundred dollars. It was covered by insurance.

Andrews Dam Began Filling Tuesday

The last concrete had set and the big gates were let down Tuesday morning at the Andrews municipal power dam on Hiwassee River several miles above Murphy began filling up Tuesday morning. It was expected that several days would be required for the dam to be completely filled and then another week would be necessary to thoroughly test out the generators and distribution system and have it accepted by the Mayor and board of Commissioners of the town. Thus by the 5th, it is expected that our sister town will be in full charge of the hydro-electric development and will begin the distribution of power to an delight to customers in the town.

Following the closing of the gates at the dam, the river just below it ran dry and a number of fine fish were captured by those on the scene.

The Andrews plant is said to be one of the finest of its size in the South.

CO. RESTRAINED FROM SALE OF ROAD BONDS

Judge Schenk Signs Restraining Order Last Friday—Returnable On December 16th

A number of bond buyers flocking here Sunday to bid on the offering of \$150,000 of road bonds were disappointed Monday when they learned that the County Commissioners had been restrained from selling the bonds. The order was signed last Friday by Judge Schenk.

The Road Commissioners were restrained not only from selling the bonds, but also from using a \$25,000 road fund just turned over to them by the county. This injunction is returnable on the 16th of December.

In discussing the order, members of the Road Commission stated that this would cost the county from ten to twenty thousand dollars at it has meant the stopping of road work on several projects, which will probably mean that the work will have to be re-let and probably at a less advantageous figure than the present contract calls for. In this connection the commission pointed out that its present contract on the Shoal Creek road is 64 cents for unclassified grading, and that the rock to be moved would average about 40 to 50 per cent of the yardage, which made this a very advantageous contract.

The Road Commission has employed counsel and will resist the injunction. They will fight it on the ground, it states, that the commission did need to sell the bonds and use the \$25,000 bond issue and as proof they point out that they owe contractor some ten thousand dollars for work in November which they are unable to pay as they are entirely out of other funds or resources. They further claim that the amount of bonds asked for will be needed as amounts set aside for each of the projects to be improved were determined upon only after careful surveys and estimates by reliable engineers. The commission plans to await the hearing on the 16th, but in the meantime it will seek to have the bonds of those obtaining the injunction increased to cover damages the commission believes will result from the stopping of the road work.

Law Forbids

Breaking Shrubbery
As the Christmas season approaches the temptation to break trees and shrubbery along the highways will be increased. Anticipating this, local citizens have called attention to a recent law passed by the State Legislature which makes it a misdemeanor to break trees and shrubs along state highways.

Buys Murphy Cafe

C. S. White and H. L. Higdon, both of Andrews, have purchased the City Cafe in Murphy, have taken charge, and will operate in the future under the name of White & Higdon.

Mr. Higdon expects to move his family to Murphy shortly. Mr. White will continue to make Andrews his home, for the present, anyway, he states.—Tri-County News.

Sosebee & Hartness Open Cafe Near L. & N.

Messrs. Roy Sosebee and Carl Hartness opened a cafe near the L. & N. Depot this week. They have leased the building belonging to A. A. Fain and formerly occupied by Charlie McGee.

Town Of Franklin Starts Development

Two past weeks witnessed the consummation of the sale of a \$100,000 bond issue by the town of Franklin and work has been gotten under way surveying out the contour lines for a municipal power development for the capital city of Macon County.

The Notla Plant and Taxation

The proposed sale and purchase of the municipal power plant on Notla River seems to be meeting almost with universal satisfaction. In one or two instances, however, some misunderstanding has arisen with reference to Article 8 of the contract, which relates to taxation of the property after the sale of the plant.

In the beginning, it might be stated that the town does not now pay the county or the state any tax on the power plant or on any other publicly owned property. No smaller sub-division of government pays any other division division of government taxation on any property that it may hold. This fact does not seem to have been fully understood by some.

By the terms of the proposed contract of sale, entered into with the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company, the title to the Notla Plant remains in the town of Murphy until all the outstanding electric light bonds, together with interest on them, are paid. This provision is necessary in order to protect the town's best interests. The bonds run for a period of twenty-six years yet. But the power company may buy them in at any time and deliver them to the town and demand a deed to the property. Whenever title to the property is delivered to the power company, it will then be responsible for county and state taxes, whether the title is delivered next year, or in 1950, when the last electric light bonds

would ordinarily mature. In the meaning, it could not be expected that the power company would pay any taxes. Therefore, when the town agrees to identify and save harmless the power company from State and County taxes, it does not mean that the town will have to pay the state and county any taxes. There will be none paid. If anyone should think that the power plant should become a subject of taxation as soon as the contract of sale is ratified, it will be recalled that the state and county are not now receiving any taxes from this plant, but if the sale is ratified, they will in the not distant future—as soon as title to the property is delivered, whether next year or when last bonds or paid off.

There is one further provision with reference to taxation of the plant. It is this: The power company is to be exempted from city taxes for the period of the franchise, or sixty years but in turn for this exemption, it is to furnish the town with power to illuminate double the number of street lights now installed by the town, which in the course of a year, would amount to many, many times the amount of any taxes the city might hope to collect from the power company, as very little of the valuation of the Notla property is within the corporate limits—only a few transformers and distribution lines. The taxation provisions of the contract, in the light of this explanation, should seem equitable enough.

CENSUS TAKING FOR AGRICULTURE BEGAN THIS WEEK

H. R. Green, of Asheville, is Appointed Supervisor For This District

The agricultural census for the year 1924 and relating to conditions on or near January 1st, 1925, began this week in this district with H. R. Green, of Asheville, supervising and 103 enumerators in the field gathering data. There are 19 counties included in this district, which for the purpose of census taking is called District No. 1. The counties include Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey. The 37,530 farms included in this district will be visited by Mr. Green's corps of enumerators between now and the latter part of January, when it is hoped the enumeration can be completed.

Heretofore the census of agriculture has always been taken in connection with a complete census of population. This time it will cover the farm population only, showing the number of persons living on the farm, including the family of the operator and the farm laborers and their families. These persons will be classified as under or over ten years of age and as white or colored.

The extend to which farm operators used the purchasing and selling facilities of farmers' organizations will be brought out by two inquiries; one calling for the value of products of the farm sold through a farmers' marketing organization, and the other calling for the value of all farm supplies purchased from or through a farmers' organization. An additional index to the marketing conditions will be brought out by answers to inquiries as to the kind of road adjoining the farm, whether concrete, brick, macadam, gravel, improved dirt, or unimproved dirt, and the distance to the nearest market town. Through inquiries of this character the census seeks to secure information relative to conditions upon which to a considerable degree the success of farm operations depends.

M. W. BELL'S BROTHER DIES IN CHICAGO

Ashes of Chicago Business Man To Be Brought to Mocksville For Burial

Frank Martin Bell, prominent Chicago business man and brother to Attorney M. W. Bell, died in Chicago last Saturday of angina pectoris. Funeral services were held in Chicago Sunday afternoon. The ashes of the body, which was cremated by mandate of the will of the deceased, will be brought to Mocksville, N. C., for burial. The Northern Trust Company was made executor of the estate of Mr. Bell.

Mr. Bell was the son of Dr. Martin T. Bell and Eliza Martin Bell of Mocksville. Mr. Bell left North Carolina at the age of eighteen and has lived almost the whole of the time in Chicago, where he was active in business life, being for years connected with the general office of Armour & Company as a department manager. His first work was in the drug business where he rose to a high position, which he gave up at some temporary sacrifice in salary in order to accept the work with Armour & Company, where a larger field was offered.

His application to P. D. Armour (the elder) met with favorable response and later Mr. Armour manifested his interest and esteem by presenting Mr. Bell a handsome gold watch suitably engraved showing by whom given. Mr. Bell was interested in athletics and owned a country club and golf course twenty-five miles out from Chicago and made his home there through the summer months commuting to his office daily. He won numerous golf trophies in former years. He was a grand nephew of Governor Alexander Martin and of Judge Keer, the elder.

He never married. Besides Attorney Bell, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. M. L. John and Miss Margaret Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watts spent the past week-end in Talbotton, Ga., with Mrs. Watts' father, Mr. W. K. Couch.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TOOK OATHS MONDAY

County Commissioners Sit In First Session This Week—County Agent Work Discontinued

The recently elected county officials took their oaths of office Monday morning and immediately thereafter assumed their respective duties. The chairman of the retiring board, S. W. Lovingood, administered the oath to the new county officials, T. W. Axley, W. J. Martin and W. T. Holland. The new commissioners organized by electing Mr. Axley chairman of the board.

Register of Deeds, A. M. Simonds, Sheriff B. B. Morrow and the newly elected Justices and other minor officials were then sworn in by the chairman of the new board of commissioners.

The election of a county attorney and several other matters were left open.

The work of the county agent was discontinued, for the present at least. The Commissioners stated, following their action in this matter, that the financial condition of the county did not seem to warrant a continuance of this officer. It was also said that the retiring agent, Mr. H. H. Ellis, was being held responsible by some for the fact that the last county fair was not able to pay the premiums offered for the best exhibits and that they had asked that his work be discontinued for this reason.

Quite a good deal of sentiment has developed in favor of continuing the county agent work and many hope that the commissioners may reconsider and retain this agent. District Agent Goodman, of Asheville, it is understood, is scheduled to be in the county soon and it is hoped that satisfactory arrangements with the commissioners can be made for the continuance of the work in this county.

CHOCOLATE CAKE AND BLACK SAND HAS FINE CAST

Play Will Be Given On 12th For Benefit of Undernourished School Children

"Chocolate Cake and Black Sand" a play to be given by the children of the smaller grades and children under school age, has a fine cast, as announced this week.

Margaret Witherspoon is to play the role of the Little Girl, James Mallonee, that of the Sand Man; Louise Walker, of the Witch; Grace Parker, the Fairy; and Elizabeth Parker, Mary Stonecipher, Lucy Myers, Frances Dickey, Louise and Frances Christopher, Ellen Cooper, Axley and Mildred Gentry are to be Bad Dreams.

The play will be given on Friday night, December 12th. A small admission charge will be made for the benefit of undernourished school children.

SPECIAL TERM COURT CALLED FOR DEC. 29TH

A special term of Cherokee County superior court will be convened here on December 29th with Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, presiding. The County Commissioners drew jurors for this term at this sitting. It will be a two weeks term of civil court only. Little Charles West Jr., four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles West, drew the following jurors for this term:

For the first week: J. W. Bryson, W. K. Derreberry, G. B. Lovingood, J. W. Fisher, J. P. Price, B. W. Chastain, J. J. McGuire, D. P. Johnson, J. W. Cradford, D. L. Parris, W. R. Jenkins, A. L. Tippet, W. T. Lovingood, Wm. Hatchett, D. W. C. Pierce, L. B. Brannon, Carl Stiles, A. I. Simonds, G. A. Stalcup, J. P. Baines, O. S. Anderson, T. W. Falls, J. M. Hamby, J. W. Shackelford. Second week: J. W. Floyd, C. M. Mason Jr., T. J. Bristol, J. E. Keener, J. M. McDonald, Isaac Lovingood.

UNION MEETING ABOUT TITHING TO BE HELD 14TH

Three Congregations Expected to Devote Second Sunday Night Service to Joint Discussion

Plans have been practically completed for a joint meeting of all the churches of the community on Sunday night, December 14th, at the school auditorium for a joint discussion of tithing. A program was arranged last Sunday afternoon at a meeting of a committee of five representing all the churches of the town. This committee was appointed at a meeting of all the members of the churches held at the library Sunday afternoon, November 30th. C. W. Bailey was made chairman of the meeting in the library and Mr. P. C. Hyatt was made secretary, and these two, together with Messrs. R. A. Akin, G. H. Cope and B. W. Sipe composed the committee to form a program and arrange a meeting at which the subject of tithing might be discussed. Following is the topical outline, and the leaders appointed, for the discussions at the December 14th meeting:

1. A discussion of Stewardship, with special reference to tithing, by E. G. Clary.

2. Scriptural basis for tithing in Old Testament, by D. H. Rhinehart.

3. Scriptural basis for tithing in the New Testament, T. L. Sasser.

4. What causes are included in Tithing, or what causes may one contribute and consider it part of the Tithe, Mrs. L. P. Kinsey.

Making Tithing Easy (a discussion of methods of keeping track of contributions made as a part of the tithe), Mrs. E. G. White.

Miss Ida M. Johnson and Mesdames J. W. Davidson and E. C. Mallonee were appointed a committee to arrange for the musical program for the meeting.

While the approval of the program and the joint meeting, together with the place of meeting, awaits the ratification of the governing bodies of the local churches and the acceptance of those chosen to lead the discussions it is anticipated that this will be only a perfunctory matter. Stewardship and Tithing are matters all the churches are much interested in and at this meeting it is expected that these subjects will be fully set forth at this joint meeting. It is to be hoped that a great number will attend this service. The school auditorium has been chosen as the meeting place so as to have ample space to take care of those who attend.

Oak Lane Goods Are Shipped To South America

Oak Lane Product Best In America, Says New York Jobber, Through Whom Shipment Was Made

The Oak Lane Knitting Mills this week made a shipment of their goods to South America through a New York brokerage firm. The consignment went to Bogota, the capital city of Colombia.

The New York Representative of the local firm, in sending the order for goods here, stated that the Oak Lane Pullover shirt, manufactured in the local mills, was the best in America and that he was delighted to know that North Carolina is able to produce such a garment of quality. "It is just what I have been looking for," he concluded.

Oak Lane products are now being shipped to many parts of the United States and wherever they go they meet with instant favor. A number of shipments have gone to California points. Every shipment has brought repeat orders, which is very gratifying to President Richmond. Mr. Richmond is finding the labor here very apt and is enthusiastic about this location for his mills. He came here a year ago from Philadelphia.

S. F. Taylor, Geo. Patterson, S. C. Mings, J. A. Timpson, W. W. Rogers, F. H. Garland, B. W. Battle, Sam Young, Weldon C. West, R. P. Radford, Jno. McDonald Jr., H. G. Hampton.