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#### CITIZENS OF CLAY COUNTY HOLD MEETING

Hayesville, N. C., Dec. 29, The citizens of Clay County met in the Courthouse in Hayesville on December 19th 1924, for the purpose of effecting an organization of a citizens committee and requesting the county authorities to take such steps as they might be advised to secure freight and passenger service, at reasonable rates from the railroads between Hayesville and Andrews, or any other relief that can be obtained.

The meeting was called to order by James Penland, an Gorgantzed for business by the election of James Penland as permanent chairman, and Glover P. Ledford, Secretary.

After full discussion by the citizens as to present conditions and as to reasons for transfer of the Hiwassee Valley Railway, to the Carolina and Georgia Railroad Company, and conditions upon which transfer was made, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, Clay County has floated seventy-five thousand (\$75,000.00) dollars in bonds for the purpose of securing a railroad for said county, and has for a number of years annually paid the sum of four thousand five hundred (\$4,500.00) dollars as interest on said bonds, which annual payment does not include one cent as a sinking fund to retire said bonds.

And Whereas, It has been more than five years since the noted celebration of the completion of the laying of the track on Hayesville.

And Whereas, We are still without any appreciable railroad facilities, as is evidenced by the fact that our timber products are transported over the highway to Murphy, because of the excessive high freight rates charged by the Carolina and Georgia Railroad, and the descontinuance by the railroad of carrying local freight.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the citizens and taxpayers of Clay County, in mass meeting assembled, ask the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County to immediately call a meeting of said Board, and to entertain a motion to employ local counsel, and an expert corporation lawyer with an established reputation to help obtain relief in the present railroad condition. Furthermore, that we urge this Board to see to it that this counsel act immediately and strenuously, in whatever way they see fit, until relief is obtained.

Begins Further resolved that the Chairman appoint a committee of eighteen men to be composed of three active, interested citizens and taxpayers from each Township of the County, who shall represent their respective Township, to be known as the Citizens' Advisory Committee, to consult and advise with the Board of County Commissioners with a view to securing the relief above set out and to continue as such committee until the relief sought is obtained, the Chairman and Secretary of this meeting to be ex-officio members of this Committee.

Be it further resolved, that the secretary furnish a copy of this resolution to the citizens of Valleytown Township, Cherokee County, and to the Chamber of Commerce of Andrews, N. C. and to such other interested parties, property owners and taxpayers of Clay County and Valleytown Township, as he shall see fit.

Be it further resolved, that Valleytown Township, and all non-resident property owners and taxpayers in Clay County be requested to co-operate with the Board of County Commissioners and citizens of Clay County in securing such relief.

Be it further resolved, that a notice of this meeting and the action taken thereat be furnished by the secretary to the Tri-County News and Cherokee Scout with a request that they publish same.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

JAMES PENLAND, Chairman  
GLOVER P. LEDFORD, Secretary.

#### POWELSON AND FAIN EXCHANGE GREETINGS

Present Status Of Power Plant Sale Discussed in Telegrams And Letters

On Wednesday morning, December 24th, following a meeting of the mayor and council, at which meeting the report of the board of elections was received, Mayor W. M. Fain wired President W. N. V. Powelson, of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company, congratulations upon the acquisition of the Notla development from the town, which was approved by an overwhelming majority and that the city board of commissioners were now ready to complete the deal and transfer of the property as per contract.

President Powelson wired in reply his thanks and stated in the telegram: "I am deeply gratified that our efforts to work out this step in a constructive plan for the comprehensive power development of your section of Western North Carolina has been so heartily approved by the people."

The correspondence and telegrams exchanged between Mayor W. M. Fain of the town of Murphy and President W. N. V. Powelson of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company, in connection with the present status of the sale and transfer of the Notla River development is self-explanatory and follows below in full:

MR. FAIN'S TELEGRAM  
December 24, 1924.  
W. N. V. Powelson, 40 Wall Street, New York City.

Congratulate you upon acquisition of power plant.

Voters approve sale by overwhelming majority. Three hundred twenty registered for special election. Two hundred ninety two favored sale, two opposed, four thrown out, one died, one disqualified, twentyfour did not vote. Weather disagreeable or would have voted hundred percent. Now ready to complete deal.

W. M. Fain Mayor.  
MR. POWELSON'S TELEGRAM  
December 24th, 1924.  
Mercer Fain, Mayor of Murphy, Murphy, N. C.

Please accept my thanks for your wire of today stating that the citizens of Murphy by a practically unanimous vote at yesterday's election approved the contract negotiated by you and the board of commissioners with the Carolina Tennessee Power Company for the sale of the municipal electric property. I am deeply gratified that our efforts to work out this step in a constructive plan for the comprehensive power development of your section of Western North Carolina has been so heartily approved by the people. This evidence of a purpose on the part of the public to work with us is greatly appreciated we are eternally indebted to you and all of my associates. The work of development upon which we are engaged is a very large one, requiring a large amount of capital, and it must proceed in an orderly manner and in accordance with sound economic principles. Patience on the part of the public, coupled with a clear understanding by it of the problems involved in making the development, accompanied on both sides by a spirit of fair play and mutual good will, will go far towards hastening the time when the public will experience the benefits that will come to it from these large developments. I am sure that the relationship which the people of Murphy and the Carolina Tennessee power Company have entered into can be made one of mutual benefit, respect and esteem, and I shall do my best to bring this relationship to the public out of fit. I am, Sir, a member of the Board of Commissioners of the public of Murphy.

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#### EMBARGO ON LIVE POULTRY CAUSING ALARM

The embargo several weeks ago by New York state officials on live poultry from Texas and other western states, has been extended until it now has been adopted by several nearby states. This status of affairs pointed out local poultry dealers, the other day, makes it difficult, if not practically impossible, for them to forward poultry shipments.

Sometime ago New York State officials placed an embargo on live poultry from several western states, it being found that a peculiar disease infested the shipments of poultry from the west to that state. The disease is peculiar in that, it is said, the more the poultry is fed the thinner or more lanky and lean the bird becomes, finally dying. It is claimed that millions of dollars worth of poultry had died as a result of this peculiar disease in New York alone. It seems to be baffling poultry experts as to what kind of a disease it is and how it can be controlled. It is said to be European in origin.

As a consequence of the extension of the embargo and its results losses to raisers and shippers of poultry, the federal government has appropriated one hundred thousand dollars to be used in investigating the disease and measures as to how it may be combatted. Several states agencies are co-operating with the federal government in the investigation, but as yet no definite decisions have been rendered.

Local poultry dealers say that this state has not been included in the embargo rulings, and from this section is free from any such disease, so far as is known, but the fact that it exists in states in close proximity of North Carolina makes it difficult and almost impossible to forward their shipments of poultry. Accordingly, very little poultry is being bought and shipped by local dealers. It was stated that this condition has caused live poultry to be less in demand, and been curbed to such a considerable extent that a number of prices for poultry have been brought down and only a few

#### Little Robert Barnett Laid To Rest Wed.

Tuesday morning Robert Smith the little 19 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Barnett, died of whooping cough and meningitis. He had been suffering from a cold and cough about seven weeks, and on Sunday night his condition became suddenly worse, everything possible that loving hands could administer was done for him but the end came Tuesday morning about ten minutes past nine o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence in East Murphy Wednesday afternoon at 1:30, Rev. T. L. Sasser being in charge, and interment was in Sunset Cemetery.

Besides his father and mother, he is survived by one brother, Henry; and two sisters, Loucile and Eloise. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett deeply sympathize with them in this their hour of bereavement.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and everyone of the good people in and around Murphy who helped so generously in bringing Xmas cheer to our home, which otherwise would have been devoid of cheer on account of the sick mother. We appreciate the gift made by the Valley River Manufacturing Company employees more than words can ever express.

May God's richest blessings be your reward.  
MR. & MRS. FRANK COLEMAN.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to our many friends for their many acts of kindness during the sudden death of our son. Many God's richest blessings abide with you always.  
MRS. SALLY PHILLIPS.

points in the other states which have not yet adopted the embargo are receiving poultry shipments.

It is to be greatly regretted that this condition has been brought about and it is hoped that the authorities will be able to prevent its spread and that it can be brought under control shortly.

#### SPECIAL TERM SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE

A special term of the Cherokee County Superior Court convened here on Monday, December 29th, James L. Webb, of Shelby, on the bench. This will be a two week's term and only civil cases will be tried, according to information given out by court officials. This special term was made necessary by the overcrowded conditions of the docket of the local court together with the fact that the last regular term of court had to be passed on account of the vacancy in the judgeships made by the recent death of Judge Bis Ray.

There are nearly a hundred cases on the docket to come up for trial, but it is expected that not near all of these will be tried at this special term, as the time required to try many of the cases necessarily is long.

#### GENTRY-HOLDER

Miss Ollie Gentry and Mr. Connie Holder of Murphy were happily married at the residence of Rev. D. H. Rhinehart at high noon December 25th, Mr. Rhinehart officiating. Miss Gentry is the charming and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Gentry and Mr. Holder is one of Murphy's most enterprising young business men, being a partner of the well known firm of Holder Brothers, heating and plumbing contractors.

Mr. and Mrs. Holder left immediately for Asheville to spend their honeymoon, being guests at the popular new Vanderbilt Hotel. They are now at home to their many friends in East Murphy.

#### WATER LINE EXTENDED

The water line was recently extended in the McCall section of the town to the extent that six or seven more families could be supplied with water from the city's mains. This is in keeping with the policy of the board of commissioners in endeavoring to give service and improvements to all section of town possible. During the past two years the water line has been extended into several sections of the city and many additional families are now being served.

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...in the opinion of officials ... many others that the sale of ... the Notla power plant has much ... more significance than at first appears on the surface. The sale means ... much to Murphy and this entire section, as it means the immediate active investment of northern capital in this section of Western North Carolina. The sale will no doubt have a tendency to hasten the development of the Hiwassee River and its tributaries in this immediate section, and that thousands of horsepower now daily going to waste will soon be harnessed and put to work. It is believed by many that the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company will use power from the Notla plant in connection with the construction of the first large dam on their site some miles below Murphy on the Hiwassee River. This will be a tremendous benefit of far reaching importance to Murphy and Cherokee County and this entire section as it will undoubtedly bring in other industries and create much taxable wealth in the county, furnishing labor to many of our people and utilizing our natural resources now going to waste and flowing merrily on down the Hiwassee.

**TATHEN-FREDERICK**  
Miss Aloah Tathen, and Mr. Ceylon Frederick, of Robbinsville, were happily married at the residence of Squire T. N. ... on December 22nd. Mr. ... the ceremony. ... the talented and ... of Mr. and Mrs. ... of Robbinsville, Mr. ... of the leading young ... will.