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LIONS SEEK BETTER UPKEEP COUNTY ROADS

Meeting Tuesday Night Enthusiastic and Well Attended—Four New Members Elected

A discussion of a better maintenance of county roads and the election of four new members were features of the regular meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday night, at which some sixteen members and several visitors were present.

The upkeep of local county roads came in for considerable discussion. Speakers pointed out the condition of the county roads, many of which can hardly be traveled now with a team and wagon. The road committee was instructed to ask the county road commission to fix a certain mud hole in one of the highways leading out of Murphy and eliminate the exorbitant fees charged by people nearby for pulling cars out of it, and to see if the commission would not see that better maintenance was given to all the roads generally.

It was pointed out that the maintenance of the county roads was being poorly done. In some places there were great mud holes which remained full of water and mud for days and weeks at the time; also that very little system of drainage was maintained on any of the county's roads; while most of the sand and gravel that had been placed upon the road beds had been allowed to wash to the side and into the ditches, and in many instances shoveled out upon the bank or into the woods and field.

One speaker pointed out the fact that the court costs the county had to bear amounted to about ten thousand dollars annually, which was incurred in convictions carrying road sentences worked out in other counties. Of course, the county gets a small remuneration from any county to which prisoners are sent, but the court costs attached to conviction must be borne by the county. It was suggested that steps be taken to get the county commissioners to reinstate the convict system of working county roads.

The new members elected at this meeting and who will be welcomed at the next meeting were Messrs. G. H. Cope, J. B. Moore, Virgil Johnson and Rev. H. P. Powell.

H. P. COOPER ANNOUNCES FOR MAYOR

Announcement that his "hat was in the ring" for Mayor of Murphy in the election to be held in May, was made this week by Harry P. Cooper, prominent real estate, loan and insurance dealer.

Mr. Cooper stated that this action on his part had come as the result of the urgent requests of friends who pledged their support in case he decided to run, and after a careful survey of the situation.

Just who will comprise the ticket for aldermen headed by Mr. Cooper is not yet known, as it is rather early for Murphy's annual city political pot to begin to boil, the election being some ninety days off.

Miss Margaret Pruden returned this week to her home at Rome, Ga., after having spent several days the guest of Mrs. J. W. Davidson.

Dennis: "What was old Judson worth when he died?"

Dan: "No man is worth much when he is dead."

Dennis: "I know, but what did he leave?"

Dan: "Everything he had."

LEE WIGGINS OF ROBBINSVILLE, IS KILLED ON ROAD

Graham County Sheriff Seeks Robert Rogers As Slayer Of Man

ROBBINSVILLE, N. C., Jan. 24. Lee Wiggins, who lived at Sweetgum, near this place is dead from a shotgun wound in the head, and Sheriff G. W. Schuler, of Graham County is making an extensive search in the mountains for Robert Rogers, whom he expects to charge with the killing of Wiggins, following an altercation on the public highway, six miles from Robbinsville, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Jeff Rogers, brother of Robert, is being held in the county jail as a material witness. Wiggins was 22 years of age and had been a laborer on public works in this section. Robert Rogers, the alleged slayer, is also a young man, and was employed at various works in this section during the past year. He is the son of James Rogers and resided about four miles from Robbinsville. The parents of Wiggins died some years ago.

According to the story brought to the sheriff's office by neighbors around the scene of the shooting, Wiggins and the two Rogers, met earlier in the day on the highway, not far from the place where the killing occurred. Wiggins is alleged to have accused the Rogers men of having stolen some money from him, and upon meeting them, drew a gun on them and searched the brothers. After this incident, it is stated, Robert Rogers hurried to his home, got a shotgun and started out to hunt for Wiggins.

Coming upon Wiggins in front of the home of W. N. Colvard, he is said to have aimed the shotgun at the man and fired, the load of buck shot taking effect on the left side of Wiggins' head below the ear and in the neck. Wiggins was instantly killed by the shot. Rogers then fled from the place and a sheriff's posse was organized to pursue him into the mountain fastnesses of Graham county where he is believed to be in hiding.

The victim of the shotgun was found a short time later, lying in the middle of the road, by members of a highway maintenance crew who called the sheriff.

When the officers reached the place several women were excitedly walking the porch of the Colvard home ringing their hands and from them, a different version of the motive back of the affair was obtained, than that received here from others who had heard about it. They claimed, according to the sheriff, that both men had guns and that a dispute arose between them over an automobile. The body of Wiggins was lying just at the rear wheel of his automobile, which was headed towards Topton. There was no gun near him, it is stated, and the sheriff was unable to find any definite evidence that the dead man had been armed.

The body of Wiggins is being held here pending the outcome of a coroner's inquest and the search for Rogers.

Rogers.—Asheville Citizen.

(Since this article was written, Rogers, it is understood has given himself up to the sheriff.)

Mrs. Mary E. Bell from the Southern Shorthand and Business University of Atlanta, will teach a class in shorthand and typewriting at the High School here, provided a sufficient number will take this course. If you are interested, phone or see her Saturday or Monday evening between 6 and 8 o'clock at the Henry House, phone number 178. (1-t-p.)

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Davidson left Thursday for Lake Wells, Fla.

LOCAL H. S. GIRLS HAVE CHANCE TO WIN SCHOLARSHIP

Knowledge of cookery, food values, selection as to quality, or other phases of the subject of meat, may bring local high school girls within reach of a university scholarship or cash award if—they can transfer this knowledge to paper.

High school home economics teachers have just received formal announcement of the Fifth National Meat Story Contest. The contest is held annually in high schools of the United States under the sponsorship of the National Live Stock and Meat Board. It has the indorsement of college home economics heads and other leaders in the field who look upon it as a valuable educational project.

Interest in the contest has increased each year, it is said.

Last year approximately 14,000 girls from high schools in every state of the union competed and the Board expects that even a larger number will be enrolled in the present contest. As in the past, the distribution of prizes is arranged so that girls in every state will be among the winners. Miss Rose Gertrude Schmidt of Moorestown, N. J., won the national championship last year.

The present contest will close on March 15, according to the announcement. Judging of the stories will be in the hands of a committee which is to be selected from college directors of home economics and other authorities on the subject.

It is explained that the purpose of the contest is to stimulate more interest in the study of home economics. The scholarships offered are for home economics courses. These and the cash prizes furnish an incentive for the future housewife to take part in the event which, it is hoped, will better fit her to assume the responsibilities of home manager.

Local and Personal

Miss Elizabeth Brittain was hostess Sunday evening at a dinner party at her home in East Murphy. A four course dinner was served.

Covers were laid for the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lee, Mrs. Mark Brittain, Misses Catherine Thompson, Nanie Dixon and Elizabeth Brittain.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lee entertained Thursday evening with three tables of bridge complimenting Miss Margaret Pruden of Rome, Ga., the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davidson.

High score was made by Miss Pruden who also received the guest prize. A delicious salad course was served.

Those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Hoover, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davidson, Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mrs. A. M. Brittain, Misses Margaret Pruden, Nan Dixon, Catherine Thompson, Elizabeth Brittain and Eve Ne'l Mauney, Messrs. Edd Studstill, W. W. Gudger and Ernest Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meroney have taken the apartment at The Maples recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Hoover.

Remember the program by the Music Club at the Library Friday night, January 27, (tonight) at 7:30. This will be a sort of social and get-together meeting and it is desired that all members be present. An effort is being made to have a radio installed in order that the Club might hear Galli Curci, noted opera singer, make her debut over radio, which takes place at 8:00. Refreshments will be served.

WORK UNDER WAY ON LIONS CLUB PLAY

"Deal 'em Over" is Title of Comedy, With a Cast of 12 People

Work of rehearsing the play to be sponsored by the Lions Club at an early date, entitled "Deal 'em Over," got under way this week.

The play is in three acts and is full of laughs from beginning to end. The action of the play takes place in the living room of a Mr. Fowler's country home, "The Nest," near Fairfield, New York, and the time is between nine and eleven-thirty o'clock in the morning on a day in early summer.

The cast of characters follows:

Charlie Montrose, Bob Austin.
Ralph Keller, Ralph Moody.
Samuel Fowler, Mr. Gibbs.
"Daddy" Nichols, Dr. E. E. Adams.
Belham, C. W. Bailey.
Travers, H. G. Elkins.
Bill Clark, E. C. Mallonee.
Ivy Phillips, Eloise Fain.
Virginia Lawrence, Mrs. R. Meroney.
Evelyn Clark, Rosemond Cooper.
Mrs. Middleton, Jeness Cox.
Petunia Peachblossom, Mrs. E. C. Mallonee.

G. B. WALKER, EX-SENATOR, OF ANDREWS, DIES

Pneumonia Claims Stockraiser and Legislator of Cherokee County

ANDREWS, Jan. 24.—George B. Walker, former state senator, Democratic leader in Cherokee and Graham counties for many years, and a stockraiser and a large land owner, died Sunday at his home in Andrews. He had been severely ill of pneumonia for several days.

For twenty years Mr. Walker was chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Graham and later he served eight years as chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Cherokee county. He was for six years a member of the board of directors of the state hospital for insane at Morvanton.

Mr. Walker was elected to the state house of representatives from Graham county in 1883. His most notable political victory, however, was achieved in 1923 when he was elected to the state senate from the thirty-third senatorial district, which is normally Republican by a majority of about 1,500 votes but which gave Mr. Walker a majority of 700.

Mr. Walker's friends, speaking Monday of his interest in the cause of improved highways, recalled he often had given to the state highway department and to the county commissioners rights of way through his lands.

Mr. Walker was born in Cherokee county in 1855, a son of William and Margaret J. (Scott) Walker. In early life he moved to Graham county and was a merchant there for many years. In later years, however, he moved back to his former home here.

In 1884 Mr. Walker married Miss Martha Barker, who survived him. Mr. Walker left also three sons and two daughters; Miss Ethel Walker, a high school teacher in Asheville; Mrs. Marjorie Friel of Canton; W. W. Walker of Knoxville, Tenn.; Wayne Walker, of Andrews, and Gerald Walker of Savannah, Ga.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Church in Andrews Monday afternoon, and burial was in the Andrews cemetery.

Mr. Drew Wright of Topton, left Tuesday for Elizabethton, Tenn., to take a job as engineer for Worth Paynton Co.

FARM POWER PROGRAM BY CHEROKEE CO.

Motion Pictures Show Process of Tractor Building From Mines to Finished Product

A program both interesting and educational, showing the different processes in the manufacture of the Farmall tractor, from the time it left the mines until it reached its usefulness upon the farm, was staged by the Cherokee Hardware Company last Tuesday in cooperation with the Knoxville agency of the International Harvester Company.

The program began at 11 o'clock, with dinner to a number of farmers and business men at the Murphy Bakery Cafe. Following the dinner, the guests retired to the Bonita Theatre for motion pictures and speeches by local people, after which they retired to the Cherokee Hardware Company for a demonstration of the Farmall tractor and its use in power farming.

The pictures shown were interesting and educational. The process of manufacture of the Farmall tractor was taken up at the mines and followed through the furnace where it was melted from the rough state, or ore, into pig iron, then through different processes until it became pure steel. The different executions in manufacture, such as forging, rolling, moulding the different parts, assembling the machine, leaving the factory in trainload lots, on the field performing the different operations, such as pulling mowers, reapers, plows, harrows, rakes, loading hay onto wagons, etc., was shown in detail, and gave one an excellent idea of the labor-saving devices of modern farming. It was stated during the course of lecture that International Harvester Company's policy was to build and manufacture machinery that would eliminate the labor problem or reduce it to a minimum, and this policy was carried out in the process of manufacture also.

One of the tractors was delivered to Mr. Tabor, of the Peachtree section.

Editor Cherokee Scout:—

Will you be kind enough to allow me a little space in your paper in behalf of the citizens of Grandview community, we are not all dead nor all asleep, but we feel like we have been somewhat treated unkindly by the Highway Commissioners and the School board. We don't feel like we have had our share of the road money expended heretofore by the Road Commissioners. Therefore it makes a hardship on the patrons of our district or community to get our children to and from school. I don't at the present time know of any other section that has not a school bus to take the children to and from school except this one, although it seems almost impossible to get a car much less a school bus over our present road, and we as citizens of Grandview do hope that we may wholly share if not a little over our part of the road money expended during the coming spring and summer, so if not any more we may be able to secure a school bus for the next approaching term of high school and we are all still living in extremely good hope that the new proposed State Highway will come through our section and thereby will give the patrons of this section a good road to get their children to and from high school, and all of this section the citizens are eager to lend a helping hand in getting the proposed route this way. We feel like this is the most practical route that could be established for an outlet for Cherokee county as a whole,

Yours very truly,
M. H. PALMER