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CANDIDATES FILES AT MURPHY FOR COUNTY OFFICES

Democrats In Cherokee To Have Races For All But Two Posts

Several last-minute switches by both Democrats and Republicans featured the closing hours of filing candidacies for nomination for the various Cherokee county offices here Saturday afternoon. The Democrats have races in all offices except commissioners and coroner, while no Democratic candidate qualified for surveyor. The Republicans only gave a contest in the commissioners race. L. L. Mason, of Murphy, incumbent sheriff, qualified for the nomination for re-election on the Democratic ticket. He will be opposed for the Democratic nomination in the primary by L. M. Shields, of Culberson.

Simonds Withdraws

A. M. Simonds, who received the nomination for sheriff at the Republican convention last Monday, withdrew from the race late Saturday in favor of C. Z. Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey was a candidate before the convention and came within a few votes of receiving the nomination. He was opposed in the convention by former Sheriff J. Frank Bristol. The convention vote between Ramsey and Bristol was so close both withdrew their names from before the convention, and Mr. Simonds received the nomination as a dark horse.

Sam Akin, Democrat, of Murphy filed for clerk of the superior court. Mr. Akin was one of the first Democrats to announce for this office. J. T. Hayes, of Tomotla, announced about the same time. Late Saturday, Joshua Johnson, of Murphy, former chairman of the county election board, filed also for the clerkship.

G. B. Hoblitzell, of Andrews, who received the nomination by the Republican convention as a candidate for county commissioner, withdrew, and two more candidates filed for the nomination which necessitated the Republicans going in the primary on the contest for nomination of commissioners.

In the race for representative, Don Witherspoon, who received the Republican nomination by the convention, withdrew and C. E. Hyde, attorney and mayor of Andrews, qualified for the Republican nomination in this race.

In Race For Representative

P. A. Mauney, of Kinsey, for the past several years chairman of the county board of education, and Fred O. Scrogge, of Brasstown, member of the present board of commissioners, qualified for the representative race in the Democratic primary.

E. C. Moore, Democrat, chairman of the present board of county commissioners, is the only member of this board seeking re-election.

Candidates of the two parties who filed with the board of elections for the various county offices Saturday night are:

For sheriff: L. M. Shields, Culberson, Democrat; C. Z. Ramsey, Murphy, Republican; L. L. Mason, Murphy, Democrat.

Register of deeds: B. L. Padgett, Andrews, Democrat; R. L. Keenum, Suit, Republican.

Clerk of Court: J. T. Hayes, Tomotla, Democrat; John Donley, Peachtree, Republican; Joshua Johnson, Murphy, Democrat; Sam Akin, Democrat.

County commissioners: George F. Hendrix, Peachtree, Democrat; J. M. Morrow, Andrews, Democrat; E. C. Moore, Murphy, Democrat; J. M. Payne, Birch, Republican; E. A. Voyles, Murphy, Republican; O. G. Anderson, Culberson, Republican; W. A. Adams, Murphy, Republican.

Surveyor: James H. Crisp, Murphy, Republican.

Coroner: Dr. W. C. Morrow, Andrews, Democrat; Dr. S. C. Heighway, Murphy, Republican.

Representative: P. A. Mauney, Kinsey, Democrat; Fred O. Scrogge, Brasstown, Democrat; C. E. Hyde, Andrews, Republican.

Mrs. E. C. White, who received the convention nomination as Republican member of the county board of education, had not filed Saturday with the elections board. The Democrats who filed for this office are R. H. King, of Bellevue, W. S. Dickey, of Murphy, and Fred Martin, of Unaka.

Qualify For Constable

Jack McMillan, incumbent, W. A. Hampton, and Marion Carter qualified for the Republican nomination

J. B. Gray Is Named Mayor Of Murphy

J. B. Gray was elected mayor of Murphy Tuesday, defeating his opponent, Edmund B. Norvell, seeking re-election by a majority of 113 votes. Mr. Gray received 351 votes to 238 cast for Mr. Norvell. Both are Democrats.

The entire ticket headed by Mr. Gray was victorious in the election. Six town commissioners were elected as follows:

G. W. Ellis, a Republican, 545 votes; C. E. Mayfield, a Democrat, 353 votes; Noah Lovingood, a Republican 353 votes; Porter Axley, Republican 325 votes; W. G. Owenby, 308 votes; and L. E. Bayless, Democrat 348 votes.

Those defeated for commissioners are: E. P. Hawkins, a Republican, 288 votes; W. M. Fain, a Democrat, 272 votes; E. L. Townson, a Republican, 273 votes; and A. W. McIver, a Democrat, 275 votes.

Although the election was not conducted along party lines, a clash of personalities entered into the race. The new officials will take office this week.

A total of 614 votes were cast in the election. At the last municipal election 480 votes were cast.

LIONS CLUB MET TUESDAY NIGHT

The Murphy Lions club met Tuesday night in the private dining room of the Murphy Cafe, with about 18 members present.

Following a sumptuous repast, W. M. Fain, president, reported that much progress had been made by those interested in the establishment of the TVAC co-operative cannery at Murphy. Mr. Fain said that the committee already had the machinery in view and they hoped to begin work on the building within a few days.

Mr. Fain has been selected to lead the group of presidents of Lions clubs at the State convention of Lions at Salisbury next month. This is a distinctive honor conferred upon Mr. Fain and the local club because it is only conferred upon presidents of clubs with outstanding achievement records. The Murphy Lions club holds the district governor's cup won several years ago, for the best achievement record each year. Several times the local club has tied with some of the biggest clubs in the state for this trophy.

Kimble Miller, of the local office of the TVA was a guest of the club. He was introduced by Lion Bueck and made a few remarks on the TVA.

The annual election of officers will be held at the next regular meeting, it was announced, and Lion Secretary Adams reported two new applications for membership.

LAST RITES ARE CONDUCTED FOR EDD GIBBY, 23

Funeral services were held Monday for Edd Gibby, 23, who was fatally wounded in a knife fight, allegedly with Vinson Lee, 16, early Sunday morning. It was first reported, erroneously, that Lee had been killed by Gibby.

Lee is being held in the Cherokee county jail here without bond in connection with the death of Gibby. The fight occurred 5 miles northwest of Andrews. Gibby and Lee accompanied by Lee's two sisters started out hunting ramps near their home. The two girls became involved in an argument, which led to a fight. Gibby, officers said tried to part the two girls and pushed one of them down.

Then Lee is allegedly to have attacked Gibby with a knife, several wounds being inflicted on the latter's body. Death was caused by a wound near the heart.

At a preliminary hearing Sunday afternoon Lee was ordered held in the county jail without bond to await action by the grand jury.

Walter Bryson, 35, was arrested Wednesday afternoon on a warrant sworn out by L. C. Gibby, grandfather of the slain man, charging him with complicity in the killing. Preliminary hearing for Bryson was held at Andrews Thursday afternoon.

for constable of Murphy township. The Democrats did not have a candidate to qualify.

H. H. McDonald and T. M. Allen qualified for the Republican nomination for constable of Shoal Creek township, while T. J. Gilbert qualified for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Peace in Murphy township.

SCHOOL FINALS ARE HELD AT MURPHY HIGH

Awarding of Diplomas to 42 and Medals Follows Address Thursday Night

Commencement exercises of the Murphy schools came to a close Thursday night with the commencement address by Mayor-elect J. B. Gray, and the awarding of diplomas and medals.

Commencement exercises began last Friday night with the music recital of the elementary pupils.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday morning in the school auditorium by the Rev. Marshall C. Dendy, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Gainesville, Ga. The Rev. T. E. Higgins and the Rev. Stewart H. Long, pastors of the local Methodist and Presbyterian churches, respectively, assisted in this service, and special music was rendered by the high school glee club.

Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock Mrs. J. W. Davidson, music director presented her high school pupils in a musical recital.

Class day exercises for the seniors were held on Wednesday in the form of a class picnic. Members of the class and their sponsor took a picnic lunch and held their final pow-wow around a camp fire.

The recitation and declamation contests were held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock when high school and grammar grade pupils pitted their declaiming and reciting talents against each other for the medals offered by the Parent-Teacher association and the Murphy Lions club.

Diplomas were awarded to 42 pupils, comprising one of the largest graduating classes in the history of the school, as follows:

Kermit Ford Davenport, Julius Edgar Bailey, Joseph Freeland Ballew, Maude Josephine Anderson, Nannie Laura Gentry, Mary Beatrice Davidson, Harry Alfred Fain, Clyde Richard Townson, Neva Mildred Hyatt, Charles Hannibal Hyatt, Julius Napoleon Hill Jr., Irene Heddin, Millie Janette Green, Charles Johnson, Ernest David Hawkins, Helen Fannie Warner, James Lewis Moore.

Marys Marie Davis, Maggie Bell Kisselburg, Alice Irene Ramsey, Thompson, Leila Anes Raper, Ronald Winfred Graham, Wilda Edith Mason, Pearl Baker, Mary Ruth Ledford, Grace Abernathy Parker, Harriett Anne Louise Axley, Cleo Geneva Ramsey, Grace La Barbara Teague, Frank Herbert Hensley, Alva Eugene Harston, Lo's Blanche Keener, Thomas Ben Posey, Hoyt Thomas Phillips, Robbie Folsom Williamson, Oscar Hunt, Mary Evelyn Smith, Louise Walker Reece, Elbert Anderson, Alvin Gladson.

The winners in the Recitation and Declamation contest held on Wednesday evening were: Elementary girls' group, Sara Sward; Elementary boys' group, Jack Barnett; High school girls' group, Winfred Townson; High school boys' group, Freeland Ballew. Judges were from the Andrews school The High school Glee club and Dorothy Lahn furnished music during the intermissions. Medals for the winners were given by the Parent-Teacher association and Lion's club.

MAYFIELD TO RUN FOR N. C. SENATE IN 33RD DISTRICT

C. D. Mayfield, member of the present board of aldermen of the town of Murphy and a prominent lumberman of this section, qualified with the Cherokee county board of elections here Saturday afternoon for the Democratic nomination for state senator for the 33rd senatorial district, which includes the counties of Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Swain and Macon.

Mr. Mayfield will be opposed for the nomination in the June 2 primary by R. A. Patton, incumbent, of Franklin, and V. A. Browning of Bryson City, clerk of superior court of Swain county, who is also seeking the nomination.

The winner in the primary contest will be opposed by Clyde H. Jarrett, of Andrews Republican nominee, in the November election.

Mrs. W. C. Armstrong of Blairsville, Ga. who was hurt in an automobile wreck on Tuesday of this week was brought to the Petrie Hospital for treatment and was dismissed on Wednesday.

SIMONDS ISSUES STATEMENT

To my Fellow Citizens of Cherokee County:

It is with regret that I can not accept the nomination for the race of Sheriff for Cherokee County tendered me on May 30th.

I was not a candidate and had repeatedly refused many requests from my friends for the past few weeks to take the race and this was very unexpected to me. However, I do have words to express my thanks and gratitude for the confidence they have in me and for their loyal support in the past.

A. M. SIMONDS.

SCHOOL NEWS

Winners of Music

Appreciation Contest Announced

In the Music Appreciation Contest held last week Mildred Hill won first place with a perfect and the nearest paper, Billy Jackson second with a perfect and the second nearest paper. The scrap books were all most attractive and the Judges had difficulty in selecting two. After considering the contest of Musical Information contained in each Jean Daniels ranked first and Marian Axley second. All these pupils received prizes Thursday night at the closing exercises. Mrs. J. W. Davidson has been in charge of the Music appreciation hour during the year.

Seniors Give Gifts to School

After the Seniors had paid the expenses involved in presenting their play they decided to spend some of the proceeds for something needed in the school. At Mr. Bueck's suggestion they donated the commencement programs since there were no funds available for these this year. Then they decided to give ten New Winston Classroom Dictionaries and one unabridged reference Dictionary for the Study Hall. These will be a great help to all students. Wayne Townson one of the Seniors is donating a stand for the large dictionary. Money will also be left to buy a group of magazines to be used in connection with school work next year. A sufficient sum was set aside to finance the Class Day Picnic which was held on Wednesday at Carroll's Lake. The menu was full of appetizing dishes and the quantity was sufficient to satisfy all. Miss Latham and Mr. Bueck accompanied the class as chaperones.

SEVENTH GRADE PUPILS

SELECT BEST CITIZENS

At a meeting of all seventh grade pupils in the auditorium Tuesday they were asked to vote for the boy and girl whom they considered the best citizen. Mildred Hill won first count for the girls and Tyson Smith for the boys. Gladys Craig and Joe Miller Elkins ran close seconds.

The two winners received bronze medals offered the first of the year by the local American Legion post.

FINAL EXERCISES CLOSE

SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The final exercises last night marked the closing of one of the most successful years in the history of the school. 42 graduates were given diplomas and 51 boys and girls were promoted from the seventh grade to High School. Outside the measles epidemic which affected the attendance, activities have moved along smoothly and much has been accomplished through the untiring efforts of the members of the faculty.

MILDRED HILL WINNER

IN ART CONTEST

Murphy graded school had a winner in the State Art Appreciation Contest which was held in Raleigh last Saturday. Mildred Hill a member of Miss Hall's seventh grade won in the local contest here and went to represent Murphy in the final contest held at Raleigh. When prizes were announced our contestant was winner of second place in the City Elementary Group and received a large framed picture of Old Ironsides by Gordon Grant. The school is very proud of the record of our contestant since the City Elementary group was composed of City schools in the state and city units, Murphy coming under the latter. First place went to a boy from Durham City Schools.

SENIORS HEAR

SPLENDID SERMON

Members of the graduating class and friends of the school heard an excellent sermon Sunday by the Rev. Marshall C. Dendy of Gainesville, Ga. (Continued on page 8)

COMMITTEE ON TVAC CANNERY MET TUESDAY

Assistant To Director Jackson and Proposed Cannery Meet With Committee

Joseph H. Walters Jr., assistant to Arthur C. Jackson, director of TVAC, Knoxville, Tenn., and J. E. Barr, of Washington, D. C. canning expert, met this week with the local committee appointed recently for working out the details for establishing a co-operative cannery at Murphy under a grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority Co-operatives. Mr. Walters discussed the details and policies of proposition, while Mr. Barr conferred with the committee relative to the management of the cannery.

Members of the committee with whom Mr. Walters and Mr. Barr met are Mrs. Olive D. Campbell and George Bidstrup, of the John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown; J. H. Hampton, Quay Ketner, W. M. Fain, Dale Lee, J. H. Ellis, Mrs. J. W. Dyer and Mrs. James Wood.

The committee announced following the meeting that the establishment of the cannery was assured, and that work of repairing and renovating the building would begin within the next few days. It was also stated that the machinery and equipment for the cannery was in view but no definite transaction had been entered into yet.

With 74 acres of tomatoes and 10 acres of beans already taken by the farmers and sufficient funds subscribed by the business men of Murphy to provide the building and equipment, the committee is proceeding with organization work as rapidly as possible. The procedure so far has been necessarily slow, because every move undertaken has had to be worked out and submitted to the TVAC for approval.

Emphasis is being placed upon tomato acreage, with a minimum amount of bean acreage being allotted.

The building, erected several years ago specifically for a cannery, is partially equipped. The machinery required and which the committee has in view of retiring or purchasing, is a boiler, scales, two retorts or cookers and a cooling system. Tables, conveyors, hangers and pulleys are already in the building. The sealing machine will be rented from the company furnishing the cans.

The plans for the establishment of the TVAC cannery at Murphy is a three-fold co-operative proposition. The business men are furnishing the building and equipment. The TVAC is furnishing operating capital up to \$10,000.00 while the farmers are growing the produce to supply the cannery.

The organization will be incorporated under the laws of North Carolina, and controlled by a board of directors of eleven members, chosen from among Class B. preferred stockholders and common stock holders. Class A. preferred stockholders will have no voice in the management of affairs of the cannery. Class A. stockholders are those furnishing the money for the building and equipment. Class B. preferred stockholders includes the grant of operating capital by the TVAC, while the common stockholders are the growers and producers who become co-operating members.

The plan calls for all class A Preferred stock to be retired first of any indebtedness against the cannery, thus taking it out of the hands of the business men. The next step is to retire class B. preferred, eventually eliminating the TVAC, when the cannery will then be owned and controlled entirely by the growers and producers.

The ultimate objective of the present co-operative movement will require several years to achieve, but it is the long-range plan as projected by the TVAC officials and a program destined to demonstrate the value of co-operation among the farmers and tillers of the soil in the Tennessee Valley. The co-operative cannery at Murphy is one of the first projects of this kind to be established, and no doubt it will be watched with a great deal of interest by other communities throughout the valley.

A part of the program will be to interest the farmers of the section in growing truck crops. Experiments and demonstrations will be conducted from year to year to establish what truck crops are best adapted (Continued on page 4)