

LIONS HEAR GAS TAX SCORED BY STATE SPEAKER

Decision Made To Hold Minstrel Show Here Before Christmas.

J. L. Belote, of Raleigh, representing the North Carolina Petroleum Industries, Inc., was the principle speaker at the regular meeting of the Lions Club in the Murphy Cafe Tuesday night. Twenty-two members were present to transact the other business of the evening.

Mr. Belote went at length to explain that automobiles directly contributed 52 1/2 per cent of the tax revenue of North Carolina. Indirectly, he said, the figure would be larger.

Following are some of the taxes on automobiles and accessories that were listed as "too greatly taxed": gas, registration, sales tax on new automobiles, title, and inspection fees.

"My organization stands for six things," Mr. Belote declared, "repeal of the federal gas tax, reduction in gas tax, unalterably opposed for diversion of these funds for other purposes than building highways, lower license fee, and prevention of gas substitution."

"In four years," added the speaker, "the average automobile driver, through taxes, pays for an automobile that he never gets."

Discussions on the tax questions were offered by Lion president Buck, Stewart H. Long and C. W. Bailey.

Park W. Fisher explained that this work was right in line of that of the Carolina Motor Club of which he is a member.

The club went on record as backing Mr. Belote's six points.

A committee composed of Dale Lee, R. F. Williamson and Grady Crawford said that plans had been made to present a minstrel show before Christmas and a play, directed by Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, after the first of the year.

Lion president Buck said that work on the show would begin Monday and a number of assignments would be handed out to the various members of the local club.

W. M. Fain, past president of the Murphy club, said that the Lions publication had announced the local club as one of the most outstanding in this state and that the Asheville organization was much interested in this club.

MURPHY FOOTBALL TEAM WILL BE OFF FOR HAYESVILLE HI

Murphy's gridiron artists will venture over to Hayesville Friday with the blood of a stinging 7 to 0 defeat at the hands of Swain High gridders fresh in their eyes and a determination to pile up a huge score for revenge in mind.

Murphy and Hayesville have met once before this year on the local gridiron where Murphy pulled out with a 26 to 0 victory.

Up until last week Murphy was undefeated, having played two games that ended in scoreless ties, one with Bryson, the team that finally broke their record. The breaks were against the boys over there and they went down gloriously.

Hayesville took a trouncing in their last game and were on the short end of a long 73 to 0 score. Copperhill, who will play at Murphy next week, were the winner in the last game on home grounds this year.

Two CCC Members Are Hurt In Accident

Ezekiel Bowman and Wade Goldsmith, both of Walnut, N. C., and members of the CCC camp at Blairsville, Ga., were conveyed to the Petrie hospital here last week suffering from injuries sustained when they lost control of a motorcycle they were riding. Bowman, who is 19, and Goldsmith, 20, have returned to the camp hospital after improvement here.

NINE PRECINCTS ELIMINATED BY CONSOLIDATION

The consolidation of the nine precincts as ruled by the board with Johnson and Parker voting in favor of the action, and Morrow holding his decision for his successor, were as follows:

Andrews north and south wards consolidated, with the library named as the voting place. Topton precinct would come to Andrews. The north and south wards in Murphy would consolidate with the court house named as the voting place. The Tomotla precinct on the north side of the Valley river would come to Murphy and the south side would go to Peachtree.

Boiling Springs and Ebenezer were consolidated with Hangingdog; Ogretta and Upper Beaverdam were consolidated with Unaka, and Vests with Liberty.

Johnson explained that this action was taken to simplify the counting of the votes and expressed the opinion that with good roads all over the county the voters in the precincts that had been cut out would not have far to go to vote and a lot of time and expense would be saved.

This cuts Cherokee county down to 15 precincts. Originally there were 26 but Wolf Creek and Persimmon Creek were discarded and Johnson Monday night outlined a plan whereby there might be only one precinct in each township.

GIRL KILLS BOAR WEIGHING NEARLY 400 POUNDS IN CO.

From out of the wilderness of Tellico Mountain there came a strange tale this week of a 16-year-old girl who shot and killed a Russian bear said to weigh 400 pounds.

According to the story as told by Mr. D. Witherspoon, local attorney, Edith Haas was riding in a wagon when the large hog was spied. With two well-aimed shots from a high-powered rifle she felled the beast by shooting it through the heart and in the head.

The animal, nearly eight feet long and four feet in height, is said to be the largest of its kind ever known in this section.

FIVE MEN ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

Elbert Amos, one of the five men who escaped from the county jail at 11 o'clock Friday, voluntarily returned and gave himself up to officers this week.

Those escaping were James Smith, under sentence for assault and battery and manufacture of whiskey; Odell Ryder, charged with larceny; Jake Rogers, charged with affray; Elbert Davis, charged with violation of the prohibition law, and Paul Willis, being held on the same charge.

Cleveland Fain, jailer, said the men pried themselves out of their cells with sticks and wire and that they had a key to fit the front door which was found unlocked Saturday morning.

Up to press time officers had found no trace of the jailbreakers although it was reported that Smith was seen down in the lower end of the county.

At first it was believed that seven men had escaped, but two of them were found hiding in their cells.

Mrs. H. Bueck Will Aid In Gathering All News For The Scout

Mrs. H. Bueck has been added to the news staff of the Cherokee Scout this week and all persons having news items to submit are requested to get in touch with her either by phone or at her home.

Mrs. Bueck, wife of the superintendent of the schools in the Murphy unit, is formerly of Raleigh. She has attended several universities and has had a great deal of experience in this kind of work. Her phone no. is 98-J.

The Scout is very glad indeed to avail itself of Mrs. Bueck's services and is pleased to have her association in business.

LARGE BUILDING PROGRAM NEAR TO COMPLETION

Three New Stores Being Erected For Occupancy In Near Future.

According to present indications a large building program has begun in Murphy.

Mr. Noah Lovingood is having the three stores, now occupied by Lahn's Department store, W. D. Townson's furniture company and Mr. Lovingood's feed store completely renovated and remodeled with a view to building one large store for the Murphy Supply company. The sidewalk will even be torn up and a new one put in its place, he said.

Mr. Lovingood is planning to have the remodeling both upstairs and down in the Davis building finished by the middle of December where he will locate the new store.

At the same time Mr. W. D. Townson is erecting a new two story building directly in back of the Scout office. The new structure will be used as offices and show rooms for the furniture company, he said.

With the addition of several pieces of machinery, the present Townson shop will be rebuilt and greatly enlarged, aimed for greater output. The building should be completed in several weeks.

Mr. Townson said that 10 years ago his shop, then 240 square feet, produced its first piece of furniture—a cabinet made by hand. After the present building program is completed, his shop, display rooms and office will comprise more than 6,000 feet and a greater output thereby facilitated.

Work on the new Lahn building has surged ahead to near-completion and should be ready for occupancy in the near future.

The new building program is heralded by many as a return of prosperity in this area and will greatly aid Murphy in being the foremost shopping center in this part of the country.

COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION HEADS MEET IN RALEIGH

Word was received by Josh Johnson, chairman of the Cherokee county board of elections, this week by letter from L. P. McLendon, chairman of the state board of elections, that the 1934 session of the Institute of Government, would open in Raleigh, Thursday evening November 15 and continue through Saturday. The public is invited.

The letter read:

Election officials throughout the state will be particularly interested in the opening sessions Thursday evening, November 15, when the Chairman of the State Board of Elections and representatives of both political parties will discuss the following topic: "The Conduct of Elections in North Carolina and Proposed Changes in the Election Laws, Absentee voting, Separate registration and registration books for party primaries. Study of voting precincts with relation to the orderly voting at elections, Frequency of new registrations, Selection of local election officials, Supervisory Power and Authority of the State Board of Elections, Rules and Procedure for Conduct of Elections concerning Criminal Prosecution of Election law violations."

Throughout the day Friday, November 16, and Saturday morning, November 17, newly elected officials will have the opportunity to meet with experienced officials from all counties of the state and begin to familiarize themselves with the powers and duties of their offices, discuss problems confronting them with state officials and hear such nationally known speakers as Dean Roscoe Pound of the Harvard Law School, Judge Florence E. Allen, the first woman appointed to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Honorable William Stanley, Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

County Election Board Hears "Irregularities" In Last Week's Voting

MANY CASES TRIED DURING SESSION OF COURT HELD HERE

A large number of cases, mostly misdemeanors, have been heard before the Cherokee county juries and Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion the past two weeks in Superior court.

Both civil and criminal cases are being tried at this term of court and a number of sentences and fines have been handed out where conviction was found.

In the only important case that has been tried before this session, Ed Dewese, 23, pled guilty to a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Lake Lowe here last April and was sentenced to five years in State's penitentiary, in Raleigh.

HIGH PRICES GIVEN BY CATTLE BUYERS AT LOCAL MARKET

At the end of the third big cattle sale Tuesday which saw approximately 120 head of Cherokee and Graham county cattle cross the auction block, decision was made by the sponsors, Bob Patton, of Franklin, A. Q. Keener, county agent, and J. E. Hall, game warden, to have another on Tuesday, November 27.

The action was taken at the request of local farmers who have realized a good bit of money out of the past three sales for their stock, and was said by officials to be absolutely the last that will be held this season.

The last three sales have seen the auctioning of record-breaking herds and the officials believe the next sale will be even larger than the other as a good price for beef and the fact that winter feed prices are going up, have caused many of the farmers here to send their cattle to the local mart.

The terms of the next sale, as those of the past sales, will be the same with 50 cents being deducted for each head sold, and a fee of 25 cents charged for bidding back cattle.

ENGINEERS VISITS PROPOSED DAMS IN COLEMAN AREA

Mr. Pearce, of Knoxville, a member of the TVA engineering corps, was a visitor in Murphy this week and made several trips of inspection to the local proposed TVA dam site on the Hiwassee.

Other activities of the Tennessee Valley Authority workers here included an investigation of the reservoir around the Hiwassee dam 10 miles from here that supplies power for Andrews. J. D. Blagg, unit chief of the local force, said they were comparing the deposit in the basin of that dam with the probable deposit in the proposed dam at the Coleman site.

George D. Whitmore was expected in Murphy Wednesday evening for further inspection with the local engineers.

Mr. G. W. Candler Attends Last Rites For Asheville Uncle

Col H. M. Candler, prominent Athens, Tenn., attorney, and Mrs. Candler joined Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Candler of Murphy, here Saturday and went to Candler, N. C., to attend the funeral of their uncle, William G. Candler, Sunday afternoon.

The deceased was over 100 years old and was the oldest living alumnus of the University of North Carolina. He was a very respected, scholarly gentleman and one of the most distinguished men in this state. He left many friends in this part of the country.

VICTORY CONCEDED BY DEMOCRATS TO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Mrs. Gile W. Cover, of Andrews, acting chairman of the Cherokee County Democratic executive committee, Monday congratulated the county Republican candidates on their victory in last Tuesday's election. Mrs. Cover also conceded the election to the Republicans.

This is looked upon as ending the efforts of Democrats to contest the election on the grounds of irregularities in some of the precincts. Mrs. Cover last week asked the board of elections to order a new registration and new election.

Charges of irregularities in the election Tuesday were investigated at a meeting of the Cherokee county board of elections Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Challenges and counter challenges were made during the course of the canvassing of the returns Thursday afternoon and the elections board decided to hold a hearing Friday. Hot House precinct's vote was challenged in its entirety by Democrats on the grounds that a Republican was allowed to vote when not legally eligible. Republicans countered with a challenge on the ground that a Democrat from Tennessee was permitted to cast a ballot.

Ballot Boxes Impounded
The ballot boxes of the Unaka precinct were impounded for counting and investigation, it being charged that 36 ballots were spoiled.

The board, after canvassing some of the returns Thursday afternoon, adjourned at 4 o'clock to meet at 8 o'clock Friday morning to resume the counting.

Republicans challenged eight absentee ballots at Long Ridge precinct. D. M. Reece, chairman of the county Republican executive committee, after consultation with Republican leaders of the county, said the Republicans would challenge all absentee ballots cast in the election when the board met Friday. It was (Continued on back page)

ICKES DECISION ROUTES PARKWAY THROUGH N. CAR.

Word was favorably received this week to the effect that Secretary of the Interior Ickes had decided that the Parkway from the north into the Great Smoky national park should take a course through North Carolina rather than by way of Tennessee.

Asheville has been particularly interested in this move as a measure of getting much of the tourist trade the route would naturally bring this way.

North Carolina and Tennessee have fought bitterly over the situation ever since the Parkway route was first proposed.

Several months ago both states sent large delegations to Washington to appear for a hearing before the secretary on the proposed routes. Following the hearing Mr. Ickes announced he would make his decision. Harry P. Cooper C. W. Bailey, E. C. Moore and Mayor J. B. Gray formed the Murphy delegation that attended the meeting in behalf of this county. They acted on the suggestion of Wythe Peyton, Asheville postmaster, who canvassed Western North Carolina for various county delegates.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Attend Funeral Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Johnson were in Blue Ridge, Ga., Sunday to attend the funeral of Frank Olvey, young nephew of Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Olvey succumbed to a severe attack of pneumonia last week. The Johnsons returned to Murphy Sunday evening.