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VICTORY IS SEEN BY REPUBLICANS HERE THIS FALL

Reece Says Convention Will Be Held Here This Spring

Another victory for the Cherokee county Republicans in the fall elections of 1936 was visualized Tuesday by D. M. Reece, chairman of the local party.

As yet no move on the part of the party has been made, Reece, a Murphy magistrate of the peace, said, but he expects to call the Cherokee county convention some time early this spring.

Only one of the three county commissioners to be named in the coming election has more than the publican, Reece admitted, due to the enactment of a law in the 1935 session of the state legislature which split Cherokee county into three precincts as far as the voting for county commissioners is concerned.

The Murphy and Andrews precincts are decidedly Democratic while the third precinct, embodying the voters in the lower end of the county, is strong Republican. This virtually assures the Democrats of two commissioners and is the only dark spot on an otherwise bright political horizon in the eyes of the Republicans.

The Republicans in the county have stayed intact and Mr. Reece feels their voting power which carried away the offices of the 1934 elections has not been impaired.

Therefore he feels sure of members of his party being swept into the elective offices, but two Democratic county commissioners are expected to override Republican appointments to county offices.

Almost forced to concede victory to the Democrats in the county commissioners' offices, Reece said he believed the move to split up the county was unconstitutional.

"We are going to put up our nominations for county commissioners as usual", the leader said, "and it is probable that the board of elections will change them to fit this new law.

"After the elections we will contest the constitutionality of the movement either through local courts or by a writ of mandamus which will be presented before the supreme court in Raleigh."

The party head feels certain the Republicans will garner most of the county offices.

During the 1934 elections Republicans were placed in all county offices except that of one constable in the Andrews township. Light Democratic majorities showed up in the upper Cherokee county precincts but heavy Republican voting in the southern end of the county which contains no incorporated towns sent the Republicans into offices.

TAX PENALTIES TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY SHERIFF DECLARES

All persons in Cherokee county owing taxes are urged this week by Z. C. Ramsey, tax collector, to pay their taxes before February 1 at which time one-half of one per cent will be added to the fees.

If not paid by then another one-half of one per cent will be added in March, another in April and in May there will be a two per cent increase in the total amount.

"Many tax payers can save a lot of money by paying their taxes now", Mr. Ramsey said Wednesday, "and if they understood how much money the extra half of one per cent each month and other costs amounted to they would realize they could save a great deal by paying up now."

The penalties are provided by law and are completely out of the jurisdiction of the tax collector, Mr. Ramsey pointed out. The sheriff gets no part of the extra charge, he said.

REECE MOVES OFFICE

D. M. Reece, Murphy magistrate of the peace, has moved his office from the Townsend building to the rooms above the Murphy Supply company.

NO PURCHASES OF LAND BY TVA YET RECORDED IN CO.

While it is generally believed that the purchase of land in and around the Hiwassee river basin is the last major step before actual building begins on the Fowler's Bend dam, dockets in the register of deeds office show no appreciable purchases of these lands on the part of the TVA so far.

However TVA employees have been busy lately working on abstractions and land titles and it is a natural supposition that buying will begin in the immediate future.

Most of the land that would be needed for the erection of the dam is owned by the Mountain Land company, the Cherokee Land and Development company, the Southern States Power company and W. V. N. Powleson, of New York, who is also said to have large interest in the three companies.

The group owns a total of 17,072 acres of land which is assessed \$379,174.

ANNUAL DANCE TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 31ST

Mauney Heads President's Ball Committee In Cherokee Co.

Plans for a series of dances in Cherokee county on January 31st birthday of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, were being worked out this week by Walt Mauney and John Davidson.

The Roosevelt ball is sponsored annually by communities all over the country and 75 per cent of the proceeds go to local organizations for the prevention of infantile paralysis. The other 25 per cent is forwarded to national headquarters to be applied to a fund for research in connection with the malady.

The committee has been active this week making arrangements for a suitable ball room and music. Whether or not a square dance will be held had not been determined Tuesday night.

Mr. Davidson was particularly interested in publicizing the event as word had spread around that there would be no president's ball in Cherokee county this year. Both he and Mr. Mauney are working to present the finest dance, or series of dances, possible.

Annually the President declares his birthday be set aside for the event which brings in millions of dollars to fight the dreaded disease of paralysis.

During the past two years more than \$175 has been retained as the local share of the proceeds of the dances and has been turned over to the Young Woman's club of Murphy to be applied to the Mary Jo Davis fund.

Naturally the committee is anxious that every bit of support possible be given the dance and every one cooperate as far as possible in making it a successful event.

Complete plans are expected to be ready for formal announcement next week.

D. H. Tillitt Is Named Head of Wholesale Co.

D. H. Tillitt, of Andrews, was named president of the Wofford-Terrell wholesale Co., and George Mauney was elected general manager and secretary-treasurer at a meeting of the stockholders of the company January 9.

Mr. Tillitt succeeds W. G. Owenby who has held the post for the past five years.

Bob King, Roy Lovingood, Frank Owenby and Tom Terrell will remain as regular employees of the firm, the board decided.

It was just an accident, turning in that false alarm, Fireman Edward Crosby of New York City told the judge—an accident caused by too many cocktails on his night off.

LIONS DISCUSS BUILDING, LOAN PLANS AT MEET

Declare Institution Is Needed If Dam Is Built Here

A discussion of the possibilities of establishing a Building and Loan association here was heard by the local Lions club at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Details of the plan, which was launched here more than a month ago, were outlined by K. C. Wright, Murphy school teacher. A round table discussion followed and H. Bueck appointed committees to give further reports at the next meeting.

If the Hiwassee dam is built near here, which appears imminent at this time, it was pointed out that a financing institution for building would be necessary. One group of W. W. Hyde, J. B. Gray and K. C. Wright was appointed to investigate the ability of local citizens to properly finance the organization, and another committee of E. C. Moore, A. Q. Ketner and R. F. Williamson was named to investigate the means of prospective borrowers.

Under the plan which would be sponsored by the Murphy Lions club, local citizens would have to subscribe \$25,000, one-tenth of which would have to be in cash. The Federal government, providing it sanctioned the local move, would then add \$75,000 to the capital stock.

The club however, appeared to be approaching the project cautiously in order to insure themselves and any investors or borrowers from financial loss.

At the present time those wishing to build in this community are having trouble borrowing money from out-of-town institutions, and it is believed a local Building and Loan association would be an invaluable asset to this section.

The plan under the discussion would permit loans within 50 miles of Murphy.

Attempts are being made to have district governor Forrest Heath speak here at the annual Cherokee county banquet sponsored by the Lions club late in February, assistant secretary Dale Lee reported. Also he read a letter from Richard J. Osenbaugh, head of Lions International, who regretted he would not be able to appear at the local club during a forthcoming trip to Georgia.

The secretary was also instructed to send a wire to H. G. Elkins, member of the club and manager of the Southern States Power company, who is in the Fort Sanders hospital in Knoxville, Tenn.

Boys And Girls Teams Are Defeated By Indians

The Murphy high school basketballers lost a pair of games to the Cherokee Indians here Friday night.

The boys lost 30 to 17 and the girls were defeated 18 to 16.

The teams from the reservation displayed some of the fastest and most powerful offensive work witnessed on the local court in some time.

The teams will meet the Hayesville high quintets at the latter's ground Friday night. These teams have not met each other so far this year.

H. G. Elkins Improved

The Condition of Mr. Harve Elkins manager of the Southern States Power company, who is in the Fort Sanders hospital in Knoxville suffering from infections following a dog bite, was reported much improved Tuesday many friends here will be glad to learn.

Punchboards Banned

Mayor J. B. Gray instructed local police this week to enforce town and state laws against punchboards calling attention to strict penalties that will be inflicted on all persons caught peddling them.

Quite a number have been in evidence recently and the warning will probably do away with them.

Land Improvement Move Would Be Of Great Benefit Here, County Agent Says

\$10,000 IS PAID TO WPA WORKERS FOR LABOR WEDNESDAY

Wednesday was payday for \$55 WPA employees in Cherokee county and approximately \$10,000 was paid out to the workers for the first half of January. L. E. Barnett, assignment clerk and timekeeper for the administration in Cherokee county, said Tuesday.

The group, consisting of 830 laborers and 25 foremen, have been employed principally in repairing roads in the county.

All the workers have been given a ten per cent raise and are paid up to date, Mr. Barnett said.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS LAUDED AT DINNER WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Approximately 75 Democrats from Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties gathered at the Junaluska Terrace Wednesday night in observance of Jack-on Day which marked a series of similar meetings all over the nation symbolizing the party initial campaign for the next general elections.

A plea for close adherence to strict party principles and urgent demands to "stick by each other on down the line" was the keynote which mingled with the old-fashioned political rally that dominated the evening's events.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. J. N. Hill of Murphy. Those called on for remarks were: Bruce Slaughter, D. H. Tillitt, Harry P. Cooper, J. B. Gray, Bill Cover, Sara Ruth Posey, Frank Forsyth, Ed Ingram, Mrs. Dot Cooper, Paul C. Hyatt, John A. Tatham, Walt Wiggins, Bill Moore, Mary Tatham, Percy B. Ferebee, Lee Shields, Polie Piercy, Winslow Melver, E. A. Wood, Bill Whitaker, Tom Mauney, Dr. W. C. Morrow, Grady Crawford, Josh Johnson, Ralph Holland and Hayes Leatherwood.

An appeal was made by Dr. Hill and other speakers to stick by the Young Democrats. Much of the evening's program was turned over to them.

Following the dinner the group listened to the President's address over a national radio chain.

DOYLE D. ALLEY OF WAYNESVILLE TAKEN BY DEATH

Waynesville, Jan. 12.—Doyle D. Alley, Waynesville attorney, and president of the Young Democratic clubs of North Carolina in 1934, died at 8 o'clock here this morning after a short illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Alley was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Zeb B. Alley, of Jackson county, and was a nephew of Superior Court Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville.

Inspect Lake Contour Road Into TVA Dam Site

E. D. Jeffries, of the engineering division of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Roy Plennmons and J. C. Walker, North Carolina highway engineers, were in Cherokee county Tuesday inspecting a possible road from Murphy to the Fowler's Bend dam site that would follow the contour of the lake formed when the dam is built.

It is understood that the TVA and the highway department will cooperate in the running the road as close to the contours of the lake as their appropriations will possibly allow them to do.

BALL TEAM TO MEET

A meeting of the Murphy baseball team will be held in the Scout office Friday night January 24, H. H. Hickman, manager of the team, announced this week.

IS POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTE FOR TRIPLE A

Demonstration Farms Discussed Here By Group Saturday

While the recent invalidation of the AAA by the Supreme court will have very little effect on the financial status of the Cherokee county farmer, leading local agriculturists feel that a substitute, probably a land use and soil conservation move, will be of much more benefit to this particular section.

As most of the nation's big farmers remained shocked under the high court reversal action, a group of more than 20 farmers met in the court house here Saturday and discussed a farm land development move. The meeting had been called previous to the governmental action.

No definite steps were taken at the meeting, A. Q. Ketner, Cherokee county agent, said Tuesday, but there is a definite interest on the part of Cherokee county farmers to improve their tillable soil.

"Although I believe the AAA has considerably helped the farmer at large, it has meant very little to Cherokee county as there is no cotton raised here, hardly any tobacco, and farmers in this county have not kept any accurate reports of their corn and hog productions to give a basis for any payments", Ketner said.

A report from the state college of agriculture this week stated that up to September 30th, Cherokee county had received in AAA rental and benefits payments \$354.90; Clay county, \$894.94; Graham county, \$61.49; Swain county, \$61.50 and Macon county \$1,413.40.

Twenty-five dollars of the Cherokee county sum went to two tobacco growers and the remainder was paid out to two local hog raisers, he revealed.

"There is no doubt but that the triple A meant a great deal to the cotton and tobacco growers of the South and the corn and hog raisers of the Middle West, and its invalidation will be sharply felt, causing a drop in market prices on these commodities. Outside of the decline in prices there will be very little reaction felt here", Ketner ventured.

"However", he continued, "I feel there will certainly be a substitute for the AAA and the trend will move than likely be toward a land use and (Continued on back page)

BIDS ON ASSETS OF CLOSED BANK GIVEN TO COURT

After hearing bids on some \$70,000 worth of assets of the defunct Cherokee Bank here, officials decided Wednesday to recommend that the Superior court confirm the sale of 179 of the 194 listed items.

Item by item the bids totalled \$3451 Monday, and Tuesday W. M. Fain and associates bid \$4150 on the entire amount.

State bank commissioners and liquidating agents did not feel that these bids were large enough and decided to sell 179 of the individual items and foreclosure on the other 15.

The bank closed here four years ago and S. G. Owens, of Andrews, was put in charge of liquidating operations. At a meeting of the depositors on Oct. 30 it was decided to complete the liquidation process by public bidding and a board was appointed by J. B. Gray, attorney for the bank to consider the bids.

Smith Medlin, assistant commissioner of banks, and Clyde H. Jarrett, Andrews attorney, were in charge of the sale.

Court convenes here Monday at which time the recommendations are expected to be confirmed.