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G. O. P. PRIMARY WILL BE HELD IN MURPHY MONDAY

Reese Sees Republican Victory And Reelection Of Incumbents

The Republican party of Cherokee county will hold its annual primary in the court house in Murphy Monday for the purpose of selecting candidates for the several county offices in the bi-annual elections in November.

The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock, and following the selection of candidates other routine business pertaining to party matters will be discussed.

The convention in the court house will follow general precinct meetings and elections that will be held in the various townships of the county Saturday.

The party meeting has been called by D. M. Reese, Murphy justice of the peace, and chairman of the Cherokee county Republican executive committee.

The offices sought by the Republicans will be those of representative in the general assembly, sheriff, register of deeds, and county commissioner.

Another principal county office, that of clerk of the superior court, is not up for election this year as (Continued on back page)

FARMERS MUST PLAN CROPS TO GET PAYMENTS

County Agent Appoints Committee To Explain New AAA Program

All farmers in Cherokee county who wish to draw government benefit checks under the new federal farm program are advised by A. Q. Ketter, county agent, to begin planning their crops in such a manner that they will be eligible for benefits under the new plan.

A township committee of 18 have been appointed by Ketter to explain the details of the new triple A set-up to all farmers, and applications for crop benefit payments will be placed in their hands May 1.

Briefly, the situation as outlined by the government is this. To be eligible for benefit payments the farmer must plant one row of soil-conserving crops for every row of soil-depleting crops he plants.

In this section the main soil-depleting crops are corn, rye, wheat, potatoes and truck crops. Most of them are better or more commonly (Continued on back page)

STORE ACCOUNT LEDGER, OVER 100 YEARS OLD, DONATED LIBRARY HERE

Yes, they "put it on the cuff" 100 years ago.

The Murphy library recently was given a ledger which dates back to 1836 and carries accounts, paid and unpaid, of many old-timers in Murphy.

The book, although old in style and seemingly time-worn, is in perfectly good shape, perfectly legible, but not so perfectly balanced.

It is the generous gift of Mary Kate Hunter, of Palestine, Texas.

The book is now on display in the library.

It contains hundreds of names of citizens who are still probably well-known in this section.

It is a complete record of the sales of a century ago. Listed among its many items is something frequently referred to as brandy which sold anywhere from 25 cents to \$1.50.

Pistols, coats, wines—it was all the same. You could pay if you wanted to.

But neatly inscribed in the back (Continued on back page)

Mattox Heads Group Seeking Town Office

A second ticket, headed by H. A. Mattox for Mayor of Murphy, was filed in the town clerk's office this week and will compete with the incumbent board for election on Tuesday.

Those seeking the office of aldermen on the new ticket are: Grant Ledford, Frank E. Dickey, John Axley, J. W. McMillan, J. A. Richardson and I. L. Rice.

Mr. Mattox is the son of Mr. R. C. Mattox, and is connected with his father in the hardware business in Murphy.

HIGGINS CHILD NOT MURDERED CORONER SAYS

Says 15-Year-Old Andrews Mental Deficient 'Caused Her Own Death'

Upon further investigation into the death of Willy Belle Higgins, 15, of near Andrews, who was burned to death under peculiar circumstances Sunday a week ago all parties were absolved of any blame for her death by Coroner S. C. Heighway.

The girl, a mental deficient, was believed at first to have been murdered by some of her kinfolk with whom she had been staying and with whom, it is said, she had differences.

However, Dr. Heighway said he has gone into every angle of the case thoroughly and finds that the girl's death was caused by her own actions.

According to the coroner Willy Belle went to the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Steward, who live beyond the Junaluska Inn at Andrews, and set fire to the house. She then left the residence and hid in a smoke house that was used as a potato bin situated only a few yards from the house.

Sparks from the burning house set the potato bin on fire and Dr. Heigh (Continued on page five)

Winifred Townson Is "Best Citizen"

Miss Winifred Townson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Townson, of Murphy, and a graduating Senior of the Murphy high school, was voted the "best citizen" by the student body—an honor which carries with it the distinction of having been loyal, trustworthy, dutiful, respectful of the rights and property of others and a leader.

Winifred, a very attractive and popular girl, has been greatly interested in every phase of student life and has striven to promote "l'esprit de corps" among the students.

Ramsey Announces For Reelection Here

Sheriff Zack C. Ramsey, of Cherokee county, Tuesday announced himself for election to that post on the Republican ticket in the fall elections.

Mr. Ramsey made the announcement after filling the office two years from a commendable standpoint both as to his duties as a peace-maker and tax collector for the county.

His announcement read as follows: To the Voters of Cherokee County:

This is to notify the voters of Cherokee County that I am a candidate to succeed myself as Sheriff of Cherokee County, subject to the action of the Republican County Convention to be held May 4th, 1936.

Z. C. RAMSEY.

Mrs. Mary Alston will leave Friday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Hall of Asheville.

NORVELL TELLS OF WASHINGTON TRIP'S RESULTS

Says Officials Are In Sympathy With Desires Of This Section

RE-FOWLER BEND DAM To The Editor of Scout:

I am giving you statement relative to the visit of Mr. C. D. Mayfield and myself to Washington in interest of Fowler Bend dam, thinking that our citizens should know the true situation.

Last year in June I visited Washington in the interest of this dam with a view to procuring an appropriation from Congress for construction of said dam.

I had the assurance of Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, chairman of the TVA Board of Directors, that the Fowler's Bend dam was next in importance for flood control and aid to navigation to the Norris dam on the Clinch river, and if an appropriation could be procured it would be the next dam to be constructed. In the deficiency appropriation bill in August 1935, \$1,000,000 was appropriated for construction of the Fowler's Bend dam.

The TVA has been doing preliminary (Continued on back page)

1936 CLASS TO BE GRADUATED HERE TONIGHT

Hon. Clyde Erwin to Address 58 Seniors; Distinguished Program

Tonight 55 Seniors will cross the stage of the Murphy high school auditorium, receive their diplomas symbolic of four years hard work in high school, and take their first major step into the world as responsible men and women.

There has always been a bit of sentiment and sadness connected with this phase of the young man's or young woman's life and the spectacle seldom fails to bring a packed audience to the auditorium.

A highly contributing factor, however, is the announcement made recently that Clyde A. Erwin, State superintendent of schools, will give the graduation address.

The number of graduating seniors this year outstrips last year's record mark of 50 by five members, and sets a new record in the number of those receiving diplomas from the (Continued on back page)

BALL TEAM WILL MEET FIRST FOE HERE ON SUNDAY

The Murphy baseball club will meet its first foe of the season Sunday when the locals face the Copperhill club on the Murphy diamond.

What kind of a team Murphy will have is just as much of a mystery as the end of the world; but it is believed that Dick Burleson will prove the same old capable "pill-tosser" and all the old regular locals will be able to scoop 'em, toss 'em and bat 'em out just as good, or better, than ever.

Besides being the first game of the year, it will be the first game under the new managership, with Carl Townson as the guiding hand.

The boys are really going to put something into it this year. They had the best team in "these byar parts" last season, and the fan who likes a good ball game will get more than his money's worth.

A. W. McIver, Abe Hembree, Eph Christopher and Grady Crawford, the new board of directors for the team, will give individual score cards with each paid admission to the game.

Morgan Says Work To Start On Dam Soon If Funds Are Appropriated By Congress

Carl Townson Named To Take Voyles' Place

Carl Townson, Murphy ice and coal dealer, Tuesday was named by John Donley, clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee county, to fill the office of county commissioner which was left open upon the death of Mr. E. A. Voyles several weeks ago.

The power for appointment to this office is vested solely in the clerk of the court. Mr. Townson, who is also a prominent farmer in this county, has been active in town and county politics for some time.

GEORGE ELLIS ELECTED HEAD OF LIONS CLUB

Following Elections Ketterer Asks Aid In Promoting Cattle Sale

George Ellis, prominent Murphy oil distributor, Tuesday night was elected the new president of the Murphy Lions club.

Other officers named in the annual elections were: Dale Lee, secretary (re-elected); Tom Case, treasurer; Dr. R. W. Petrie, W. M. Fain and H. G. Elkins, first, second and third vice-presidents respectively; Park W. Fisher, Tail Wwister; The Rev. W. Arthur Barber, Lion Tamer, and Grady Crawford, Virgil Johnson and Peyton G. Ivie, directors. Other officers are also directors of the club.

The new men will take office May 26.

Mr. Ellis, for years a vice-president of the club and one of its most active members, succeeds H. Bueck, who has held the post for the past two years.

At Mr. Bueck's suggestion his name was stricken from reelection possibilities because of the continued service he had given from the chair. He said he sincerely regretted not being able to serve in that capacity again, and Mr. Ellis expressed himself at being very appreciative of the distinguished office tendered him.

Mr. Case succeeds Harve Elkins, who has held the position of club treasurer for years. Dr. Petrie and Mr. Fain received reelections as vice- (Continued on back page)

Lady Dickey Very Ill

The condition of Mrs. Nettie Dickey, the grand old lady of Murphy, remains critical this week. However she was said to be resting a little more comfortably Wednesday night.

OFFICERS FIND GUN ON JAILED MAN HERE FACING TRIAL FOR MURDER

Through a tip to the sheriff's office here Monday afternoon a possible escape of a man being held in the Murphy jail for murder was frustrated.

Acting on the tip-off Sheriff Zack Ramsey and Constable McMillan searched a suitcase belonging to Ralph Matheson, Robbinsville cafe owner, who is being held here following a mistrial in the Graham county court last month for the slaying of his wife, and discovered a pistol.

Matheson is said to have obtained the gun from Oscar Gregg and Sander Woodard, both of near Blue Ridge, who were arrested here Monday afternoon by McMillan and placed in a cell with Matheson at the local jail.

Fannin county officers had requested policeman Neil Sneed of Murphy to be on the watchout for two men who had robbed a home in Blue Ridge and stolen a pistol and (Continued on back page)

Savage Letter, Norvell's Report Give Optimistic View Locally

A letter received here Wednesday morning by C. W. Savage from Dr. A. E. Morgan, chairman of the Board of Directors of the TVA, hinted at early construction on the Hiwassee dam providing Congress sees fit to make the necessary appropriation for the project.

The letter to Mr. Savage read as follows:

"Your letter of April 13 has been received, and I appreciate your comments on our report, 'The Unified Development of the Tennessee River System.' In submitting this report which was directed by Congress, the Board had in mind setting forth a program of development which would best serve the Tennessee Valley as a whole. You of course will recognize that it is our duty to make plans which seem to provide the greatest degree of general benefit for the whole region.

"With reference to that portion of your letter concerning the sequence of construction of the Fowler Bend and Fontana Dams, it occurs to me that you have overlooked Table 3, 'Suggested Program of Dam Construction,' in the report. This table indicates graphically the present status of the Authority's program. You will notice that it contemplates beginning preliminary work on the Fowler Bend Dam during the fiscal year 1936 and construction work during the fiscal year 1937; also that, under this schedule, preliminary work on the Fontana Dam would be begun during the fiscal year 1938. In other words, if this program should be followed, the Fowler Bend Dam would get under way about nine months ahead of the Fontana Dam.

"However, whether this schedule or a modification of it will be followed now rests with Congress. We are now waiting for action by Congress on this matter."

"Thank you for writing me. We are always glad to receive information and suggestions from everyone interested in our work."

Ralph Moody Returns To Murphy For Summer

Mr. Ralph Moody, popular young Murphy attorney, returned here Saturday from Texas where he has been confined in a hospital for the past year.

In greeting his many friends, Mr. Moody said he would probably be here for the remainder of the summer. He is looking fine and is as jovial as ever.

He was accompanied by his wife.

School Heads Confer Here With H. Bueck

Three men prominently connected with North Carolina's educational system were in Murphy this week conferring with H. Bueck, superintendent of the Murphy schools, on more adequate schooling for local pupils and better school bus transportation.

They were: Loyd Griffin, executive secretary of the State School commission; C. F. Gaddy, chief assistant of bus transportation, and O. J. Holler, a member of the State School commission.

The group, with Mrs. Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Bueck, were entertained one day at the Notia tale mines by Mr. J. W. Bailey, owner of the mines.

Mrs. H. R. Gobble, and Miss Mary Loggins, of Isabella, Tenn., were business visitors in town Monday.