

## GOP OF COUNTY WILL PICK SLATE HERE SATURDAY

### Party Members Happy Over Report of Rift Among Democrats

Republicans from all over Cherokee County will gather in Murphy, Saturday, April 11, in a convention to select their candidates in the coming primaries.

Republicans throughout the County are jubilant over prospects, expecting a clean sweep of all offices except a majority of the Commissionerships—which is impossible because of the re-districting put through by Col. Harry Cooper—and the office of Register of Deeds, where it is admitted there is small chance of beating Bass Padgett, the incumbent.

Nevertheless, there is comparatively little interest in the elections on the part of the Andrews rank and file. They seem more concerned about the war, about the reopening of the tannery, and about the future of Andrews with work at the Nantahala Dam in its last stages, and with black prospects of summer tourist trade, because of the tire shortage. With rising prices, with comparatively few sources of income, and with little hope of foreign money, the voters are thinking too much about business of making a living, they say, to worry about who holds this office or that. Under war conditions, it is pointed out, there is little to be gained or lost by the rank and file voter, regardless of which side wins.

However, party pride still exists, and prospects for a Republican victory are admittedly bright. There is a reported rift in the Democratic ranks.

No one yet knows who is going to be the nominee on either side for Sheriff, Loster Mason, whom Carl Townson defeated last time, has said he plans to seek the nomination again, but he may have opposition. Carl Townson recently announced that he would not seek re-election; but when seen Monday he refused to repeat the statement, and indicated that he might change his mind.

E. L. Shields has announced himself as Democratic candidate for clerk of the Court. No Republican has yet come out for the post. Donley has declared, positively that he does not want the post again. The office pays a salary of \$2,500 a year (no fees) out of which the Clerk must pay the salaries of all his office help.

As to the Commissionerships, there will be at least one new face when the Board is chosen—for Ed Wood, Democrat, and a power in the County Governing Board, has stated, positively, that he will not run again.

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## Jesse James, the Bandit, Coming Here Call The Law, Boys, and Load Those Guns!

Mr. Henn says—and does it with a straight face—that he is going to produce the one and original Jesse James, alive and in person, on the stage of the Henn theater next Wednesday.

It makes no difference to Mr. Henn that the fabled bandit—who is reputed to have robbed the rich, only so that he could give to the poor—was shot and killed by one of bandit side kicks back in 1882.

It makes no difference that the killer, named Howard, was paid \$10,000 reward by the grateful "L.S.W." It makes no difference that Jesse's brother, Frank, helped bury the slain train robber—and if Jesse's own brother didn't know him, we'd like to know who did.

It doesn't even matter that Howard was later also killed—some say by Frank, in revenge.

## "Safe; Feel Fine; Love" Says Phillippine Cable From Capt. Bill Miller

Captain Edward S. Miller, son of Mrs. Mel Miller, and generally known as "Bill," sent a word of greeting and reassurance to his mother this week from the Philippines, where he is on duty with embattled American-Filipino forces. It was the first word received from him since Christmas.

Although the hospital at which Bill is stationed was bombed by the Japs the Murphy boy evidently escaped injury. His brief message stated:

"Safe. Feeling fine. Love, Bill."  
The message had been radioed to Australia and sent to America by cable.

## "Wif" Stamey Shot At Base of Brain; Saved By Miracle

Shot behind the ear—a spot that 999 times out of a thousand is instantly fatal, Wilfred ("Wif") Stamey was miraculously saved from death when the bullet followed the contour of his jaw bone and came out just in front of his nose, without touching a vital spot.

Rushed to Murphy General hospital, Stamey was given emergency treatment by Dr. Bryan Whitfield, and was saved despite the fact that he had lost quantities of blood which spurted from the two bullet holes almost like a hose. Dr. Whitfield said that barring unforeseen developments, Stamey will be able to return home Friday or Saturday. He added that had the bullet's course changed the tiniest fraction, death would have been instantaneous.

The victim, known far and wide as "G man" because of his great ambition to be a Government detective, was shot accidentally as he stood in a cafe in Murphy. One of the counter men picked up a heavy revolver kept in the place, to move it, and is said to have attempted to twirl the weapon about on his finger, "western style." The gun was accidentally discharged and Stamey was standing directly in the path of the bullet.

The youth who did the shooting took Stamey to the hospital and guaranteed payment of all bills for medical attention.

### PROFST QUILTS FEDERATION

Roger Ammons has been made manager of the Farmers Federation warehouse in Murphy, to take the place of Melvin Propst, who resigned to take other employment. Mr. Ammons comes to Murphy from Sylva, where, for two years, he has been a assistant manager. He is a native of Macon County.

## DRAFTEES MUST GIVE FULL DATA ON JOB FITNESS

### Many May Be Sent Into Defense Industries Instead of Army

An occupational registration is being conducted jointly by the Selective Service System and the United States Employment Service.

Every man between 20 and 44 years of age who registered for Selective Service on February 16 will receive an "Occupational Questionnaire" from his local Selective Service Board. Each questionnaire is in two identical parts—one for the Selective Service System and one for the United States Employment Service.

The occupational questionnaires will be studied to determine which men are already qualified or can be quickly trained for work in essential war industries. Those men will then be asked to come to the local United States Employment office for a fact-finding interview.

Workers possessing skills important to war production, but who are not working in war industry or in essential civilian activities, but who are willing to be trained and transferred to such work, will be given an opportunity to do so.

The Employment Service will be able to inform the Selective Service System whether or not any individual possesses a skill urgently needed by the war industries. The Selective Service System will be guided by this information on war production labor needs in making its decision as to the way in which each individual can best contribute to the war effort.

These questionnaires, are being mailed this week, and must be filled out and returned to the Selective Service Boards within ten days after they are received. The local Selective Board will keep one part of the questionnaire and send the other identical part to the local United States Employment Service office in its area.

Applicants who need help in filling out their questionnaires can get assistance from any office of the United States Employment Service, or from a member of the local Draft Board.

## Mrs. J. W. Townson, Mother of Sheriff, Claimed by Death

Mrs. J. W. Townson, 75 year old mother of Sheriff Carl and Dave and George Townson, died in Murphy General hospital last Friday following a long illness. She had been a patient in the hospital for seven weeks.

Besides her sons, she is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Pat Cearley, of Atlanta; Mrs. Olson Hall, of Marble and Mrs. Otis Turner, of Culberson, and by two step-daughters and two step-sons.

The step-daughters are Mrs. Mary Pope, of Marietta, Ga., and Mrs. Isadore Thomas, of Culberson. The step-sons are E. L. (Lige) Townson of Murphy, and John Townson of Culberson.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Amanda Pope, of Blue Ridge, Ga., and six brothers: Juan Thompson, of Lost Hills, Calif.; G. W. Thompson, of Canton, Ga.; and A. J. J. L. Wesley, and S. W. Thompson all of Culberson, Rt. 1.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the Bethany Baptist church, in Georgia, with the Rev. H. L. Paisley, of the Murphy Presbyterian church in Murphy and the Rev. A. B. Cash of the Murphy Baptist church officiating. Mrs. Townson's father gave the land on which the

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## Prisoners Try to Set Fire to Car Carrying Them to State Pen

Bert Beasley and Clarence Cornwell made good their threat to "raise H—" before they ever went to the pen" on Monday when, enroute to Raleigh, they set fire to the Sheriff's car, in which they were being taken to Raleigh to serve four and five years, respectively.

Quentin Townson was driving and Deputy Sheriff Press Gentry was sitting beside him. The prisoners, handcuffed together, were in the back seat.

Shortly after leaving Tomotla one of the prisoners asked for a match to light a cigaret. It was given him. A moment later there was a strong smell of something burning, but nothing could be found.

The smell persisted, and just outside Andrews the car was stopped and a careful search made. Wedged between the two front seats, between the back and the seat itself was a burning rag.

Young Townson said he had never seen the rag before.

## Dr. J. W. Thompson Recovering From Stroke In Office

Dr. J. W. Thompson, one of the oldest and best known dentists in Western North Carolina was stricken with paralysis in his office in Murphy on Monday. Taken to his home, he is under the care of Dr. Bryan Whitfield, who wired his two children advising that they come to their father's bedside.

The children, Bill, a physician, specializing in children's diseases and now studying at a New York hospital left with his wife immediately and arrived in Murphy Wednesday. The daughter, Mary Lou (Mrs. R. E. Barclay) hurried over from Copperhill.

Dr. Thompson's condition is regarded as especially grave because of his advanced age. He is in his seventies.

He has had a professional career covering this entire section. He started practicing in Robbinsville, later he had offices in Hayesville, Young Harris, and Blairsville. Then he moved to Andrews, where he practiced nearly eight years.

He moved to Murphy about 1909. Many patients have come from the other towns to be treated by him.

### BUECK ON DEFENSE TRIP

H. Bueck, superintendent of the Murphy school unit, who is a member of the Commission for Defense of Democracy through Education, will attend a meeting of the commission in Greensboro Saturday.

### AX THE AXIS

## Tomotla Youth Proves Best In County In Essay Contest Held In Public Schools

Approximately \$55.00 in Defense Stamps and twelve sport jackets are being distributed this week among the winners of the Forest Conservation Contest recently held in the schools of Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties. The winner of the Grand Prize in Cherokee County was Kenneth Farmer, a ninth grade student in the Murphy High School who, as a winner of a division prize and the writer of the best essay in Cherokee County, was awarded \$6.60 in Defense Stamps and a sport jacket bearing a conservation emblem. Other division winners in the Murphy School Unit were Edolse Barton of the seventh grade and Mary E. Hunt of the tenth grade, who were each awarded \$1.60 in Defense Stamps and a sport jacket. Similar prizes were won by winners of the division prizes in

## WORKER KILLED AS CAR PLUNGES OFF DEAL'S GAP

### Homer Millsaps Steers Backward Off Road And Falls 600 Feet

The precipitous drop from Deal's Gap near Robbinsville claimed another victim this week when Homer Clinton Millsaps, 49 year old worker on the new Fontana Dam plunged 600 feet down the sheer side in his car. His chest crushed, his face out and with numerous internal injuries the injured man was rescued and rushed to a hospital in Murphy where he died Wednesday morning.

Mr. Millsaps, who lived in Hayesville, route 4, was on his way home. Stopping his car by the road he had trouble with his starter and hailed some passers-by asking aid. With Millsaps at the wheel others began pushing the car backwards in an effort to make the ignition catch.

Millsaps was watching them so intently that he forgot to watch where he was steering and his car rolled backward off the road and down into the ravine 600 feet below. The car was totally wrecked.

Funeral services were set for Friday afternoon from the Hayesville Baptist Church, with Ivie Funeral Home in charge.

The dead man is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Floyd Ledford, Mrs. George Bristol and Miss Violet Millsaps, all of Hayesville.

## Baptists to Ordain Six As Deacons on Sunday

Six laymen have recently been elected to the Deaconship of the First Baptist church in Murphy. They will be ordained and installed at special services on Sunday morning, April 12.

This raises the number of deacons in active service to twelve.

The men to be ordained on Sunday are: Dr. W. A. Hoover, K. C. Wright, W. C. Kinney, Noah W. Hembree, Arden D. Davis and Alvin Buchanan.

The present board consists of Cyrus C. White, Peyton G. Ivie, Noah W. Lovingood, V. M. Johnson and Allen Lovingood.

### MAKES HONOR ROLL

Carlton Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wells of Marble, made the Beta honor roll for the winter quarter at Western Carolina Teachers College. To be eligible for the Beta honor roll, a student must have made a minimum of 32 quality points.

Necessary amounts of chlorine for water purification will be provided throughout the Nation despite the War Production Board.

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