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ROAD MEETING AT HAYESVILLE ON WEDNESDAY

Mr. James G. Stikeleather, Ninth District Highway Commissioner, Mr. J. C. Walker, District Engineer, met the people of Clay County in the courthouse in Hayesville at 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, April 25th.

Mr. James Penland announced the object of the meeting was to urge and insist upon the importance to the people of Clay County of the early completion of State Highway No. 28, and to urge, insist and appeal to Mr. Stikeleather to have all money to be spent in Clay County on No. 28 after recounting the history of this road and part in it.

Mr. O. L. Anderson then stated the active interest he had in this road from its inception, asked for permission to state what he had been erroneously reported as against this road when it was not the case and the facts were to the contrary, and that he always had been and would still be in the road.

Mr. Stikeleather then clearly, fully and frankly stated what he was doing and why he was doing it. He stated that last fall when he was here he was urged to surface the road from the Georgia line to the westown bridge; that at that time there was no railroad and it did seem imperative that this be done; that accordingly made his plans and contracts; that thereafter a delegation of Clay County citizens met at the Ocona Luffy River bridge, Swain County and urged him to sign up No. 28 with the surface and go on to the Georgia line; that it seemed feasible and appealed to him and that he took it up with the Highway Commission and this was agreed to, subject to the approval of the engineers; that thereafter a report was submitted to the engineers that Mr. Walker and Mr. Ames, District Engineer, came to Clay County and examined the road to the Georgia line and found that it was not to the extent that it must be surfaced now in order to save it for this reason alone he was going to the Georgia line with a surface; that it was solely a question of saving a road that had been built and graveled at great expense. He stressed the fact that he had his mind constantly on No. 28 and that now since No. 10 was practically completed that one of his ambitions was to complete No. 28 and he assured the people that he would make no definite promises as to the time that he would place the Shooting Creek road at as soon as funds were available for this work, without being unfair to the other parts of the District.

He then called on Mr. Walker to state the conditions which moved the engineers to insist on surfacing the Georgia line. Mr. Walker, district engineer, stated that when the proposal was made to turn up Shooting Creek road at Mr. Stikeleather's request came to Clay County with Mr. Ames, chief engineer; that they made an examination of the road leading to the Georgia line; that originally ten inches of gravel had been placed on the road; that it was worn down to five; that it was the opinion of Mr. Ames and himself that unless this road was surfaced that it would be beyond repair in a short while; that it cost out \$8,000.00 per mile to gravel a road; that it only cost about \$500.00 per mile to treat this surface; that it was economy to now spend \$3500.00 per mile to save a road rather than let it go for another year or two when it would cost \$8,000.00 per mile to regravell and then the \$3500.00 per mile in

UNAKA CITIZEN TAKES OWN LIFE

James K. Bryson, 72 year old resident of Unaka, shot himself with a 45 caliber pistol on Tuesday of last week, and was buried in the Unaka churchyard Wednesday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. T. Dockery.

Mr. Bryson, who was living with his brother, went to bed about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning and shortly thereafter shot himself.

Members of the family, hearing the report of the pistol, rushed into the room to find him dead, life having passed out instantly.

Mr. Bryson had been married twice, but was separated from his last wife, and it is thought that this preyed upon his mind and was a contributing factor to his death. On Friday of the week before he had visited the cemetery where his first wife was buried, cleaned off her grave and a space beside, and told his brother that there was where he wanted to be buried. Shortly before Mr. Bryson took his life, his brother left the house and went to the store. At that time he gave his brother instructions as to what to do in case something should happen, but no one thought he meant to take his life.

He was in the best of health, and the tragedy was a shocking surprise to his family and friends.

Mr. Bryson was well known in this section, and had served as a deputy Sheriff for 25 years or more, but was not one at the time of his death. He was a deacon in the Baptist church at Unaka, and was a highly respected citizen of the county.

He is survived by his estranged wife, and three brothers: Goldman Bryson and Johnny Bryson, of Unaka, and Sam Bryson, of Coker Creek Tenn.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Being the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting Held Wednesday, April 18th

The last meeting of the Club year, 1927-28, was held in the Club rooms on April 18th.

Meeting was opened by singing of Club Hymn.

Club Collect by the president.

Minutes of March 21st read and approved.

Report of the work done by the Club since October 1st, 1927, to date was read by the secretary, while the treasurer gave the financial report, covering the same date.

An invitation from the High Point Woman's Club to the annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, which meets in that city May 1st to the 4th, was read by the secretary and the following delegates were elected to attend this convention: Mrs. R. S. Parker and Mrs. Ralph Moody.

The president spoke of the Illiteracy Fund of \$5.00 which each county is asked to pay. Our district President, Mrs. Black, has asked that the Andrews and Murphy Clubs pay this amount for Cherokee county. The matter was deferred until a later date.

The secretary read a letter from the Brassstown Community Club extending to the Murphy Woman's Club an invitation to meet with them Saturday, April 21st, and plans for accepting this invitation were made.

The president told of the need of flowers and books for the library, and each Club member, or any friend of the Library, was asked to donate a plant and book.

Mrs. J. W. Davidson, chairman of the nominating committee, made the following report: For President, Mrs. W. M. Axley; Vice President, Mrs. J. P. Anderson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. C. Mattox; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. W.

COLLINS ENTERS BUSINESS IN DICKEY BUILDING

The building program goes along apace in Murphy. The Store building of Mrs. Nettie Dickey, at the Postoffice, was completed last week and occupied by T. L. (Uncle Tom) Collins with a stock of dry goods, clothing and shoes.

This building is two stories, forty-six feet in depth with twenty-five feet frontage on Tennessee Street. It is constructed of brick, and is modern in every detail. The ground floor is built especially for a store, while the second story is equipped for hotel purposes, there being five rooms and four baths, and will be used by Mrs. Dickey in connection with her hotel.

Mr. Collins was formerly in business in the Grant building, as manager of the store of the National Sales Company. The lease on this company's store room expired about the first of the year and it went out of business, but Mr. Collins was so impressed with Murphy as a trading center that he has entered business for himself.

The foundations for the Adams store, office and apartment building were poured last week and the brick work is progressing rapidly. The contractors, Barnett Brothers, have a large crew of men at work on the job and it is expected to be completed by late summer. This building will contain four store rooms on the first floor, and offices and apartment on the second floor, and it is understood that the space has already been let.

MURPHY TAKES GAME FROM ANDREWS HIGH

The Murphy high school baseball team defeated Andrews high on the local ground Tuesday afternoon in a hot contest, the final score being 2 to 1. The game was largely a pitchers battle, Barton for Murphy striking out 17 of the Andrews batters. The Andrews twirler also did effective work.

Two weeks previously, the Andrews team had defeated the local on the Andrews grounds by a score of 5 to 3. The contest Tuesday, therefore, evened up the count. An attempt is being made to schedule a third game with the Andrews team.

Bell; Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Storey.

The above named officers were unanimously elected by a rising vote.

Following the business session, the president introduced Mrs. Cathleen W. Warren, our welfare worker who comes to us in the place of Miss Elizabeth Smith. Mrs. Warren told of the chief duties of the welfare worker, and spoke especially of the need for a Girl Scout organization. It was voted by the club to allow this organization when perfected the use of the Club room as a meeting place.

Following Mrs. Warren's talk, the Club was delightfully entertained with a vocal solo by Mrs. Ralph Moody.

Mrs. E. B. Norvell, the retiring president, thanked the Club and expressed her gratitude for the co-operation given her in carrying on the work of the Club, and bespoke for the incoming president, Mrs. W. M. Axley, the same loyal support. Mrs. Axley proposed that the Club extend to Mrs. Norvell a rising vote of appreciation for her faithful and efficient service during her term of office.

Meeting adjourned.

WALKER COUNTY IS PROPOSAL

Nantahala and Valleytown Townships Want New County of Walker with Andrews Co. Seat

(Franklin Press)

A new county in Western North Carolina is the ambitious scheme now being sponsored by Nantahala township of Macon county and Valleytown township of Cherokee. The new county would include the two townships mentioned, a slice of Swain county so as to include Nantahala Station, a small corner of Graham and the Clear Creek section of Clay. Such is the proposal outlined here Sunday by a prominent citizen of Nantahala township. Walker will be the name of the new county if, and when, the legislature authorizes its establishment. The boundaries of "Walker" will include approximately 160 square miles of territory.

According to a statement made here Sunday by an advocate of the new county the citizenship of Nantahala township is practically unanimous in favor of the change. This township is almost solidly Republican with only a stray Democrat here and yonder within its confines. Such being the case "a self satisfied democratic administration" at Franklin treats Nantahala as though it were a stepchild. At least such is the opinion expressed here Sunday by a citizen of that township who has lived there "long enough to know." He also said that there is no brotherly love between Andrews and Murphy such as should exist in any nice well regulated county. According to this man, Andrews is of the opinion that "the powers that be" in Cherokee are constantly pulling for Murphy and leave Andrews to take care of itself, with the result that Andrews and most of Valleytown township are likewise solidly behind the proposition of creating the new county of Walker with Andrews as the county seat.

It is not believed here that any steps will be taken at the next meeting of the legislature to create the county of Walker. The citizens living in the area of the proposed county are quietly working to bring about this change at some future and more favorable date.

ANDREWS FOLKS DISCOUNT TALK ABOUT NEW COUNTY

"Countyseat" Of Proposed New County Does Not Take Talk Seriously

Asheville Times

ANDREWS, April 24.—While formation of a new county, composed of parts of Macon, Cherokee, Graham, and perhaps Swain and Clay has long been discussed here, in a more or less casual way, the suggestion has never been taken seriously, and reports that such a movement is being advocated by citizens of the county Nantahala and Flats sections of Macon county are not taken seriously here.

There is no serious discussion of such a project in Andrews, proposed county-seat of the new county, Mayor D. S. Russell declared Tuesday, and Andrews citizens believe that the Macon voters are discussing the proposition purely and simply with a view to using such talk as a wedge to secure road and other concessions from Macon county authorities.

Reports from Franklin are to the effect that the matter is being discussed there by the citizens of the western section of the county, who advance two chief arguments as the basis for their contention that such a new county should be set up, that the citizens in the territory of the proposed new county are almost unanimously Republican, and, for that reason, the sections involved receive little or no consideration from Democratic county administrations; and, second, that jealousy

FRANK ELLIS IS HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT SUN.

Frank Ellis is in a Knoxville hospital suffering from a cut in the eye received Sunday afternoon when his car skidded into a mail box on the Bellevue road about five miles from town.

The accident occurred when he was rounding a curve at about 35 miles an hour, and the loose gravel and pebbles caused his car to skid, striking a mail box sidewise. The glass door was broken and a small piece of glass lodged in his eye.

Bill Adams of the Cherokee Drug Company, was driving another car just ahead of Frank, and witnessed the accident, stopped and placed Frank in his car and rushed him to Murphy for medical aid.

About three quarters of a mile this side of where the first accident occurred, they met another car driven by Bus Bradley, of Andrews. The front fender of Adams' car and the rear fender of Bradley's touched and Bradley turned over.

In the two accidents, Frank was the most seriously injured, the others receiving only minor scratches and bruises. At first it was thought that Frank would lose his eye, but reports coming from Knoxville late in the week indicated that unless complications set up he would be able to retain the sight of his eye.

CARLOAD POULTRY SHIPPED LAST WEEK

A more than twenty thousand pound carload of poultry was loaded in Murphy by the Farmers Federation of Asheville last week for shipment to eastern markets. This represented probably the greatest shipment to be sent out of Murphy in one day in all its long history of poultry shipments. All the poultry that the farmers brought in could not be put in the car, so an additional truck load of poultry and eggs was sent to Bryson City for loading in another car.

Murphy has well established itself as a poultry shipping point. Local dealers furnish a ready cash market for the farmers in two or three North Carolina Counties and in several north Georgia Counties. From five to ten thousand pounds and hundreds of dozens of eggs are bought by those dealers each week, who in turn ship these products by truck and rail to Atlanta, Asheville and the southern or eastern markets. About every two weeks the Farmers Federation of Asheville operates a car on the Murphy branch for the accommodation of towns up the line, which do not have a ready home market, such as the farmers of this section do, and local dealers usually cooperate with this carlot shipment in order to enable the Federation to secure a full car by the time it reaches Asheville. However, this time the farmers and local dealers overdid the matter and thus assembled more of this product than has ever before been brought together in one day in Murphy.

MRS. STEPS DIES AT ANDREWS

Mrs. George Stepps, daughter of Mrs. Nelson Wood, of Warne, N. C., died at Andrews April 20th. Mrs. Stepps was a good Christian woman and much beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, four children, her mother, Mrs. Nelson Wood, one brother, Arthur Wood, two sisters, Mrs. Jace Barnard and Mrs. Guss Puett, all of Warne.

results in Murphy's continually fighting Cherokee County's largest town, Andrews.

Under the proposal, the new county, to be named "Walker," would embrace 160 square miles, and would have its county seat at Andrews.

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