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LEGAL BALLOT LAW ASSUMES NEW INTEREST

Under State-Wide Measure, Cherokee Would Have Option of Secret Ballot in Primary or Old System

Cherokee Scout, Raleigh Bureau.

RALEIGH, Feb. 7.—Representative Ernest P. Hawkins' bill to place Cherokee County under the state primary law has taken on new interest because of the special provisions of the new state-wide Australian ballot bill advocated by Governor O. Max Gardner, which comes up in the senate for action tomorrow.

Under the substitute bill which was drafted by the sub-committee of the election laws group headed by Senator Carlisle Higgins, the county boards of election will have the option of either placing or not placing their counties under the Australian ballot for the primary. That means that should the county board of elections in Cherokee so choose, then it may either operate the primary under the Australian ballot system of voting or under the old system. The bill also provides that where the counties are not under the primary system, then the state-wide Australian ballot measure will not apply as to the primary and the convention method of selecting candidates for the general election will remain.

In the event that the bill introduced by Representative Hawkins is passed, and there seems to be no opposition developing to it, then Cherokee through its board of elections will have the option of either using or not using the secret ballot in its primary. However, there the privilege of choosing ends for under the terms of the measure the Australian ballot will apply in all general elections and the voting all over the state will be uniform.

Would Bar Carnivals

Representative J. A. Porter of Macon county has introduced a bill with three representatives of other counties to the east of Macon, to prohibit exhibitions by carnivals, in Macon. Mr. Porter believes that the carnivals have a tendency to encourage lawlessness and immorality and that they take money out of the communities that they visit.

Herbert Out Again

Representative John C. Herbert, of Hayesville, Clay County, who was confined to his room recently by a slight illness is able to be out and is as active as ever around the capitol building. Mr. Herbert is proving to be a general favorite with members of the General Assembly and is one of the most popular members of the minority party in Raleigh. His legislative program so far is getting along swimmingly. He has one bill to attach a penalty to the tampering with private telephone lines in Clay county and another to place the name of Mrs. Lillie Johnson on the pension roll for widows of Confederate Veterans.

Seeks Repeal of Absentee Ballot

Senator John Burnett, of Bryson City, representing the thirty-third senatorial district, which includes Cherokee county, believes that much of the trouble in elections in the mountain counties comes from the abuse of the absentee ballot and has indicated his intention of introducing a bill to repeal the absentee ballot law as to his district. This he believes will do much to promote fairness and honesty in elections and to give the majority of the people the right to name their candidates no matter to what party they may belong.

Racing Papa

Representative J. B. Crogniles, of Mitchell county, claims that all the young people who wish to launch on the sea of matrimony leave his county and go across the state line to get married in order to avoid payment of the doctor's fee for a health certificate. He introduced a bill for

DAVIS HEADS NEW ASHEVILLE BOND COMPANY

New Organization Promises To Be Factor In The Development of Western North Carolina

ASHEVILLE, Feb. 15.—Plans of the new Central Securities Company of Asheville, Inc., which were announced here this week, disclose the fact that this new finance and holding company promises to be a most important force in the further industrial and commercial development of all Western North Carolina.

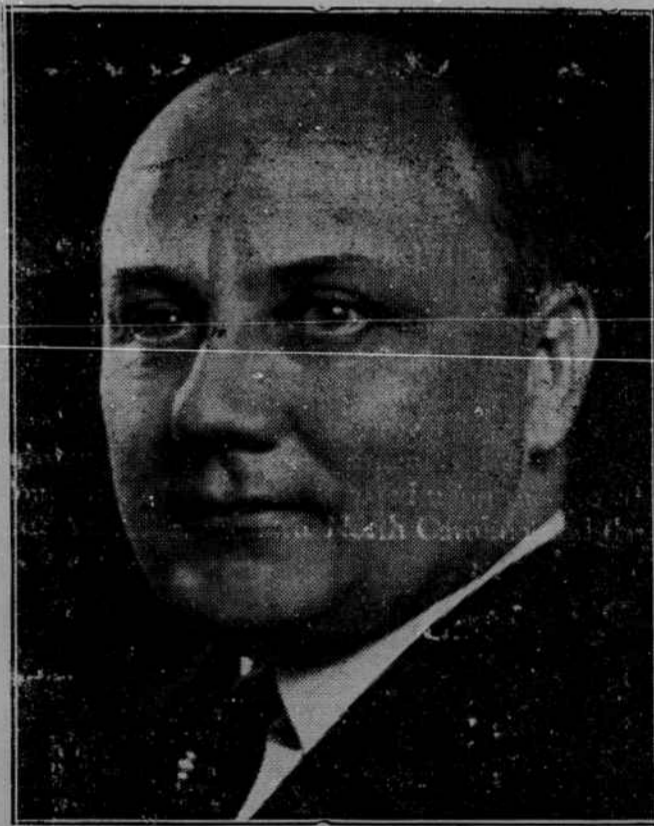
The Central Securities Company, with an authorized capital of \$2,500,000, starts business as one of the largest finance companies in the Southern states. It was organized by Wallace B. Davis and associates, and is affiliated with the Central Bank and Trust Company of Asheville. Up to Saturday night, over \$700,000 of the Company's capital stock had been subscribed, largely by present stock-holders of the Central Bank. Public sale of Central Securities 7 per cent Cumulative Preferred Stock and Common "B" stock was begun this week.

Central Securities Company plans principally to purchase Western North Carolina industrial and municipal bonds, and a limited amount

of stock in banks, insurance and surety companies. Many forms of cooperation will be extended to present banks and financial institutions of Western North Carolina. Real estate will not be financed or purchased by the Company; neither will real estate bond issues be originated, although real estate mortgage bonds may eventually be handled as wholesale selling agent when guaranteed by responsible surety companies. An intensive marketing campaign for securities which will be handled by the Company is soon to be instituted in the Middle West, where branch-

ices will eventually be opened. Wallace B. Davis, who is President of the Central Bank and Trust Company as well as the affiliated Securities Company, stated that the new Company was primarily designed to further the basic commerce and industries of this section. "We want to provide a financial service large enough and broadly useful enough to claim a vital part in the progress of all Western North Carolina," said Mr. Davis. "We are highly optimistic of the success of the new company. It shall be my purpose, and the purpose of my associates, to devote our best talent and effort to its management to the end that we may equal the remarkable success that has been achieved by other companies similar to ours. An investigation of the earnings of such companies as the Bancitaly Company, the National City Company, the Citizens and Southern Company and the Hibernia Securities Company has established the fact that their earnings represent a better return on capital than do the earnings of the banks controlling them."

Officials of the Central Bank and Trust Company stated recently that, during the 17 years of its existence, the Bank has earned in cash and stock dividends, and in the present excess of market values over book value an average of more than 20 per cent per annum. A resale market for Central Securities Company stock will be created by the estab-



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lishment of a resale department of the Company in Asheville and the probable listing of the stock, at some future date, on the stock exchange of one of the larger cities.

Officers of Central Securities Company are: Wallace B. Davis, President; Russell C. Davis, Vice-President; Clarence Rankin, Vice-President; S. A. Hubbard, Vice-President; Wm. D. Harris, Secretary and Treasurer; J. C. Alexander, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

Directors are: C. W. Brown, Chairman of the Board; B. W. Barnard, Russell C. Davis, Clarence Rankin, Curtis Brown, Wm. D. Harris, E. C. Sawyer, Carrie N. Brown, S. J. Hubbard, Dr. J. A. Sinclair, S. G. Barnard, D. Ralph Millard, Chas. A. Taylor, Dr. P. R. Moale, Chas. French Thomas, Chas. S. Walters, George H. Wright and Wallace B. Davis.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. May, of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. May's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Richardson.

P.-T. A. MET LAST THURSDAY P. M.

The Murphy Parent-Teacher's Association held their regular monthly meeting in the school auditorium Thursday afternoon, February 7, with the President, Mrs. J. H. Hampton presiding.

Following the reading of the minutes of January 13 by the Secretary and the report of the Treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, it was voted to turn over to the athletic association twenty-five per cent (25%) of the proceeds realized from the showing of the motion pictures in the school auditorium, each Friday evening.

A count of mothers present gave the attendance prize to Mrs. Margaret Bell's section of the third grade.

OFFICERS CAPTURE NINE GALLON STILL NEAR TENN. LINE

Deputy Sheriffs O. C. Davis, Bob Graves and Polie Bell captured a nine gallon still on Thursday, February 8th, at the foot of Unico Mountain on what is known as Elbow Creek, near the Tennessee line.

The officers stated that the men operating the still had just made a "run" and left shortly before, evidence showed, and one man in his haste to leave dropped his container, which proved later to be about six and a half gallons of spirits, and fled the country.

The outfit was destroyed, along with about forty gallons of mash, and the whiskey dropped by the fleeing owner, was brought to Murphy as evidence. No arrests were made.

MARBLE BOY LOSES LIFE IN THE NAVY

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mulkey, of Marble, received a message last week from the U. S. Bureau of Navigation, informing them that their son, Harry G. Mulkey of the U. S. Navy, had been washed overboard and drowned in the Pacific Ocean near the Phillipine Islands.

The details of the tragedy have not yet been learned, but it is thought that the boy was lost in the course of a severe storm that has recently swept the sea. Young Mulkey was born on February 15, 1911, and was almost 18 years of age. He joined the Navy on February 23, 1928, and was on duty with the Asiatic Fleet near the Phillipine Islands. He was aboard the U. S. S. Bulmer.

The young man was well known to Marble and Cherokee County. He attended high school in Andrews. He was well-liked by all who knew him. He was a member of the Marble Springs Baptist church, having joined at the age of eleven years.

He is survived by his mother and father, who live at Marble, five sisters, Mrs. W. F. Palmer, of Canton, Ga.; Mrs. H. G. Smith, of Andrews, Mrs. A. B. Dickey, of Murphy; Mrs. U. A. Barton, of Canton, N. C., and Miss Alta Mulkey, of Marble, and two brothers—E. S. Mulkey, of Marble; W. Max Mulkey, of Atlanta, and Paul Mulkey, of Detroit.

Woman's Club Has Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Murphy Woman's Club will be held in the club rooms Wednesday afternoon, February 20, at 2:30.

The study of "Know Your Own State—North Carolina," will be continued; the particular topics for the afternoon being:

Studies in Population; Farm Tenancy; Education; Illiteracy; Religion; Mrs. E. G. White, Mrs. A. M. Brittain, Reading; Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, Music; Mrs. C. W. Savage.

ANDREWS AND MURPHY CLUBS IN BANQUET

Brilliant Affair Staged At Regal Hotel Thursday Night, As Lions Played Hosts To Rotarians

One of the most brilliant social events of the Valentine season was the banquet and get-together meeting held Thursday evening in the dining room of the Regal Hotel, when the Lions Club of Murphy had as their guests the Rotarians and Rotary Anns, of Andrews.

The occasion was one of the most successful and enjoyable affairs ever held in Murphy, there being about a hundred Lions, Lionesses, Rotarians and Rotary Anns, and guests present.

The lobby and dining room of the Regal Hotel was tastefully decorated in keeping with the season. A large steamer bearing the word "welcome" flung itself across the entrance to the dining room, flanked on either side by large flags bearing the emblems and colors of the two clubs. The dining room was beautiful in a new coat of paint, with red hangings crisscrossed as the overhead decorations, while on the walls large and small red hearts were placed in sreamer fashion.

The tables were beautifully decorated with a red double-heart streamer down the center of the covers, while a small red cupid and arrow rested at each plate, with large red candles placed at intervals.

The guests were met in the lobby of the hotel and conducted to the dining room, where they received varicolored banquet caps, each cap denoting the organization of the wearer. They also received a half heart bearing a number, the ladies numbers corresponding with the gentlemen, and vice versa. This was done in order that man and wife would not be permitted to sit together while at banquet.

As the Lions and Rotarians and guests entered the dining room, only the candles gave light, and the dimly lighted room presented a beautiful scene in the reflected colors of the occasion.

The program of the meeting was carried out most successfully. After places had been found at the table, all remained standing and sang "America," the Lions Club song, and Rev. W. H. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Andrews, and secretary of the Rotarians, delivered the invocation.

Then the Lions and Lionesses sang "How Do You Do?" holding hands with their guests, and changing the words to Rotarians and Rotary Anns, to fit the occasion.

The toastmaster, Lion Harry P. Cooper, was then introduced by Lion President Mercer Fain. Then followed the roll call of the two clubs, which was a unique and enjoyable part of the program. Instead of answering "here" or "present," the toastmaster instructed the members to try and give a solution in a few words or witty saying, the problem: "How to make life happy, though married."

Lion Don Witherspoon, official spokesman for the Lions, delivered the address of greeting to the Rotarians, and Rotarian Clyde Jarrett responded for the visiting club. The theme of the speakers was co-operation, good fellowship, and the spirit of congeniality that always accompanied and followed as an aftermath of such gatherings.

The Lions quartette, composed of Steele, Cooper, Davidson and Storey, was one of the big hits of the program, and they appeared several times, each followed by an encore.

Miss Daisy Franklin, of Bryson City, was present and favored the gathering with a special piano solo, and Lioness Eunice Powell gave two short but enjoyable and entertaining (Continued on page 8)