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CITY FATHERS ELECTION SET FOR MAY 7TH

Present Mayor and Board, With One Exception, Announce For Re-Election

At a meeting this week, the board of Aldermen set the election for the city governing board on May 7th. The registration books were ordered opened on April 6th and to close on April 27th, inclusive, and Saturday May 4th was designated as challenge day.

J. W. Axley was appointed registrar, and Harry Fain and Roscoe Mattox were appointed judges of the election. The registration books will be opened on dates named by Mr. Axley at the store of J. W. Axley & Son, so that anyone who has not registered heretofore may do so. The present board, with one exception, at the earnest solicitation of friends and after considering the situation has announced for re-election. J. M. Vaughn will not be a candidate and George W. Candler has announced to take his place. The present board as announced for re-election consists of Harry P. Cooper, Mayor; C. B. Hill, E. C. Moore, R. B. Ferguson, J. W. McMillan, J. A. Richardson, and George W. Candler.

The present board in making the race for re-election, are standing upon their record of permanent improvements already made and in progress for construction. Money is in hand and in the bank for water and sewerage improvements and extensions into Bealtown, which extension is already well under way. The work was started last fall but the rainy weather and winter season necessitated that the work be discontinued until this spring.

The board also points with pride to many accomplishments without having to raise taxes in order to provide the necessary money, among which may be enumerated the removal of drinking fountains from the public square and placing one on the sidewalk in each corner of the square as a safeguard to children and pedestrians; starting the removal of all telephone and electric wires from the business section and placing them in underground cables or down the back property lines, which work is under progress, the telephone company having recently placed all of its lines in underground conduits; the cutting and improvement of several side streets, besides numerous other minor but important improvements in the business system of the city.

The friends of the incumbent mayor and aldermen, all of whom are conservative business men and leaders in the business and civic life of the town, feel that they should be given another term in order that their present plans may not be interrupted, and let the improvements now in progress be completed by them.

LIONS CLUB PLAY TO BE GIVEN AT ANDREWS SAT.

The Lions Club players will present "The Arrival of Kitty," at the Andrews school auditorium Saturday night under the auspices of the Andrews High School.

The play was presented on its first showing here last Friday night to a capacity house, the proceeds amounting to \$111.45 on admission charges of 25 and 35 cents.

The play was well received and many favorable comments were heard from the audience after the performance. Each player performed his or her part like veterans, although appearing for their first time in a Lions play.

It is expected that a large number

ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At a regular convocation of West Gate Chapter No. 55, R. A. M., held on Monday evening, March 18 inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

J. L. Hall, High Priest.
R. R. Beal, King.
C. B. Hill, Scribe.
J. M. Vaughn, Treasurer.
W. S. Green, Secretary.
J. W. Axley, Captain of Host.
A. L. Martin, Principal Sojourner.
A. M. Simonds, Royal Arch Captain.
Porter Axley, Master Third Veil.
L. Ed. Barnett, Master Second Veil.
Olen C. Davis, Master First Veil.
Robert M. Fain, Sentinel.

This being the only live Chapter in the state West of Waynesville and the jurisdictional boundary lines between the states of Georgia and North Carolina having been set aside by the Grand Chapters of those states gives West Gate Chapter the largest territory from which to draw members of any chapter in the state and as Capitular Masonry is on the upward move, we are expecting a wonderful increase in our membership during this year.

VENEER PLANT IS NOW CUTTING AND SHIPPING

Thin Boards Cut From Poplar For Use In All High Class Furniture

The Crown Crossbanding Company, manufacturers of high grade poplar veneering, is now cutting and shipping its products, and another of Murphy's small industries is contributing its bit toward making this community a manufacturing town.

The plant is located on the L. & N. Railroad in what is known as Old Murphy, just a few steps off of Highway No. 10. It is owned and operated by Mr. Samuel B. Coffin, who has been in the veneer cutting business practically all his life, and who came to Murphy from North Georgia.

Mr. Coffin has been cutting veneer at the Murphy plant since its completion several months ago. During the cold weather in January and February, he discontinued operations temporarily due to the fact that his logs froze. He got busy and built a boiling or cooking pen, where the logs not only thawed out but cooked in boiling water. Mr. Coffin says this treatment makes the logs easier to cut and also aids in quicker drying.

The veneer is cut from yellow poplar timber, one twentieth of an inch in thickness. He has two drying rooms capable of holding fifty thousand feet of veneer each, and each one contained 12,000 feet at the time the writer went through the plant. Although Mr. Coffin has only shipped two or three carloads since he started operations, the plant has a capacity of from five to six carloads of veneer per month. The plant gives employment to five or six men, besides providing a market for large poplar timber, which abounds in this section of the Southern Appalachians.

The veneering is used for tops, panels, piano boards, plywood, and in practically all furniture now being manufactured. It is shipped mostly to northern markets.

of Murphy people will go with the players to Andrews Saturday night.

Mr. Lowry Hill entertained with a bridge party on Tuesday night at his home on Valley River Avenue. Dr. E. E. Smith won high score and Mr. Rogers the booby. After the games a sweet course was served.

LITTLE JAMES PENDLEY LAID TO REST TUES.

Five Year Old Son of Sid Pendley Died Following Operation At Asheville

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Pendley are sympathizing with them in the death of their little son, James Lawrence, on last Sunday night.

James, who was five years of age, was taken ill on Friday night and grew steadily worse until Sunday afternoon when Mr. Pendley determined to take him to Asheville for treatment. The trip was made as quickly as was safe and an operation was performed at the Mission Hospital by Dr. Griffith which however was of no avail, the little fellow passing away at 11:55 P. M. The father and mother immediately made the return trip arriving in Murphy at about four o'clock Monday morning.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was attended by a large number of friends. Rev. James LeRoy Steele, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated assisted by Rev. H. P. Powell, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Ralph Moody sang "Little Pink Rose."

Mr. and Mrs. Pendley have asked the "Scout" to express their heartfelt appreciation of the many expressions of sympathy, the beautiful floral offerings and the many kindnesses on the part of their friends in the time of their sorrow.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Mr. John Dillard Bicks and Miss Gracie Nina Crisp.

Mr. E. A. Duckworth of Canton, Ohio, and Miss Blanch Hartness of Murphy.

Mr. W. M. Ritzdon and Miss Della Whitner of Cherokee county.

Mr. Ernest Coleman and Miss Merl Grain of Cherokee county.

Mr. James Beaver and Miss Nora Hedden of Cherokee county.

'THREE PEGS' FRI. NIGHT BY GIRL SCOUTS

Three Act Comedy Said To Have a Laugh In Every Line

"The Three Pegs," a comedy in three acts, will be presented at the school auditorium tonight by the Murphy Girl Scouts, and the people of Murphy are promised a "Laugh in every line."

The Girl Scouts, by special arrangement, gave way their presentation date to the Lions Club last Friday night, and the Lions quartette are scheduled to sing between the acts, and the Lions are co-operating with the Girl Scouts and urging their friends and the public to turn out and give them a good audience.

The theme of the play revolves around a rich woman and her adoption of a little girl, by the name of Peg. Two others turn up under the same name, and the confusion which follows, the comical situations and spicy repartees, cause the play to be referred to as the "comedy of errors." It is rapid, funny and the triumph of virtue gives it an ideal climax.

The program is found elsewhere in this issue.

Misses Gillie and Pearl Martin attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. G. B. Pack, of Copperhill, Tenn., last Thursday.

Mr. Jim J. Blair, of Raleigh, was a visitor in Murphy last Thursday.

MRS. W. G. SAVAGE AND DAUGHTER SAFE FROM WAR

Word has been received here by relatives from Mrs. W. G. Savage, of Del Oro, Chihuahua, Mexico, that she and her little daughter are at El Paso, Texas, safe out of the war region, of the turbulent county south of the Rio Grande.

Mr. Savage, who is a brother of W. A. and C. W. Savage, of Murphy, is a mining engineer, and his work is now located some 500 miles South of El Paso, and in the very heart of the war area of the rebellious Mexicans. He is remaining at his position, while Mrs. Savage and little daughter sought the safety of American soil.

Mrs. Savage was before her marriage, Miss Ella Simonds, a sister of A. M. Simonds, of Murphy. In writing to relatives here, she told of hearing the booming cannon of the federal and rebel soldiers, and said she could have seen the battle by going on stairs. Her many friends here will be glad to know that she and baby Savage are out of the war area and safe on American soil. Baby Savage has been sick with whooping cough and pneumonia, but was greatly improved at the time of writing.

MIDWAY PARK DEVELOPMENT UNDER WAY

Hampton Brothers Set Aside One Hundred Acres For Recreation, Tourist Camp, Sporting Park

Midway Park is the name of a new development now under construction by the Hampton Brothers. The development includes a nine hole golf course, tennis court, a lake for fishing, swimming and boating, and a tourist camp, and lies about two and a half miles south of Murphy just off State Highway No. 10, on what is known as Hampton's Creek.

Construction work on the dam is in progress this week and will be completed as soon as possible. It will be twenty feet from base to top, forming a lake when filled fifteen feet deep at the dam and flooding a total of eleven acres. C. W. Witt and Aud Sudderth are the contractors in charge of constructing the dam.

The lake will be stocked with fish and fishing will be permitted after the first year. Boating and bathing facilities will be provided, and a tourist camp will be a part of the development.

A nine hole golf course has been built, and will be opened to the public on or about April 1st. The greens and tees have been built with not but one blind drive, and this has been eliminated by the erection of a tee on top of a six or seven foot tower. A tee has also been built on the ground, so that the player can take his choice. The distance of the course is 2,800 yards, the shortest drive being 212 yards and the longest 492 yards. The green fees will be 25c a round or 50c a day.

The development which will be known as Midway Park, contains 100 acres and is owned by H. A. Hampton, F. T. Hampton, J. A. Hampton, of Cherokee county, and L. P. Hampton, of Etowah, Tenn.

Dr. S. C. Heighway Has Moved His Office

Dr. S. C. Heighway has moved his office from the Davidson Building to the new Adams Building. Dr. Heighway will occupy the suite of rooms adjoining the suites of Drs. Adams, and also sharing the waiting room. He requests his patients to bear this in mind and look for him in his new quarters after the first of next month.

N. C. LAW OF 1925 LEGALIZES BOXING BY TAX

New Developments In Case Lodged Against Lail Promises Interesting Legal Test

The laws of North Carolina place the stamp of approval upon boxing and wrestling matches by assessing a tax of \$12.50 for each such exhibition held in towns of less than 12,000 inhabitants, according to a law found upon the statute books by Moody & Moody, attorneys of Murphy, retained by G. E. Lail to make his defense when he is brought to trial at the April term of Cherokee Superior court charged with "aiding, abetting and promoting boxing contests and prize fights."

The discovery of the law, which was passed in 1925, sheds a new light upon the case against Lail. According to interpretation it legalizes boxing by placing a tax upon it, as the passage of any law by the legislature usually carries the declaration that "all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed."

The law in full follows:
Sec. 55. Boxing and wrestling matches.

On each room, hall, tent or other place where there is carried on any boxing or wrestling match, shall be levied a tax as follows: In cities or towns of less than ten thousand inhabitants, twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) for each exhibition: Provided that this tax shall apply whether such exhibition is given in a licensed or unlicensed hall, and the owner of the hall or property where said exhibition is given shall be responsible for the tax.

Public laws, 1925, c. 101, s. 55.
A warrant for the arrest of Lail was sworn out by Laura Nelson, charging him with "aiding, abetting and promoting boxing contests and prize fights," following the death of Jack Nelson, her husband which resulted from injuries received in a personal encounter with another spectator over a referee's decision at a boxing match staged in Andrews the latter part of February. Lail was bound to court under a bond of \$300.00.

The law under which Lail was arrested was passed in 1925, and so far as can be ascertained has never been tested in court. However, the new law supersedes the old, and Lail will make his defense on the ground that he has complied with the law and conducted all matches cleanly and above board. When he promoted his first boxing match last year, he says he sought the advice of a state tax collector, a superior court judge, and other officials, for all the information he could get in order to conduct the matches within the law.

Another interesting angle of the case has also developed. A number of affidavits have been made as evidence against Lail to prove that gambling was participated in. However, Lail says he promoted the boxing matches, cleanly and above board, and if anyone engaged in gambling or wagering bets on the outcome of the matches, it was done over his protests and without his knowledge.

Moody & Moody, who are known as the best criminal lawyers in western North Carolina, are preparing to put up a strong defense for him the first week in April when he comes to trial, unless in the meantime the charges are withdrawn.

Mrs. R. L. Paulk has opened a barbecue meat and lunch room in the old Scout stand next to the Bank of Murphy, and will sell lunches, candies, soft drinks, etc. She will make a specialty of barbecue meat, and invites her friends and the general public to call and try some of the old fashioned barbecue.