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NORVELL NAMED TO HEAD TICKET THURS. NIGHT

MEETING UNANIMOUS FOR MAYOR: WHEN TICKET NOMINATED, OPPOSITION DEVELOPS

At a meeting of some forty or fifty citizens and leaders of the town at the court house Thursday night, E. B. Norvell, prominent Murphy attorney, was named to head the ticket for mayor, and the following were named as his running mates for aldermen or town commissioners, and to be known as the citizens' ticket:

C. M. Wofford
V. I. Butt
G. H. Cope
J. A. Richardson
E. C. Moore
Wm. P. Payne.

The meeting organized by electing Mayor Harry P. Cooper as chairman, and V. I. Butt, secretary. The chair then explained the object of the meeting, and then the business of nominating a ticket was taken up.

On motion made by E. C. Mallonee, Mr. Norvell was unanimously nominated as a candidate for mayor.

S. D. Akin then placed in nomination the ticket above named, and other nominations were called for. None were made, and the motion was put to a vote by the uplifted hand. Only a few voted for and none voted against. It was then put to a rising vote, and on the second ballot only a few voted as before. Some say ten and some say seven. The ticket was then declared nominated and the chair stated that a motion to adjourn was in order.

At this point the apparent opposition developed. It was suggested that the nominations on the first ballot should have been by secret ballot. From the discussion, it was difficult to tell whether the opposition was to the ticket nominated or to the method used in nominating, but the latter reason was more in evidence. After some discussion, a motion was made to nominate by secret ballot on the first round, but before it could be seconded, the crowd began leaving. Motion was then made to adjourn, and carried.

Mr. Akin said, before the meeting adjourned, in compliment to the retiring mayor and board, that a traveling salesman who had been over a large portion of the country, stated to him the other day that Murphy was one of the most beautiful, cleanest and neatest little towns it had been his pleasure to visit.

Mauney Announces For Mayor's Race

The announcement of Prof. L. E. Mauney as a candidate for mayor is carried in this issue.

Mr. Mauney states that he is making the race at the solicitation of friends and citizens, and he promises to promote the best interests of the town and to advocate and practice economy in the administration of the town's affairs.

He further pledges to donate the salary he would receive as mayor, if elected, to the town, aside from the legal perquisites of the office.

C. A. Swaim Opens Furniture Factory

C. A. Swaim recently opened a furniture factory in the gristmill building next to his home just east of town. The building which formerly housed a grist mill has been repaired and an extension erected to the building in order to create more floor space.

Machinery for building and manufacturing general cabinet and furniture work has been installed and the capacity of the plant is about two cars per week. The new plant has been operating for several weeks, and when it is running full capacity will give employment to about ten men.

The name under which the new company will do business is C. A. Swaim Furniture Manufacturing Company, and will build and repair furniture, trucks and cabs of all kinds, and all automobile tops and wood work.

Mr. Swaim is well known in this section as an expert cabinet maker, and was formerly with the old furniture factory here. For the past seven and half years he has been with the Carolina Wood Products Co., of Asheville, one of the largest wood working plants in the State. He has been in the business for 25 years, and said that all the work they turned out would be of high class workmanship, and prices would be reasonable.

WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENT PLAY FRIDAY APRIL 4

"The Whole Town's Talking" is Title of Comedy Featuring Local Celebrities

The Woman's Club will present "The Whole Town's Talking," a laughable and complicated comedy, at the school auditorium on Friday night of next week, which is April 4th, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week by those in charge of its production.

The cast is made up of all local celebrities, and if the past productions by Murphy players can be taken as an indication, the play will be a howling success.

It is one of Baker's plays, by John Emerson and Anita Loss. Mr. Simmons, senior partner in a paint business, has a marriageable daughter. For business reasons, he wants her to marry the junior partner, Mr. Binney, but the junior partner is the kind of bachelor no woman likes. The senior partner has the idea that every woman would like to get that man whom every other woman wants. He then conceives the idea of inviting a few love affairs for his partner—but with whom? At random, he selects from the book-shop

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CURTIS C. BAILEY PASSES AWAY

By O. G. Anderson

After an illness of eight months death claimed Curtis C. Bailey at 1:30 P. M. March 18th, 1930.

He was born February 25, 1879. Came to this county several years ago from Buncombe County, N. C. First located at Ogeeta where he engaged in the goods business, after which he taught in the public schools and was a successful teacher.

He came to this place about 20 years ago as a teacher. A short time after this he married Miss Mary Anderson. In 1918 he was appointed Post Master, served four years, his service was highly satisfactory.

He has for a number of years been the owner and proprietor of the Cherokee Printing Co. which has done considerable business in the Printing field. He was a mason and a faithful member of the Baptist Church and one of our best Sunday School workers.

He leaves a wife, four children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He'll be missed in the community in as much as he has been faithful here over a few things. The Allwise Creator has called him up higher.

Interment was in the Shady Grove cemetery.

PROMINENT HAYESVILLE MAN DIES FOLLOWING OPERATION

FUNERAL FOR W. B. PASS TO BE HELD FRIDAY

REPRESENTED CLAY COUNTY IN THE LEGISLATURE IN 1922

William Bascomb Pass, prominent Hayesville citizen, and widely known in this section of North Carolina and Georgia, died at the Davis-Fischer Sanitarium in Atlanta Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, following an operation on Tuesday. The operation was reported successfully performed and it was thought that he would recover.

Mrs. Pass, his wife, and son, Fred Pass, and Mrs. G. H. Haigler went to Atlanta Tuesday to be near him when the operation was performed.

His body will be brought to Hayesville Thursday and funeral services will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the Methodist church.

Mr. Pass was born Sept. 30, 1856, and married Miss Mary D. Davidson, of Murphy. He was reared in Clay county where he spent practically all of his life. He was elected to the house of Representatives of North Carolina in 1922, and received the nomination again in 1928 (but was defeated). He was in the mercantile business practically all of his life at Hayesville, Atlanta and Cornelia, Ga., and later back at Hayesville.

He is survived by his wife and one son, Fred D. Pass, who owns and operates the Pass Drug Company at Hayesville.

Tate-Palmer

Miss Bennie Tate, of Canton, and Mr. Jake Palmer, of Canton, were married at Clyde, N. C., on last Tuesday evening, March 18th, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. F. O. Dryman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Palmer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tate, of Canton. She is a graduate of the Canton High school and an accomplished musician. She is employed as clerk for the Champion Employee Store at Canton.

Mr. Palmer is the son of the late James Palmer and Mrs. Dixie Palmer, of Murphy, and is well known here. For the past two years he has been connected with the commissary of the Champion Fibre Company, at Canton. He is now chief clerk and purchasing agent for the store, and has won the esteem and admiration of his employers since going to Canton.

They will make their home at Canton. The many friends of the young people join in extending them best wishes for a long and happy journey over the sea of life.

BARNES-BRYSON

Miss Nettie Bryson and Mr. Dock Barnes of Unaka were married at the Southern States Power office on Thursday, March 20th. Squire T. N. Bates officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Unaka where they will make their home. The wedding of this young couple came as quite a surprise to their many friends who extend them best wishes for a long and happy life.

THREE MURDER CASES ON HEAVY CRIMINAL DOCKET FACING COURT WHICH MEETS HERE ON MONDAY

ON TRIAL NEXT WEEK



Ed Higdon, who goes on trial next week charged with shooting Hobert Kidd from ambush last July. Photo was made some months before the tragedy which may mean the electric chair or life imprisonment for him.

Churches To Have Union Service

On Sunday night, at 7:15 o'clock, the three Murphy churches will observe their regular fifth Sunday night union services at the First Baptist Church.

There will be special music by a combined choir from the three churches. Mr. Rufus Perkins, assistant pastor of the Methodist Church during the absence of Mr. Powell, be at the piano. Dr. Anderson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon, and Mr. Steele, pastor of the Baptist Church, will have charge of the music.

These union services have been a source of great pleasure to the three congregations and they are anticipated with a great deal of pleasure. Everyone, members of the Murphy churches or members of no church at all, is invited to attend and it is expected that the church will be filled.

ED HIGDON TO GO ON TRIAL FOR SHOOTING KIDD

Seventy-Six cases on docket, Ranging From Disturbance of Public Worship to Murder

Three murder cases face the Cherokee County Superior Court for trial when it meets here next Monday morning to dispose of one of the heaviest criminal dockets in many terms, according to records and information of court attaches this week.

Th three cases to be tried in which murder is charged are as follows:

Ed Higdon, for shooting Hobert Kidd from Ambush on July 13th, 1929.

Richard Meroney, for running down with an automobile and killing Ruth Mallonee on New Year's Eve.

John Jenkins, for shooting to death a man by the name of Williams at Andrews on January 16th.

These three cases are expected to occupy considerable time for trial by the court and one of the largest crowds in its history is expected to be in attendance because of the nature of the charges and the prominence of the principals involved.

History of Higdon Case
The Higdon case will perhaps occupy the greatest scope of public interest, because of the circumstances surrounding the tragedy and leading up to its culmination.

Following the shooting of Hobert Kidd from ambush on July 13th, Ed Higdon, who goes on trial for his life, fled to the mountains and eluded officers of North Carolina and Tennessee for approximately three months. A reward of \$200.00 was offered for his capture, and for days and weeks officers of the two states scoured the mountains in an effort to catch him.

On Monday, Sept. 9th, Deputy Sheriff Dillard Morrow, of Cherokee County, after weeks of untiring effort both day and night, captured Higdon in the home of his uncle, Mike Higdon, near Benton, Tenn., with the assistance of Justice of the Peace J. M. Shearer, of Fanner, Tenn., and they brought him to Murphy and lodged him in jail where he has been held since his capture.

When taken by the officers, Higdon was ill and under the care of a physician. His condition was so critical that he did not offer resistance and waived extradition. His trial was postponed from the last term of court to the coming term on statement of the county health officer.

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COURT HOUSE LEAK FOUND AND STOPPED

WAS MYSTERY TO EXPERTS AND COUNTY OFFICIALS FOR PAST TWO YEARS

The leak of mystery in the court house over one of the jury rooms has at last been solved—discovered and stopped it was stated this week by Attorney D. Witherspoon, who has been connected with the army of experts and others for the county in an effort to discover the leak and have it stopped.

The leak was on the parapet, and the water, trickling down the wall, crept into an open crevice between the parapet and marble wall and on down to the inside of the building to the ceiling of one of the jury rooms.

Mr. Witherspoon stated that ten or fifteen experts had been in here in an attempt to discover and stop it. Even the manufacturer of the roof sent its expert here. The drain outlet of the roof was stopped up and the roof flooded with four inches of water, and still the leak was not discovered, because it was not the roof that was leaking.

The leak has been a source of annoyance to the county officials for the past two years, and two or three grand juries have called attention to it in their reports to the court.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dickey and sons, of Copperhill, Tenn. were visitors at Murphy Sunday.

YOUNG MEN, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!



Members of the Teacher Training Department who will leave next week on a ten-day educational trip to Washington, D. C. The teachers are advertising several more accommodations to those wishing to make the trip. The members in the group, reading from left to right, are: Seated: Nellie Hendrix, Hattie Walsh, Mrs. Hildred Wessel, Juanita Evans, Pauline Kisselburg, and Luella Jenkins. Back row: Helen Hall, Ethel Davis, Nell Foster, Carmen Cherry, Norma Lee Hogan, Vesta Roberts, Frances Dickson, Myrtle Trull, Rosemond Cooper, Mrs. J. V. Brittain and Sallie Kisselburg.