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J. MARTIN, PROMINENT CHEROKEE COUNTY CITIZEN, DIES SUNDAY IN CHATTANOOGA AFTER OPERATION

NEWS OF DEATH IS SHOCK TO FRIENDS

Had Gone to Tennessee City To Attend Wedding of His Nephew

A. J. Martin, 62 years old, prominent and widely known business man of North Carolina and Georgia, died late Sunday night at a Chattanooga, Tennessee hospital, following an operation for appendicitis.

The news of Mr. Martin's death came as a great shock to his many friends and relatives here, as it was not generally known that he had undergone an operation. Saturday afternoon a telegram was received by friends that he had undergone an operation earlier in the week and his condition was critical. Late Sunday night, a telephone message told of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin had gone to the Tennessee city to attend the wedding ceremony of his nephew, Edwin Martin. They arrived at Chattanooga Sunday. The wedding was scheduled for Wednesday. Monday, Mr. Martin was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis. His condition was such that an immediate operation was necessary. Following the operation, complications set up, which resulted in his death.

Mr. Martin was perhaps the best known and most influential man in Cherokee County. He was born in McMinn county, Tennessee, and while still a young man, moved to North Carolina. He received most of his education at the old Hayesville Male and Female College.

He was a prominent leader in the political and business life of the county. He served as high sheriff for two terms, was at one time a member of the county highway commission, and served as chairman of the county executive committee of the Republican party. He also served as tax supervisor of the county, and his expert knowledge of real estate values and his business ability and experience made him a counsellor sought after by all alike.

Mr. Martin had been in Cherokee County for more than forty years, thirty-five of which had been closely associated with A. B. Dickey, now postmaster of Murphy, under the firm name of Dickey & Martin.

The remains were brought to Murphy Monday, and funeral services were held Tuesday morning at nine o'clock, at the Martin's Creek Northern Methodist church, conducted by his nephew, the Rev. LeRoy Martin, of Bristol, Va.-Tenn., assisted by Rev. C. F. Martin, a second cousin, and Rev. Somers of the Murphy circuit. Coulters, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, were funeral directors in charge.

The funeral procession was more than a mile long as nearly a hundred cars accompanied the body from Murphy to the little white church which stands back from the highway in a beautiful cove on Martin's Creek, where the deceased, as a young man, sang and served and worshipped. The church was crowded to overflowing. Not half those attending could get inside, but crowded around the doors and windows in an effort to catch the words of commendation and consolation which fell from the preacher's lips.

Interment was in the Martin's Creek cemetery, located about a mile north of the church, on top of a spreading knoll. Mr. Martin was a Master Mason, member of Montgomery Lodge No. 426, of Ranger. At the grave, the Masons of Ranger and Murphy lodges took charge and the body was consigned to mother earth with full Masonic rites.

Surviving him is his wife, formerly Miss Julia Mayfield, of Murphy. He was the last of his immediate family, and his next closest kin surviving him are his sister-in-law, Mrs. B. M. Martin, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and three nephews, the Rev. LeRoy Martin, of Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Warren Martin, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Edwin Martin of Chattanooga Tenn.

The dishevelled stranger made his way into the police station. "Are you the sergeant in charge?" "I am," replied the man in uniform, who was seated at a desk and writing in a large ledger. "I'm lost," said the dishevelled man. "You are—eh?" replied the sergeant. "Well, if you can prove that anybody's missing you, we'll take up the case."

Ayers, Injured In Wreck On Nantahala Mountain, Dies

Porter Ayers, young man of the Briartown section of Macon county, who was carried to the Angel hospital in Franklin Sunday night, suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident, died at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

According to news from Franklin, Mr. Ayers was in an unconscious condition with a four-inch skull fracture, and a skull decompression on the right side of his head, when brought to the hospital there. The accident occurred on Highway No. 10, near Nantahala Station Sunday afternoon. He died without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Ayers was riding with John and Manuel May, brothers, also of Briartown. John May was the driver of the fatal car, which suddenly left the highway and overturned. According to first-hand reports, it seems the boys were attempting to pass another car on a sharp curve, and ran too close to the edge of the road, the car suddenly plunging down and embankment, turning over several times. The boys were picked up by passing motorists and rushed to Andrews for first aid.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Flats, in Macon county.

B.Y.P.U. TO MEET AT HAYESVILLE ON JUNE 29TH

The Western North Carolina B. Y. P. U. Association will hold its annual meeting this year with the Hayesville Baptist Church, Hayesville, N. C., on the last Sunday in this month, which is the 29th. The Associational president, David T. Mashburn states that he has never planned a program that will be as interesting and helpful as the one which will be held in Hayesville this year. He has secured Miss Winnie Rickett, State Junior-Intermediate B. Y. P. U. secretary to speak and lead the Senior Conference, Rev. C. F. Conley, pastor of the Notla-Little Brasstown churches will preach the opening sermon. A special quartet has been secured to sing during the lunch hour. Lunch will be served on the ground in the good old fashioned way, furnished by the good people of the Hayesville church. In the afternoon conferences will be held for the pastors, deacons, Senior B. Y. P. U., Intermediate B. Y. P. U., and Junior B. Y. P. U.'s. Also several five minute talks by different B. Y. P. U. workers of the Association. The full program is given below. Read and see for yourself what has been planned for this meeting. Every church is invited. Delegations unlimited:

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- "Because We Love Him"
- Western N. C. B. Y. P. U. Association Program
- Morning Session
- 10:30—Sing His Praises.
- 10:45—President in charge.
- 11:00—Morning worship. Opening sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. C. F. Conley, pastor Little Brasstown and Notla churches.
- 12:00—Benediction.
- Dinner
- Dinner will be served on the ground by the good people of the Hayesville Baptist church. During this period a special quartet will sing. Yes, singing while you eat.
- Afternoon Session
- 1:30—Sing His Praises.
- 1:40—Devotional—Miss Norma Lee Hogan.
- 1:50—Committees appointed.
- 1:55—The Deacon and B. Y. P. U.—Dr. N. D. Wells.
- 2:05—"The Mother and B. Y. P. U."—Mrs. H. M. Whitaker.
- 2:05—Conferences:
- Pastor's Conference, Rev. R. W. Prevost in charge.
- Senior Conference, Miss Winnie Rickett in charge.
- Junior-Intermediate Conference, David T. Mashburn in charge.
- Five Minute Talks in Conferences
- "Pastor, Success or Failure"—Rev. W. F. Sinclair.
- "The Senior an Example," Paul Reese.
- "The Junior Being Helpful"—Narvel Tatham.
- "The Intermediate Pressing Forward."—Burke Grey, Jr.
- 3:00—President in charge.

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CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR



JUDGE THOMAS L. JOHNSON, of Lumberton, who is this week presiding over the June term of Cherokee Superior Court. It is generally understood that Judge Johnson will be a candidate for the nomination for Governor in 1932.

JUDGE T. L. JOHNSON, CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, MAKES GOOD IMPRESSION PRESIDING HERE

WAS PRESIDENT OF STATE SENATE DURING YEAR 1929

Is Native of Western North Carolina And Has Made Enviably Record in Public Service

Judge Thomas L. Johnson, formerly of Buncombe County, but now of Lumberton, and generally looked upon as a candidate for the nomination of Governor in 1932, is presiding over the special civil June term of Cherokee County Superior Court at Murphy this week. Mrs. Johnson is with the Judge, and they are stopping at the Regal Hotel while here.

This is the first time Judge Johnson has presided over the Superior Court in Cherokee since his appointment to the bench by Governor Gardner in March, 1929, but he has made a most favorable impression on lawyers, litigants and spectators.

Judge Johnson has a record of public service that well qualifies him for Governor of the great state of North Carolina. He is a Western North Carolina man, born in Leicester, Buncombe county. He moved to Lumberton, Robeson county 23 years ago, and since that time has been active in behalf of the Democratic party throughout the state.

He was chairman of the Board of Education of Robeson county for 15 years, and resigned this position to accept the nomination to the State Senate from his district in 1925. He was author of the State Banking Act, enacted in 1925.

In 1928 he was again elected to the Senate, and was unanimously chosen as president of that body, which carried with it the position of Democratic floor leader. He was author of the State-wide Australian ballot law enacted in 1929, and used for the first time in the primary of June 7th, 1930.

He was appointed to the Superior Court Bench by Governor Gardner on March 3, 1929, where he has since been serving. He is also a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention, and for the past 21 years has been teacher of Bible Class of the First Baptist church, the largest Bible class in Lumberton.

Judge Johnson will be a most formidable candidate—clean-looking, learned of law, a high-toned gentleman, a friend of the people, humane

RETURNS SATURDAY



Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the Murphy Methodist Church, who is expected to return Saturday from a trip of three months through the Holy Land. He will fill his pulpit Sunday morning, and the Methodists are planning to give him a rousing welcome home.

James—I've always had great luck in love affairs.
Lucille—Why, what do you mean? Aren't you unmarried?
James—Yes, that's just where the luck comes in.

in his sentences, firm in his rulings; and yet a most likeable man who knows how to "mix," and yet not to the point where the proverbial "familiarity breeds contempt."

The impression he has made here is an usually strong one. He attends strictly to the judicial business of the Court, and is not campaigning; and yet the many friends he has made on this, his first trip to Cherokee, will undoubtedly stand him in good stead in 1932.

DEMOCRATS TO CONVENE HERE ON JUNE 28TH

PRECINCT CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD SATURDAY TO SELECT DELEGATES AND GIVE INSTRUCTIONS

The Democratic County Convention will be held at Murphy on Saturday, June 28th, according to a call last week from C. B. Hill, chairman of the county executive committee.

The object of the convention will be to select twelve delegates and twelve alternates to the State Convention, which meets in Raleigh, on July 3rd.

The county precinct conventions will be held Saturday, June 21st, to select precinct executive committees and send delegates to the county convention.

The call of Mr. Hill follows:

"At 2 P. M., June the 21st, 1930, the Democrats of each voting precinct will meet at polling place and elect a precinct committee of five. This precinct committee shall elect one of its members chairman. These several precinct chairmen shall constitute the county executive committee and this executive committee at the first convention in election year shall elect a county chairman. You will also send one delegate for each 100 votes or fraction thereof to the county convention to be held in Murphy at 2 P. M., Saturday, June 28th. The county convention shall elect 12 delegates and 12 alternates to the state convention, to be held in Raleigh, July 3rd, 1930.

BRYSON CALLS SECOND VOTE FOR SOLICITOR

The twentieth judicial district faces a second primary on July 5th, as a result of the decision of T. D. Bryson, Jr., of Bryson City, announced late Tuesday, to call a second vote in the race for the Democratic nomination for solicitor.

The vote will be between John M. Queen, of Waynesville, who led the five-cornered race on June 7, and Mr. Bryson.

The district comprises Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Jackson, Swain and Haywood counties.

Andrews Has Tom Thumb Golf Course

The golf fans of Andrews are elated over Andrews' new recreation center, a genuine Tom Thumb golf course, which is nearing completion on the lot next to the residence of Mr. Z. L. Whitaker and just across the street from The Motor Inn. The engineering and supervision of construction has been under the management of Mr. George R. Porter, who has been with the Tom Thumb Golf Course Co., Inc., since its infancy. Mr. Porter assures the press that this course will be equal to any within our state, since neither time nor funds have been spared to make it attractive and interesting.

The management, Mr. Lee Watkins and G. B. Hohlitzell, of Andrews, state that a formal opening will be had the early part of the coming week. The course will be lighted with thirty-five two-hundred candle power lights, which will enable the fans to play at night as well as day. It is expected that many tournaments and matches will be held.

The course has all the hazards that a large course has, including tunnel shots, water hazards, twenty degree curves, sand traps and log traps. Ladies will be admitted free on the opening night.

Thirty Gallon Still Captured Monday in John Cantrell Home

In the early hours Monday morning, J. M. Bryson and J. A. Cearley, made a raid on the home of John Cantrell, on Underwood Creek, above the Ice plant, about two miles west of Andrews, and captured a thirty-gallon still.

With the still they captured six gallons of whiskey and one hundred twenty gallons of beer. The beer and whiskey were ready for use.

The still was concealed between the walls of the house and had been used on the cook stove when making whiskey. When the officers entered the house they found only the woman of the house and one small boy. The man who was making the whiskey had disappeared.