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## STOREY ENTERS GUILTY PLEA TO EMBEZZLEMENT

Former Banker's Sentence Suspended Provided He Pays \$3,500 And Court Costs

J. B. Storey, former cashier of the defunct Cherokee Bank, of Murphy, which closed in October, 1931, and who was charged with embezzlement, abstraction, and misapplication of \$13,000.00 of the bank funds, and with false entries on the bank's books and with forgery, Monday afternoon entered a plea of guilty in Superior Court.

Judge A. M. Stack, of Monroe, presided over the special term called to try the case, sentenced the defendant to serve not less than three nor more than five years in State's Prison, Raleigh, but suspended the sentence upon the carrying out by the defendant of certain conditions imposed by the court.

### To Pay \$3,500

The private prosecution agreed to terms which provide that the defendant is to pay \$3,500 to the bank for its depositors. \$9,880 having been paid by the bonding company. The defendant is to pay court costs. Storey was given two years in which to pay the \$3,500, and thirty days in which to pay costs of the court.

The sentence, as imposed by Judge Stack, reads as follows:

"Let the defendant be imprisoned in the State prison for not less than three years nor more than five years and it appearing to the court that the bonding company has paid in \$9,880 for the benefit of the depositors and upon recommendation of the solicitor of this district and with the approval of the commissioner of banks, through his attorneys, Hill & Gray, of Murphy, and the court being of the opinion that it would be better for the depositors to get \$3,500 than simply the incarceration of the defendant, the sentence will be suspended upon the following express conditions:

"First, that the defendant will pay or cause to be paid into the clerk's office the sum of \$3,500, \$875 of which shall be paid on or before November 1, 1932, \$875 on or before April 1, 1933, \$875 on or before October 1, 1933, and \$875 on or before April 1, 1934; and second, that within ten days from May 9, 1932, the defendant is to secure or cause to be secured the said sum of \$3,500 by first deed of trust or first mortgage on unencumbered real estate worth at least \$4,000; said deed of trust or mortgage to contain power of sale and provided that in case of default in the payment of said installments or either of them then all unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable with the right in the trustee or mortgagee to immediately foreclose; and, third, that the defendant do appear at the following terms of the Superior Court for Cherokee County, to-wit: November term, 1932, August term, 1933, November term, 1933, and August term, 1934, and show that he has fully complied with the terms of this judgment and that the said defendant do give bond in the sum of \$5,000 conditioned for his appearance at the terms of court hereinbefore specified, such bond to be justified and approved by the clerk.

"Fourth, that the defendant do within 30 days pay the costs of this action to be taxed by the clerk."

The defendant will not have to appear in person at court if the money is paid before each term. He is also to continue under the present bond until the next bond is executed and approved. The amount of \$3,500 and the \$9,880 paid in totals \$13,380, which is more than the bill of indictment called for, \$13,000.

### Attorneys in Case

Don Witherspoon was called in Monday to assist J. N. Moody, and Judge J. B. Jones, of Gainesville, Ga. as attorneys for the defendant. Hill & Gray, of Murphy, assisted Solicitor John Queen in the prosecution.

Twenty-four veniremen were summoned from Clay County, the following jury being selected: Tom Martin, W. A. Crawford, Silvey Penland, N. F. Robertson, Frank Rogers, G. C. Padgett, H. C. Ledford, J. A. Woody, Van Ledford, Alex Bradley, W. O. Penland, and C. L. Davis.

The case was called at 1 o'clock and Judge Stack adjourned court about 2:30 o'clock.

## D. S. PUETT, 86 IS TAKEN BY DEATH; FUNERAL WED.

D. S. Puett, 86, farmer and veteran of the War Between the States, died at his home near Marble Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock following an illness of more than two months due to heart trouble. Mr. Puett was a member of Marble Springs Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Peachtree Baptist Church, by the Rev. R. W. Provost, of Andrews, and interment was in the churchyard. The Masonic lodge, of which he was a member, had charge of the last rites.

Surviving are four children: Mrs. H. S. Sudderth and Mrs. W. H. Sudderth, both of Peachtree; Mrs. N. W. Abernathy and W. A. Puett, of Marble.

## PROGRAM OF DECORATION AT FRIENDSHIP 15

9:00 A. M. Assemble in church one song.  
9:05 The origin of Memorial Day by Pearl McNabb.  
9:15 The First Decoration Day Proclamation, Mae Wood.  
9:25 Special Song by four girls.  
9:30 A tribute to our Sleeping Dead, Lois Payne.  
9:35 Special song by four boys.  
9:40 Tributes to our Sleeping Dead, Bonnie Dye and Kate Curtis.  
9:50 March to Cemetery.  
10:00 Address by Rev. N. O. Kilpatrick.  
10:30 Decorating of graves.  
10:50 Re-assemble at the church.  
11:00 Preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Revis.

## ZONE MEETING HELD IN MURPHY

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Western Zone of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society was held in the First Methodist Church of Murphy on April 21, beginning at 9:00 o'clock and lasting until afternoon. The zone includes the societies of Bryson City, Andrews and Murphy.

The following program was given: Welcome address—Mrs. T. F. Higgins.  
Response—Mrs. Carter, of Bryson City.  
Devotional—Rev. T. F. Higgins.  
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Hadley Dickey.  
Talk on Work in Cherokee County R. W. Gray, County Agent.  
Talk by Mrs. W. E. Harris, Conference Secretary.  
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Hadley Dickey.  
Round table discussion, led by Mrs. George Hampton, District Sec.  
Chinese Play—"Kai Su's Chance" Given by Murphy young people, directed by Miss Irene Lynn.  
Talk: "The Appeal of China"—Miss Kathryn McCall.

In the afternoon session the round table discussion was continued, group discussion were held, and officers were elected.

Officers elected were: Chairman—Mrs. T. W. Axley Murphy.  
Vice-chairman—Mrs. J. E. Coburn, Bryson City.  
Secretary—Mrs. N. C. Bellmany, Andrews.

Supt. Children's Work—Mrs. J. R. Long, Bryson City.  
Supt. Social Service—Mrs. D. W. Swan, Andrews.  
Supt. Mission Study—Mrs. H. G. Elkins, Murphy.

The Missionary Slogan for the year is "Have Faith—Go Forward." A very helpful part of the meeting was the talk by the Conference Secretary, Mrs. Harris, who gave many facts about the growth and development of the society and its plans for the year. It was very inspiring to have Mrs. Harris present, and also to have Mrs. Hampton, the District Secretary.

At the noon hour a delicious luncheon was served in the social rooms of the church by the members of the Murphy society.

### Candidates Must File With Election Board By Midnight, May 21st

All candidates for county State and federal offices, must file with Board of Elections at least two weeks before the date of the primary, according to the law. This means that all candidates must file by midnight, May 21st.

## Candidate for Governor



John C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, candidate for Governor of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic primary June 4th.

John C. B. Ehringhaus, Candidate for Governor of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic Primary in June, has preached the gospel of the Democratic Party since 1904, when as a boy lawyer, fresh from the University of North Carolina, he took part in his first political campaign.

Ever since then, in every campaign, County, State, and Nation, he has carried the Democratic banner, defended Democratic principles, and championed the Democratic cause.

His political shibboleth always has been "Party Over Self" and he has never sought state-wide personal honor until now. His energies have been directed unselfishly towards espousing the cause of his Party's chosen leaders.

In those early days of 1904, while young Ehringhaus was away from his home town of Elizabeth City making his first campaign speeches in the cause of Democracy, leaders in his County decided that he should go to the State Legislature. When he returned home, Mr. Ehringhaus was told that he had been nominated. He was elected and served Pasquotank County in the General Assembly in the sessions of 1905 and 1907. He then retired of his own volition. His only other elective office was that of Solicitor in his district. He served his people in this capacity for twelve years, and again voluntarily retired.

Coming up to 1928, after having fought for his Party for nearly a quarter of a century, he took a leading part in that stirring campaign.

He closed his law office in Elizabeth City and picked up the Democratic banner to carry it throughout the State. In a few months he travelled 12,000 miles, visited 95 out of the 100 counties, and made nearly 60 speeches—more than any other Democratic champion except Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby. Every cent of expense entailed in this unselfish in dioidal effort of his party was paid out of his own pocket.

In 1930 he again unfurled the Democratic standard in more than half of the State's counties.

In advancing his ambition to be Governor, Mr. Ehringhaus does not forget his Party loyalty, nor does he fail at any point, or in any speech, to make public avowal of the cause which he loves and cherishes. His personal platform embodies the constructive principles and patriotic achievements for which Democracy has always stood.

The purpose of this article is to give from various speeches and statements, Mr. Ehringhaus' views on the questions and issue of most interest to the Democrats of North Carolina at this time.

"In the depression which has engulfed us," he has said, "we suffer a common affliction and our problems must be approached from the standpoint of the common welfare. It has been said, too, that policies, not personalities, should decide the people's choice in this contest. I am content to have it so, and with love for every corner of my State, submit my ideas of policies and program.

### Stand on Party Record

"I stand upon the record of my Party. That record may not go as far as my personal desires in some directions or may overreach them in others, but it is first and last record of constructive and patriotic achievement, and I shall champion it against all defamers. Here and now I pledge also that in the future as in the past I shall loyally support the nominees of my Party in State and Nation.

### A Balanced Budget

"A balanced budget is essential to sound business conduct of public as

## WOLF CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Stone and Mrs. Martha Burgess visited friends in Postell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Voyles and Mrs. Cordelia Hogsed made a business trip to Murphy Saturday.

Mrs. Josie Garren and son, Howard, visited her mother near Ranger Sunday.

It was a beautiful 32 special Smith & Wesson that Deputy Sheriff A. E. Brown took off the person of J. W. Presswood, of Ducktown, Tenn., Sunday afternoon, when he arrested him and his girl friend, Miss Nena Hyatt, of Isabella, Tenn. Sheriff Brown stated that he had been informed that the parties which he arrested, had gone into an isolated section of his community that morning and he found them there in the mid afternoon and arrested them after watching them in and about their car for more than an hour.

Mr. Presswood is a man with a wife and fourteen children. Miss Hyatt is the divorced wife of Homer Loudermilk and is under a \$6,000.00 bond for her appearance at the Ducktown court, which is to be held the latter part of this month, for alleged shooting of a Deputy Sheriff by the name of Pierce, in Coletown, a few months ago.

The citizens of Wolf Creek, after a hearing before the Board of Elections in Murphy, on Monday of last week, feel like they have received a stab in the back and that the Board acted like the act was justified when they refused to restore their voting precinct, which they had taken from them a few weeks ago.

At the hearing, a majority of the board refused to consider a petition signed by more than sixty qualified electors of this precinct and presented to them by more than a dozen of our citizens in person asking them to restore the precinct which they alleged was more than a half century old.

They further stated in the petition that many of their citizens would have to travel a distance of twenty-two to twenty-five miles to vote and that the majority of the voters would have to travel ten to twelve miles, and none for a distance less than nine miles.

The Board in trying to justify their act of moving the precinct to Hot House, stated that it was an economical and not a political move. But when it was shown them that the expense of transporting the voters to the new precinct would be greater than the election expenses, then the Democratic members of the Board stated that they made a personal investigation and that in their investigation they did not come to Wolf Creek, but stopped in Hot House precinct, and there heard a rumor that there had been some irregularities in elections held at Wolf Creek. These charges were refuted by those present, but they had not the privilege of facing the one who started the alleged rumor, for he was not present. But, nevertheless, the board voted 2 to 1 to sustain their former act in moving the precinct to Hot House, and by their act indicating that rumor, with them, in this instance, had a stronger bearing than facts presented by representative citizens from here.

Perhaps there is not another group of citizens in the good old North State placed at so great a disadvantage in exercising their franchise as are our more than 125 tax-paying citizens of Wolf Creek.

## Faculty Entertained

Last Friday evening the Murphy school faculty, including the wives and husbands of the married members, were entertained at a dinner party given by Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Higgins.

At the appointed hour all assembled at the front door of the bled at the front door of the Methodist Church, and were met by Mrs. Higgins who led the guest to the church dining room which was beautifully decorated with spring flowers.

After the kinds words to the groups, spoken by Mrs. Higgins and response by Mr. Williams, much to the surprise and merriment of the party, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Carper came in from the kitchen attired as Chefs and acted very efficiently the part.

The pleasant evening and gracious hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Higgins will long be remembered by all those attending.

## NEW ALL-STEEL MARBLE CUTTING PLANT COMPLETE

The Converse Bridge and Steel Company, Chattanooga, Tenn., has just completed an all-steel marble cutting plant for the Columbia Marble Company at Marble, N. C., according to announcement Friday, May 6th, by B. F. Coggins, president of the Columbia Marble Company, with offices in the Candler building, Atlanta, Ga.

The Columbia Marble Company also has an office and manufacturing plant at Knoxville, Tenn., but its quarries are located near Marble, N. C. This new manufacturing unit located near the company's quarries and equipped with the most modern marble working machinery will make possible much better service for the monumental and building trades.

The Columbia Marble Company is owned and operated by the Comoli interests of Elberton, Ga. C. Comoli is vice president and treasurer of the company. The same people also own and operate a number of granite quarries in North Carolina and Georgia, producing six different, nationally known granites, a half dozen manufacturing plants located in Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia.

### Enormous Marble Deposit

All are exclusively wholesale producers of rough stock, slabs and finished work for monumental and building purposes—one of the largest quarriers and manufacturers of marble and granite in the United States.

Marble, North Carolina, is in the middle of an enormous marble formation which extends down from Knoxville, through western North Carolina across Georgia into Alabama. This deposit represents a variety of colors which surpass any other marble deposit in the world, it is said—blue, gray, white and pink of different shades and combinations. Here are found the finest materials for various forms of building and monumetal work.

### Marble Centers

This new plant will be operated with electric power, and will be equipped with saws, rubbing beds, polishing machines and every other type of machinery needed for the skillful production of beautiful memorials and building work.

With this plant located right at the quarries, quicker shipments can be made and considerable savings in costs will be given the different trades, according to Mr. Coggins.

W. H. Allen is associated with Mr. Coggins and Mr. Comoli in the operations of their extensive enterprises in eGeorgia, Carolina and Tennessee. He is general manager. — Atlanta Constitution.

## Clay County Man Nominated For State Senate By Republicans

J. C. Herbert, of Hayesville, former representative and ex-senator of this district, was nominated by the Republicans of the 33rd district at a meeting in Andrews Wednesday afternoon.

The meeting was presided over by R. D. Sisk, of Sylva, chairman of the district executive committee, with W. A. Boyd, of Murphy, acting as secretary. The district is composed of Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Macon Counties.

Only two candidates were in the race before the convention, the other being Alvin Solesbee, of Macon County. The vote of the convention was, Herbert 34, Solesbee 19.

A new executive committee for the district was elected, as follows: R. D. Sisk, Swain, chairman; W. C. Wakefield, Clay, secretary; W. A. Boyd, Cherokee; T. M. Jenkins, Graham; Alvin Solesbee, Macon; and O. P. Williams, Swain.

## Singing Convention

The annual meeting of the Cherokee County Singing Convention will convene at Marble Springs Baptist Church on second Sunday in June at 9:00 o'clock A. M. it being the 12th day of June. Every class in Cherokee County is cordially invited to attend and take part in the contest for the banner. Singers and classes from other Counties and States are cordially invited to meet with us and sing. However, they will not be permitted to sing in the contest. Let every body come and enjoy a day of singing.

LEE CRISP, Pres.  
D. B. WRIGHT, Secy.