

# The Cherokee Scout

The Leading Weekly Newspaper in Western North Carolina, Covering a Large and Potentially Rich Territory in This State

Vol. XLIV.—No. 31

Murphey, N. C., Friday, March 3, 1933

\$1.00 YEAR—5c COPY

## Raleigh News Story Causes Political Stir

### GRANT DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF CHARGES MADE

Says He Is Opposed To Such Methods To Punish Teachers

A news story in the Asheville Citizen-Times last Sunday coming from Raleigh relative to punishment of certain teachers in Cherokee county for their political activities in the election, has created quite a stir in political circles of the county, and brought denials from Democratic leaders that they knew anything about the matter.

Superintendent A. L. Martin, at who the suggested or proposed legislation is directed, refused to comment on the contents of the article or the proposed legislation in any way. B. P. Grant, member of the County Board of Education, who is involved by the article by intimation that he is favorable to the proposed or suggested legislation, denied any knowledge of the affair, stated he was opposed to any such method or tactics, and said that it "is a scheme of somebody to make political thunder at my expense."

The article appearing in the Citizen-Times Sunday, Feb. 26, follows:

#### POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF TEACHERS CAUSE STIR

Group of Democrats in Cherokee Protest Renaming Martin

The political activities of several teachers in the Cherokee county schools will probably lead to a general shake-up it was learned today.

A group of Cherokee county democrats has protested against the re-appointment of A. L. Martin, Murphy, as county superintendent of schools unless he agrees to discharge these teachers who campaigned actively against the national, State and local Democratic tickets last fall.

Mr. Martin has served as superintendent of the Cherokee county schools for 23 years, but he will probably be relieved unless he agrees to make these changes in the teaching force.

Two members of the present Cherokee county board of education P. A. Mauney and Robert H. King—are friendly to Mr. Martin, while the third member, B. P. Grant, is said to oppose his reappointment unless the teachers are punished for their political activities.

This group of Democrats has suggested to Representative G. W. Cover, Jr., of Cherokee, that he increase the county board of education to five members, adding two members who would follow Mr. Grant in his fight against these teachers.

Representative Cover declines to comment, but it was learned from reliable sources today that he will agree to this move unless assured by Superintendent Martin that the differences will be satisfactorily adjusted. —Asheville Citizen.

Mr. Grant was asked by the Scout if he wished to make a statement, and this is his reply:

Andrews, N. C. March 1, 1933.  
Editor of The Scout:

In last Sunday's issue of the Asheville Citizen-Times I notice a news story coming from Raleigh where it has been suggested by a group of Cherokee Democrats that Representative G. W. Cover, Jr., of Cherokee, introduce a bill increasing the present County Board of Education from three to five members, the purported purpose of which is to appoint two other members on the board who are not favorable to Mr. Martin, and intimates that I am unfriendly to Mr. Martin and opposed to his reappointment unless he "punishes" certain teachers in the county for their political activities in the past election.

In the first place, nothing is farther from the truth. I know nothing about the article, where it originated, who is responsible for it or who is at the back of it. It was news to me when someone called my attention to it. Somebody is trying to make me the "goat" in something I know nothing about.

I am opposed to any sort of steps  
(Continued on page 8)

### Bills Introduced By Cover Affect Cherokee County

A number of bills have been introduced in the General Assembly affecting Cherokee County. Mr. Cover has been very active during this term of the legislature, and has been awarded a number of important committee assignments in the present session, one of which is the committee on banks and banking.

Among the bills recently introduced are the following:

A bill to prohibit the carrying or exploding dynamite cartridges and bombs in Cherokee county, except for mechanical purposes. Introduced Feb. 16th.

A bill to repeal the law prohibiting the sale or use of fireworks in Cherokee county. Introduced Jan. 24th.

A bill to clarify the statutes providing that stockholders of closed banks shall be required to pay any one stock assessment. This bill was originally passed or ratified on January 30th, but did not include Cherokee and Clay counties. Representative Cover's bill is supplemental and includes these two western counties.

The General Assembly Tuesday ratified the Cover bill which seeks to protect the revenue and public funds of Cherokee county.

As enacted into law, it provides: Prohibits issuance of voucher by county accountant or register of deeds without expressed permission of the board of county commissioners.

Requires publication monthly of all orders for payment of money passed by the board.

Requires county superintendent to make monthly reports of revenues received by county treasurer for school purposes, and report from treasurer on all revenues received by county for preceding month, as well as the financial agents for each municipality in Cherokee county. —Asheville Citizen.

### Seek to Place Two Officials On Fee Basis

The sheriff and tax collector of Cherokee County would be placed on a fee basis beginning with the collection of taxes for 1933 under provisions of a bill introduced in the senate by Senator R. A. Patton, Macon.

The sheriff and tax collector would be paid four per cent, on the first \$50,000 of taxes collected, and two and one-half per cent on all taxes collected in excess of this amount.

The second section reads: "That the sheriff of said county shall be allowed as travel expenses 10 cents per mile one way in transferring prisoners and or taking insane persons to State hospitals within or without the county. He shall also be allowed the following fees: Serving warrant, two dollars; service of summons or other civil process one dollar and fifty cents; serving subpoena, 50 cents." —Asheville Citizen.

### Patton Bill Ratified By General Assembly

The General Assembly has ratified the Patton bill decreasing the payments to be made by those entering land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, and Swain counties.

It follows: "That section three of chapter 83 of public laws of 1927 be amended by adding at the end thereof, the following: "Provided, that for each acre of land entered there-Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon and Swain counties, there shall be paid to the State treasurer the sum of one and one-half dollars." —Asheville Citizen.

### Masons To Meet

The regular communication of the Cherokee Lodge No. 146 A. F. & A. M. will be held in the Masonic hall Monday evening March 6th at 7 o'clock all duly qualified brethren are cordially invited to meet with us.

By the order of,  
H. S. BOWLES, W. M.  
E. O. Palmer, Secretary.

## A. A. FAIN DIES SUDDENLY WEDNESDAY

A. A. Fain prominent citizen, died suddenly at 10:00 o'clock Wednesday night, March 1, at his home. Mr. Fain was 66 years old last November.

About two and a half weeks ago, he had an attack with his heart just after returning home from church on Sunday morning, and was confined to his bed for a week, but had been at his office in the court house every day since. Wednesday afternoon about 3 or 4 o'clock he started to town, and when a short distance from home, felt weak and stopped taken home where he died suddenly in a filling station to rest. He was at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Fain was Clerk of Cherokee County Superior court for several terms, and also served as Mayor of Murphey and represented Cherokee County in the General Assembly. At the time of his death, he was Justice of the Peace, and United Commissioner. He was married in 1880 to Miss Ida Phillips who survives. He is also survived by six children, H. A., J. M. and F. A. and Miss Eloise, all of Murphey, Mrs. William Butt of Blue Ridge, Ga., and Mrs. Herman Bryant, Jr., of Petersburg, Indiana. Four grandchildren, two brothers, R. M. and J. L. Fain and one sister, Mrs. Abe McD. Harshaw of Murphey.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3:00 o'clock at the Methodist church, with the Rev. T. F. Higgins in charge.

Active pallbearers are: Wade Massey, Glenn Pates, Sheridan Heighway, Lowery Hill, Bob Austin and Frank Ellis. Honorary pallbearers are: Ralph Beal, R. C. Maitox, C. M. Wofford, W. G. Owenby, Arthur Aklin, K. V. Weaver, George Abbott and C. B. Hill. Burial in Sunset cemetery.

## Murphy Boy Honored At Tri-State College

Lyle Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Martin, of Murphey, who is a student at Tri-State College, Angola, Ind., has been signally honored by being elected to membership in the Tau Sigma Eta honorary engineering society of that college.

The letter to Mr. Martin announcing his election to membership in this society follows:

Tri-State College,  
Angola, Indiana, Jan. 16, 1933.  
Mr. Lyle Martin,  
508 S. Washington St., Angola, Ind.  
Dear Mr. Martin:

We take great pleasure in informing you that you have been elected to membership in the Tau Sigma Eta Honorary Engineering Society of Tri-State College. You have been elected through your superior scholarship, which is our prerequisite for membership.

standing; and that you will use your We hope this will serve to encourage you to maintain your high influence, as an outstanding student, to help others.

Very truly yours,  
Joseph Jambro, Sec'y  
Tau Sigma Eta Hon. Eng. Soc.

## SMITH-FOSTER

A wedding of much interest to the people of Cherokee County was that of Miss Osie Smith of Marble when she became the bride of Mr. Lee Roy Foster of Culberson which was solemnized Sunday February 27 at 3:00 o'clock at the Antioch church near Blairsville, Georgia. The Rev. W. T. Truett of Culberson officiating.

The bride was attired in Hyacinth blue outfit with matching accessories. She is the daughter of the late Rev. A. B. Smith, and is widely known having taught in the rural schools of Cherokee county for a number of years.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Joe Foster and is a prominent farmer of Culberson.

Those attending the wedding were Miss Lucile Barnett of Andrews, N. C., niece of the bride, Messrs Joe Hawkins and Glenn Owenby of Culberson, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Shields and daughter, Eunice and Myrtle Trull also of Culberson.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster are stopping at Marble for the present.

Mr. P. B. Ferree of Andrews was a business visitor in Murphey Wednesday.

## Cover Is Author Of Bill To Aid Debtors

Sponsor Believes Plan Will Help Relieve Distress

Representative G. W. Cover, Jr., of Cherokee, is the author of a bill which, he believes, will aid debtors in their present distress.

It follows: "Whereas, many mortgages and deeds of trust have heretofore been executed conveying real estate to secure notes, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness; and

"Whereas, there has been a great and unusual depreciation in the cash value of real estate and a consequent increase in the purchasing power or value of the dollar; and

"Whereas, upon foreclosure of all such mortgages and or deeds of trust the real estate therein conveyed seldom brings anything near its real worth or actual value and owing to the many bank failures and financial condition of the people generally, the holders of the notes, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness secured by such mortgages or deeds of trust usually become the purchasers of such real estate for amounts much less than the indebtedness thereby secured, and such foreclosures, whether by exercise of the power of sale in such instruments contained, or by civil action, have the effect to wipe out the real estate of the debtors and leave them subject to a deficiency judgment; and

"Whereas, foreclosures and taking of deficiency judgments has the effect to wipe out the assets of the debtors for only a part of their real value and leave the debtors subject to deficiency judgments and prevent the return to normal business and financial conditions: Now, therefore,

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section 1, That in all sales of real property made with in five years from the date of ratification of this act by mortgages and or trustees under powers of sale contained in any mortgage or deed of trust securing notes, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness given to secure any indebtedness executed before or after the ratification of this act, or where judgment or decree is given, within five years from the date of the ratification of this act, for the foreclosure of any mortgage and or deed of trust executed before or after the ratification of this act to secure notes, bonds and or other evidence of indebtedness secured by such mortgage and or deed of trust shall not be entitled to a deficiency judgment on account of such mortgage or deed of trust, or obligation secured by the same: Provided, however, that this act shall not apply to mortgages and or deeds of trust given as indemnity bonds, or to secure sureties or endorssers."

## Ministerial Conference To Be Held March 6th

The regular meeting of the Ministerial Conference of Cherokee and Clay counties embracing the western North Carolina and West Liberty Associations will meet at the court house (grand jury room) March 6. The subject for discussion is Manual of the Southern Baptist Conventions as outlined in the hand book vention. All pastors, preachers and interested church people of the two Associations are invited.

## METHODIST TO GIVE PLAY NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

The ladies of the Methodist Church will give a musical entertainment on Friday night, March 3rd, at the school auditorium. The entertainment is in four parts, each representing one night of a chatauqua. The first part consists of quartette, duets, vocal and piano solos by some of Murphey's leading singers and players. Part number 2, Virgil Johnson and his string orchestra, consisting of guitars, banjos, ukeleles, will give a twenty minute program. If you haven't heard this orchestra this will be your opportunity. Third part will consist of "living pictures," about 20 different persons taking parts, representing comical characters, some of Murphey's own as they looked in days gone by. This act is a whole show within itself. Fourth part, "The Klash and Klatter Band," about 30 girls and women taking part. Some of the latest popular songs, together with kazoo make this act a real treat. The entertainment is scheduled to last about an hour and a half, every minute of which will be filled with something appealing and entertaining.

## COMMITTEES NAMED FOR COUNTY DINNER

Lions Annual Cherokee Dinner To Be held Tuesday Night, March 14th

Arrangements are fast taking shape for the annual Cherokee County Dinner, sponsored by the Murphey Lions Club, which will be held Tuesday night, March 14. Committees who will be in charge of the various activities have been announced by Lion President W. M. Fain, as follows:

Program: E. E. Adams, Chairman, Ab. Hembee and H. Bueck, Menu, G. W. Ellis, Chairman, V. M. Johnson, and John Shields, Publicity, C. W. Bailey, Chairman T. F. Higgins, Carl Townson, Reception, W. W. Hyde, Chairman, Frank Bristol, D. Witherspoon, Invitations, R. W. Gray, Chairman, H. G. Elkins, E. C. Moore.

The Murphey Lions Club are responsible for holding the first county dinner of any sort in North Carolina. The first dinner was held several years ago, and was such a success that the affair has been duplicated by many other organizations throughout the state. Only recently, the newspaper people of the state held an affair at Raleigh which was made or called a North Carolina Dinner.

Last year, at this dinner, the Lions served some 38 items of food raised in Cherokee county. It is hoped that this number will be greatly increased this year. Invitations will be sent to a number of prominent farmers of the county to attend, and farmers of the county generally who have anything they would like to see served at this dinner are asked to get in touch with the menu committee at once. And, of course, donations in the way of Cherokee County products to the committee will be acceptable.

At the meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday night, the club fittingly observed the District Governor's Meeting, set aside by Lions International for the state officers who serve without compensation. Hugh G. Mitchell, of Statesville is district Governor of North Carolina, and President Fain discussed this feature of the meeting, and told of the work performed by the district governor.

A number of other important topics were discussed, including a review of the pending legislation affecting Cherokee County by C. W. Bailey, and discussions of the coming Cherokee County Dinner.

## T. M. ALLEN HAS NEWSPAPER 78 YEARS OLD

T. M. Allen of Postell, N. C. has in his possession a newspaper that is 78 years old. The name of it is Carolina Baptist. It was published in Hendersonville, North Carolina Wednesday May 30th, 1855. It was published weekly by Jas. Blythe and N. Bowen. J. M. Bryan corresponding editor. Subscription price \$2.00 a year, invariable in advance. Widows, Ministers and postmasters will be charged only \$1.50 during the year. Terms of advertising 1 square of 16 lines first insertion \$1.00, each subsequent insertion 25 cents. One square one year for \$6.00. A family newspaper devoted to religion, religious literature, agriculture and general intelligence.

The Dr. Heighway has only got me beat one and a half months.

T. M. ALLEN

## Young Democrats Of State To Meet 15th

The young Democratic organizations of the state are preparing to hold a Jackson Day Dinner celebration and convention at Raleigh on 15th of this month. The convention will meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the new Memorial Auditorium and the Jackson Day Dinner will be in the form of a banquet at 7 o'clock that evening. Cover charges are \$1.00 each.

Cherokee county has three votes in the convention according to Dewey J. Dorsett, president of the state organization, and it is expected that this number of delegates will attend from this county.

Mr. John Davidson left Tuesday for a visit to Asheville.