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MEETINGS ON CANNERY BEING HELD THIS WEEK

John E. Barr, Expert Canner, To Have Charge of Murphy Cannery For TVAC

Several meetings have been held over the county this week in the interest of securing acreage for the TVAC cannery at Murphy, Monday night John E. Barr, of Washington, D. C., who will have charge of the Murphy cannery for the TVAC; W. M. Fain, owner of the building which will house the cannery; Quay Ketner, County Agent, and C. W. Bailey, editor of the Scout, met with a number of people of the Suit community.

About four and a half acres of tomatoes were secured at the meeting. A rain just before the convening of the meeting kept many people at home, but about 25 attended.

The meeting was opened by W. M. Fain who explained the object and introduced Mr. Barr, who spoke at length on the cannery project. Mr. Ketner then made a short talk, followed by a talk by C. W. Bailey.

Mr. Barr explained that the Tennessee Valley Authority Co-operatives (the TVAC) was an organization under the TVA dedicated to a program of betterment of the conditions of farm families living in the Tennessee Valley.

"One of the objects of this movement," Mr. Barr said during the course of his remarks, "is to establish small co-operative canneries in the most advantageous places and where they will have a tendency of helping the farmers as well as the laborers in towns throughout the mountain region. All of these organizations will be co-operative, therefore, all profits go to the actual producers, and by so doing will remain in the community."

"At present the Murphy co-operative has approximately 75 acres of tomatoes, and are still contracting, hoping to increase the acreage to at least 100 acres. The company is making tomatoes its major crop this year, but will can other products for the producers on a custom basis, where they desire to have products canned for their own use. It is earnestly requested that the farmers who are able to handle a little more acreage come in to County Agent Ketner's office and give him their names with the amount of acreage they wish to grow, and that plants can be procured through local sources in any quantity desired. The variety best suited for the purpose of the cannery is the Marglobe."

"The TVAC, the cannery, nor any other organization can make a success of this proposition without the co-operation of the farmer to grow the produce. Therefore, we sincerely hope that the farmers of Cherokee county will give these propositions their whole-hearted support so that they may derive the benefits that are sure to come through co-operative effort in the future."

"It will be the intent of the co-operative to pack a quality product, which will demand the highest price on the best markets of the country, thereby giving the producer a higher return for the products which he produces. In order to do this it will be necessary to grade the products carefully so that a first and second quality can be packed, and in this the management solicits the co-operation of all producers."

Mr. Barr, who has been named cannery supervisor for the TVAC for three canneries in Western North Carolina, with headquarters at Murphy, has had 25 years experience in the canning business, as grower, packer and merchandiser. He formerly lived in St. Cloud, Minn., where he had charge of one of the large canning plants in that state, but for the past two years has been engaged in the canned food brokerage business in Washington, D. C. He will have charge of canneries at Murphy, Waynesville and Banner Elk.

HOTEL DICKEY IN 50th YEAR SERVICE

Hotel Dickey observed its 50th anniversary on May the 7th. It is the oldest and best known hostelry in the State of North Carolina. Mrs. Dickey is still precising and meets and greets her guests as usual. Thousands have been entertained there and gone out singing the praises of the Southern hospitality of Hotel Dickey.

Ministers of Clay And Cherokee Meet

The third session of the Ministerial Association of Clay and Cherokee counties met in the First Baptist at Murphy, N. C. on the first Monday after the first Sunday in May.

The devotion was conducted by the Rev. W. T. Truett who read from John 17: 1-12, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Will Hedden.

Rev. Long spoke on the Need of Co-operation between the churches. He used scriptures from Psa. 133: 1; Jno. 10:16; Rom. 12: 4, 5; 1 Cor. 10: 17; 1 Cor. 12: 12; Gal. 3: 26; Eph. 1: 10; Eph. 2: 14; Eph. 3: 6; Eph. 4: 4; Col. 3: 11.

These scriptures were given to show the "need of co-operation" and to increase the desire from the standpoint of the Holy Spirit speaking to be united in purpose to make Christ known to the people. Mr. Long pointed to the evils of the day and plan and purpose of the Gospel of old of Satan's plan to thwart the told of Satan's plan to thwart the necessity of bringing co-operation between the churches by showing that the denominations may be compared to the different divisions of an army but all are to work toward one goal and follow the commands of the general if results are to be obtained. He emphasized our Divine Commander at the head of the Churches.

Rev. J. H. Carper spoke on Methods of securing Co-operation Between churches and referred to Jno. 17: 21 verse particularly as the need of our becoming one in purpose to redeem fallen humanity that they may be one also.

Rev. Carper proceeded to show that we have exhortations from God Himself for showing "co-operation between the churches" and he further pointed out methods he believed would be very beneficial for securing co-operation:

1. Exalting Christ by (a) An organized church membership.
- (b) Need of great degrees of tolerance for seeing the other persons point of view.
- (c) Patience in order to give warning to others and carry out the program of Christ.
- (d) Decision necessary to bring about methods of co-operation.
- (e) Purpose of organization to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ who is head of his church.

Please notice in the papers the arrangement of our next program for the June meeting and make preparations to attend, for the invitation is especially to the ministers of our different denominations.

NEW FATHERS TAKE CHARGE OF GOVERNMENT

All Old City Employees Elected At Adjourned Meeting Tuesday Night

Election of city employees, naming of committees and setting a regular meeting date featured an adjourned meeting of the new mayor and board of commissioners of the town of Murphy here Tuesday night.

The new city fathers officially took over the city government last Friday night when Retiring Mayor Edmund B. Norvell administered the oath of office to J. B. Gray, mayor and four commissioners, L. E. Bayless, G. W. Ellis, W. G. Owenby, and Porter Axley. Two other commissioners, Noah Lovingood and C. D. Mayfield could not attend the first meeting, but took the oath of office last Saturday. Mr. Lovingood was administered the oath of office by C. B. Hill, Justice of the Peace, and Mr. Mayfield by Fred O. Bates, another Justice.

At the meeting Tuesday night, all members were present except C. D. Mayfield. By unanimous vote, Mr. Mayfield was elected mayor pro tem.

All of the city employees who served under the outgoing administration were re-elected for another year. Outside of the applications of the old employees, only extra applications were in the police department and street force. Employees were named as follows: E. O. Christopher, clerk and purchasing agent, Policemen, Fred Johnson, chief, and Neil Sneed assistant; Street force, Walter Sneed and Charlie Fish; Fulton Hartness, filter plant operator; and F. O. Christopher, city attorney.

Mayor Gray announced committee as follows: Finance, W. G. Owenby and L. E. Bayless; Water, G. W. Ellis

INDIANS AND AGENTS HOLD MURPHY MEET

Vote To Petition For Separation Of Full Bloods And Mixed For Settlement

The unanimous adoption of a proposition to present a petition to the tribal council at Cherokee for the separation of full and mixed blood Indians for settlement purposes featured the first of a series of acquainted meetings of the non-reservation Indians in Cherokee county at the court house in Murphy Wednesday morning.

The meeting at the court house by R. L. Spalsbury, Indian Agent; Andrew Otter, assistant chief; A. M. Adams, field agent; W. N. Robinson, forest ranger, all of Cherokee; Sibald Smith, of Patrick, county ranger, and about 50 members of the Eastern Band of Cherokees located in the county.

Mr. Spalsbury opened the meeting by explaining its object, and said this was the beginning of a series of meetings of officials and members of the Eastern Band to be held in this and other counties for the purpose of finding out what the needs of the people are, making allotments of homes on the Indian lands to deserving parties, issuing timber permits, and looking after the Indian's interests generally.

J. N. Moody, of Murphy, attorney for members of the tribe whose enrollment was contested in 1913, explained that he had succeeded in enrolling around 1400 names that were contested. He expressed the opinion that the solution of the tribal interest of the Eastern Band could perhaps be better served by making a division or separating the white element from the full blood. He explained that there had been strained relations and unfriendly feelings between the full bloods more or less for the past 75 years.

As a result of the discussion Mr. Moody's statement provoked, those assembled voted unanimously to present a petition to the tribal council at Cherokee setting forth his proposition for settlement, and asking that favorable action be taken on the matter. Mr. Spalsbury explained that the proposition would have to be approved by the council and then forwarded to the Interior Department for action. In case the proposition is approved, it will then be necessary for Congress to pass an act appropriating funds for paying the white mixed bloods for their interests in the tribe.

The United States Land Office, Forestry Department, will shortly make an official survey of all Indian lands in Cherokee, Graham, Jackson and Swain counties, Mr. Spalsbury announced. The surveying party is expected to arrive any day to begin the work. The survey will be made for the purpose of definitely establishing boundary lines of the Indian lands, which he said in some sections had been under dispute for years.

Following the dispensation of business, Field Agent Adams, and Rangers Robinson and Smith were busy for the next two hours taking applications for allotments on land, timber permits, and settlement of disputes on the same. The field agent and rangers stated that there would be a general tightening up of the rules and regulations on the permits and allotments of Indian lands, and any breaches of contract would be handled in the manner required for the protection of tribal interests.

According to the last census report, there are approximately 247 Indian families in Cherokee, and about 200 families in Graham. The Eastern Band of Cherokees own about 21,000 acres of land in these two counties and about 42,000 in Swain and Jackson.

Mr. Spalsbury announced that the meetings hereafter would be held as follows: Robbinsville, Tuesday after the second Monday in each month; Murphy, Wednesday after the second Monday in each month; and at Cherokee on the second Monday in each month.

and Noah Lovingood; Streets and Street lights, C. D. Mayfield and W. G. Owenby; cemetery, parks and sanitary, Porter Axley and L. E. Bayless; police and fire, Noah Lovingood, Porter Axley and G. W. Ellis.

The regular meeting time was fixed on the first Thursday night in each month at 7:30 o'clock.

Installation Service At Presbyterian Church

A special service will be held at the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning when the commission appointed by the Presbytery of Asheville will be present to install the pastor, Rev. Stewart H. Long. It is of deep gratification to the church to announce that one of the members of the commission will be Dr. R. P. Smith, known and loved by almost everyone in this part of the state for his service of over 40 years in the cause of Home Missions and who is now Superintendent, Emeritus Dr. Smith will give the charge to the pastor. The other ministerial members are Dr. R. D. Bedinger, the new superintendent of Home Mission and son-in-law of Dr. Smith who will preach the sermon, and Rev. J. H. Gruver, superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage at Black Mountain who will give the charge to the congregation. Mr. J. B. Gray of Murphy is the ruling elder to serve on the commission. The Presbyterian church together with the pastor feels that it is a distinct honor to have these men who are so closely identified with the work of the church in this Presbytery and cordially invites all of our friends to be with us on this occasion. The commission will go to Hayesville in the afternoon for the installation services there.

BETTER SPORT SOUGHT BY NEW COMMISSIONER

Fish Ponds For Every Farm In State Being Urged By John D. Chalk

Raleigh, May 10.—Better sport fishing would be brought within reach of every North Carolina angler, if John D. Chalk, newly appointed State game and inland fisheries commissioner, is successful in prosecuting the program upon which he is working.

With the hunting seasons over until fall, Mr. Chalk is centering his attention on fishing activities. Finding the source of support of the inland fisheries program, the collection of license, lagging the commissioner has instructed wardens throughout the State to renew their efforts along this line. Funds from this source are the sole dependence of the hatcheries for operation and support of all activities for the protection and improvement of sport fishing. The license fee is described as the anglers investment in his sport.

Licenses are required of all persons fishing in counties other than those in which they reside and non-residents. This fee, in the case of residents, amounts to \$2.10. In addition, county licenses are required of all persons fishing in about a score of counties in the State. During the last few weeks, a sharp increase in collections has been reported.

Although the regular closed season for fishing for warm water species is now in effect, the dates being May 1 to June 11, some form of angling is permitted for certain days in each week during this period in all counties. Fishing is permitted on specified days in counties having only warm water fishing during the May 1 and June 11 period, and the trout season is under way in Western North Carolina.

One phase of the inland fisheries program which the new commissioner is planning to stress is the construction of fish ponds on every farm in the State where facilities are available. Each new pond, it is pointed out, will provide new opportunities for fishing and other recreation and will afford an opportunity, if proper cultural methods are followed, for a continuous supply of appetizing and wholesome food.

The U. S. Bureau of Fisheries has long pointed out the advantages of pondfish culture, and the State conservation department has joined heartily in this movement by frequently calling the attention of the public to the desirability of proving new fishing grounds.

MEETING FOR MIDWIVES 25TH

A committee appointed by Mrs. C. W. Savage, president of the Woman's Club, met Monday afternoon and made plans for a midwife's meeting to be held Friday, May 25th. This will be an all day affair and will be held in the club rooms at the library. Lunch will be served free.

WALTER BRYSON IS EXONERATED IN GIBBY DEATH

Justice Russell, However, Binds Him Over Under Bond As Material Witness

Walter Bryson was exonerated of complicity in the killing of Edd Gibby 23, who was stabbed to death early Sunday morning May 6 in a remote section, 5 miles northwest of Andrews Magistrate D. S. Russell, of Andrews, before whom Bryson was given a preliminary hearing Thursday afternoon of last week placed him under a \$300 bond for his appearance at the next term of Cherokee superior court as a material witness.

Vinson Lee, 16, had previously been bound over without bond, in connection with the death of Gibby. Bryson who was a witness of the fight, was made a defendant when the grandfather of the slain man swore out a warrant charging him with aiding and abetting the crime.

Gibby was fatally wounded with a knife, allegedly by Vinson Lee. Officers who investigated the affair, said witnesses of the fight told them that Edd Gibby, Vinson Lee, Ella and Florence Lee, sisters of Vinson, and Walter Bryson started out early Sunday morning to hunt ramps on the mountain near the Lee home, when the girls got into an argument and came to blows. Gibby is said to have made an attempt to separate them and pushed one of the girls down. Vinson Lee is said to have resented the interference and attacked Gibby with a knife, stabbing him twice, the fatal wound being inflicted near the heart. Gibby died a few minutes later.

George Payne, the first witness examined, testified when he arrived at the scene of the tragedy, he found Gibby dead and Walter Bryson, the defendant, was the only person there. Payne said he remarked to Bryson if he didn't think he would get into trouble, to which Bryson replied: "I know it. I'm the man that done the work." Payne said Bryson made this statement twice.

Payne further testified that he arrived about 11:30 and was told the fight took place about 8:30. He said the body of Gibby was covered with two blankets both of which were stained with blood. The scene of the tragedy was located by him near the head of Webbs creek, about a mile from the nearest dwelling.

On cross examination by Ralph Moody, attorney for Bryson, Payne stated that his brother John had been there ahead of him. Asked why he didn't tell the officers and magistrate about Bryson's statement at the preliminary trial of Lee, which he admitted he attended, Payne said he was not asked about it. After trying to evade answering the question, and on instructions from the court, the witness admitted that he had been indicted several times himself.

John Payne, with whom Gibby made his home, testified he was the first person to arrive after the fight, and Bryson was the only one there besides the slain man. He said Gibby was dead when he arrived. John said the blankets were lying near the body and he spread one on the ground, placed the body on it and covered it with the other. He corroborated the testimony of his brother as to the blood stains, but said Bryson made no statement to him as to who killed Gibby or how it was done. He said he asked Bryson to guard the body and left to notify the officers.

Florence Lee, one of the girls involved in the affair, testified that she and her sister, Ella were quarreling when Gibby attempted to stop them. Gibby pushed Ella down, she said, and Bryson ran up and stabbed Gibby with a knife. She said the attack was sudden and was quickly over. When asked if she didn't swear at the trial of her brother that Vinson did the cutting, Florence said she did not know what she swore.

Other witnesses testified that Bryson was there when they arrived, and assisted in the removal of the body.

John Payne was recalled to the stand as a witness for the defense, and testified he saw both the Lee girls while on his way to the scene of the fight, and asked them where he could find Gibby. He said they told him Gibby was over at their home. Payne also testified he asked them if Gibby was hurt and they said Vinson, their brother, had stabbed him, and said the fight was about Florence.

Deputy Sheriff Charlie Frasier, (Continued on page 8)