

COLEMAN DAM BEING CONSIDERED BY TVA

Voting Runs Heavy In Primary

Political Guns Boomed Sturday When Democrats Voted For County Officers; Republicans, For County Commissioners.

The political pot boiled over Saturday when Democrats and Republicans held primaries and nominated candidates to carry party standards in the county. As the Republicans selected their candidates late in April, only the commissioners were chosen on the Republican ticket in Saturday's voting.

The closest and "hottest" voting on the ballot was for the office of sheriff, giving L. M. Shields an official majority of 29 votes over the present sheriff, L. L. Mason. The voting for this office ran pretty close both in the town and county polls giving neither candidate a large majority over the other. The only big difference came at Shoal Creek where 53 ballots were cast for Mr. Shields and Mr. Mason drew none.

Due probably to bad weather the voting came in slow during the morning, picked up in the afternoon, and reached a heavy crisis Saturday night. The ballots were slow coming in from the different precincts accurately, and were not officially announced until Tuesday morning. A great deal of confusion and anxiety reigned among the voters during the week-end as they attempted to approximate the conclusions. As counts from the out-posts poured in the excitement became more feverish until the final announcement Tuesday.

On the judge's ticket for the 20th district, Felix E. Alley, drew bigger majorities from the larger towns giving him 1557 votes for a majority of 900 votes.

At press time official returns had not been received all over the state, but it is believed Cherokee county was lining up along with the rest of the district in indicating how the voting would go for congressman from the 11th district. Zeb Weaver had a large majority, while the other candidates votes were varying throughout the district.

V. A. Browning, candidate for senator from the 33rd district, eked out a 101 majority over R. A. Patton in voting that fluctuated pretty widely on the ticket all over the district; and likewise in the county, P. A. Mauney had gained a majority of 129 votes over Fred O. Seroggs.

In another close race, featured by uneven voting in the city and rural precincts, S. D. Akin got a 96 vote majority for clerk of the court over J. T. Hayes, and about 150 votes more than Josh Johnson.

Indicative of the voting all over the state was the local victory of S. Winborne over E. C. Macon for the office of utilities commissioner.

At the same time of the voting in the Democratic primary, the Republican county commissioners were chosen. The voting was close giving the highest man, W. A. Adams, just a little more than a hundred votes over the lowest. There were four men in the race. W. A. Adams, J. M. Payne and E. A. Voys were selected on the ticket.

Compared to the Democratic primary votes cast, the Republican ticket for county commissioners was weak. In both wards at Andrews, and especially in the north ward, very few Republican ballots were cast. At Ebenezer the tables were turned, and where there were only four voters on the Democratic ticket, the Republican vote was unusually heavy. Grape Creek and Hanging Dog also voted heavily on the Republican ticket.

At Liberty no votes at all were cast on the Republican ticket. At Ogeeta and Tomotla the Republican vote was again very light. Very few votes were cast at all at Upper Beaver Dam and Vesta.

The Republicans nominated their ticket for county officers at the court

GRAHAM MAN KILLS WOMAN

William Lane, 35-year-old Graham county farmer, was being held without bail pending an investigation, for the murder of Mrs. Eddie Johnson, 36, who was found hacked to pieces and scattered over a wide area in the lonely Yellow creek section near Robbinsville last week.

Also being held for the murder was, Sherman Johnson, the woman's husband, who was released when Lane signed a sworn statement that he committed the murder.

Mrs. Johnson's body was found near the Stecoah road in Graham county at dawn last Friday.

In the statement, Lane said Mrs. Johnson asked him to kill her. He said that on the night of Thursday, May 17, they were together in the woods and that Mrs. Johnson told him she loved him more than anyone else in the world, but that the time had come for them to part. He said she further told him that since she could not stand to go on living without him she wanted him to kill her.

Lane said he then cut a stick from a tree in the woods and struck Mrs. Johnson over the head. No reference was made in the statement to other wounds found on the body by officers.

Lane said that after striking Mrs. Johnson over the head one time with the stick, he left the scene and returned to his home.

Mrs. Johnson had been missing for several days when her body was found by Fred Welch. Part of the torso was said to have been dragged out on the road by a dog. The body was gathered together and taken to a coroner where it was identified, by Mrs. Bertha Brown, daughter of the slain woman. Identification, it was said, came only through teeth in the lower jaw bone.

The gruesome murder evidently caused no violence in that section.

TEACHERS FOR MURPHY UNIT ARE ELECTED

The names of 26 teachers who compose the faculty of the Murphy unit of public schools was announced this week by Prof. H. Bueck, superintending principal. Seven of these teachers are in the high school, nine in the elementary department of the Murphy school proper, while 10 compose the faculties of the other five schools in the unit.

The list for the Murphy schools proper, includes Prof. H. Bueck, Superintending principal; High school, B. R. Carroll, of Murphy; Miss Ruth Holshouser, Salisbury, N. C.; Miss Ruby Courtney, Williston, S. C. Miss Fannie Hathcock, Concord, N. C.; O. W. Deaton, Robbinsville, N. C.; E. V. Deans, assistant in the botany department of the University of North Carolina for the past four years. Chapel Hill, N. C., and K. C. Wright, Murphy.

Elementary department: Miss Margaret Hall, Newport, N. C.; Miss Estelle Mauney, Kinsey, N. C.; Miss Dair McCracken, Hayesville; Mrs. Lelia Axley, Mrs. Fannie Witt Case, Mrs. Evelyn Patton, Miss Addie Leatherwood, Miss Emily Sword, Miss Martha Mayfield and Miss Clara McCombs, all of Murphy.

The faculties for the other five schools in the unit are: Grape Creek, Frank Walsh, Miss Mary Nell Williamson, and Miss Bessie Crain, Murphy. Tomotla, Mrs. McFalls, Andrews, N. C.; Miss Lelia Hayes, Tomotla, N. C.; Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Murphy. Bates Creek, Mrs. Franklin Smith and Miss Loucine Wells, Murphy. Texana (colored) George L. Henry and Laura Ella Jones, of Murphy.

J. B. Gray, chairman, resigned the first of the month when he was elected mayor, which necessitated a reorganization of the Murphy board of

BAILEY SELLS SCOUT TO LEE

A MESSAGE FROM MR. BAILEY

In severing our connection with the Cherokee Scout, we do so with a degree of regret. Many things enter into this sentiment. We have been with the Scout for 12 years and during that time we have come to call Murphy home—with all the endearing charms that the word conveys.

However, in the new management—Mr. Lee as owner and publisher, and Mr. Carr as editor—Murphy, we believe, has two young men who are in every sense of the word gentlemen. They are young and ambitious, and unless they give Murphy and Cherokee county a better newspaper than the retiring editor, we will be greatly disappointed.

Murphy is in the dawn of a new day. With the coming of the TVA, great things are going to take place in the future. Already signs of the times ahead of this town and section are plainly discernable on the horizon. And as Murphy sees, grasps, and takes advantage of the opportunities that are immediately ahead, progress will go forward into that new day.

We do not plan to leave Murphy. We have a job whereby we hope to live, and as we work at it we will still mingle with home folks. Then too, we are far behind with our fishing. We plan to catch up on it. Also, we have been kept pretty busy for the past twelve years, and very few times has the Scout made its appearance during that time without the re-

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Mrs. Mary Fain Dies At Her Home Here

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Fain, 74 years of age, who died at her home here about 1:25 o'clock Thursday morning, were held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at her residence, with Rev. T. F. Higgins, pastor of the Methodist church officiating. Interment was made in Sunset cemetery.

Mrs. Fain was born in Tennessee and had lived here most all her life where she has won a host of friends who will mourn her passing. For past 25 years she has been a member of the Methodist church and has always been active in its work which has endeared her in the hearts of her fellow workers. She was also a member of the Murphy Missionary society.

A large procession and many lovely flowers accompanied her to the grave. Honorary pallbearers were: George Abbott, Willard Axley, Joe Axley, Dr. B. B. Meroney, Ralph Beal, J. A. Richaddon, R. C. Mattox, R. A. Akin, S. D. Akin, A. McD. Harshaw, J. L. Fain, Neil Davidson, and W. D. Townson.

Active pallbearers were: Tom Axley, Harve Elkins, Paul Hyatt, Porter Axley, Sheridan Highway and Hadley Dickey.

Surviving are her husband, R. M. Fain, and three daughters, Mrs. R. E. Hagbright, Shelby, N. C. Mrs. K. V. Weaver, and Miss Lula Fain of Murphy.

education. T. S. Evans, the oldest member in point of service, was elected chairman, and H. G. Elkins was elected a member to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. Gray. The board as now constituted is composed of T. S. Evans, chairman; H. Bueck, secretary-treasurer; R. S. Parker, Dr. J. N. Hill, S. D. Akin and H. G. Elkins.

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REVEREND LONG NOW IN FLORIDA TO BE MARRIED

Of cordial interest throughout this section is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Esther Margaret Hansen, of Daytona Beach, Fla. to Rev. Stewart H. Long, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Murphy, to be solemnized at Daytona Beach Friday June 8. The ceremony will be performed in the First Presbyterian church of Daytona Beach with the Rev. Dr. John E. Abbott, Presbyterian minister of Deland, Fla., officiating.

Reverend Long left last Friday morning for Florida and said he intended to be gone about three weeks. He announced there would be no services in the church but Sunday school would be held regularly until he returned. He was to have stopped in Atlanta and meet his brother who will act as best man at the marriage.

Miss Hansen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hansen, of Daytona Beach, is an attractive and cultured lady of rare blond beauty. Having lived in Florida for many years she was educated at Stetson University, in Deland. Her many and varied accomplishments should make her quite as popular as her young husband when she comes to Murphy to live in the Presbyterian manse.

Reverend Long is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Long, of Sanford, Fla. He originally went to school at the University of Alabama for two years. He then transferred to Davidson where he finished with the class of 1929. Two more years were spent in the theological school before he returned to Alabama to preach at Guntersville before coming here last February. Mr. Long fine cultural background and well-rounded schooling has given him a pleasing personality that has won him a host of friends during the short time he has been here.

When they return Mr. and Mrs. Long will live in the attractive two-story bungalow behind the Presbyterian church.

Singing Convention Will Be Held At Peachtree

The annual singing convention of the Cherokee County singing convention will be held at Peachtree school auditorium on Jun 10th.

Music classes and singers form all over the county will be in attendance to compete for the banner which is awarded to the class making the best music.

The occasion has always drawn large crowds and no exception is expected this year. Everybody is cordially invited to come out and hear some good singing, and all the singers and singing classes are urged to come prepared to compete for the banner.

All singers and singing classes of adjoining counties are invited to attend and take part although they will not be privileged to compete for the banner.

ERNEST FRANKHAM, Secretary.

House Makes Appropriations For Dam On Hiawasse River; Coleman Dam Site Is Being Surveyed For \$13,000,000 Project.

The people of Murphy and Cherokee county were greatly encouraged by news dispatches from Washington Tuesday relative to \$13,000,000 being appropriated by Congress for the erection of a dam by the TVA on the Hiawasse river, and that one of the two possible sites being considered is in the Murphy area.

A delegation headed by city and county officials is being organized to go to Knoxville for a conference with Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, director of the TVA, and efforts are being made to have Mr. John C. Campbell, head of the Folk School at Brasstown and a close friend of Dr. Morgan, join the delegation. This delegation is being organized to officially assure Dr. Morgan that the people of this section wish to co-operate with the TVA in all of its beneficent ramifications.

Considerable significance is attached locally to the visit of George D. Whitmore, director of surveys for the TVA, who arrived in Murphy Tuesday night to inspect the work of the engineers now making preliminary surveys of the Hiawasse river in Cherokee county.

Four TVA field parties are now working along the Hiawasse under C. F. Shalibo, unit chief field engineers, with headquarters at Murphy. One party is making surveys in the immediate vicinity of Murphy, while the others are examining possible dam sites between Murphy and the Tennessee state line.

The site being considered in Cherokee county is known as the Coleman dam site, 16 miles below Murphy in the Fowler Bend section. Local sentiment has long favored the erection of the Coleman dam, the basin of which when filled will back water to within the limits of Murphy. This dam site and water basin is now owned by the Southern States Power Company, largely made up of New York capitalists, and very little of the land to be flooded is considered valuable for farming purposes.

A second dam site is located at the Axley Shoals about a mile above Murphy, while a third is at Appalachia on the Tennessee line. All three of these dam sites have been surveyed a number of times by army engineers for the government and by private enterprise now holding the power development rights.

Several years ago army engineers made an aerial survey of the Hiawasse and its tributaries, and later a corps of army civil engineers spent several months in the area collaborating on the topography and elevations of the photographic maps. Older residents say that every square rod of the territory for a mile or more on both sides of the Hiawasse from one end of the county to the other has been surveyed at least a dozen times.

Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Shalibo both declined to comment on the possibilities of the construction of the Coleman dam in the immediate future, and said that any public statement would have to come from the information division of the TVA at Knoxville.

Lions Club Members To Attend Convention

Five members of the local Lions club will attend the 31st District convention to be held in Salisbury, N. C., June 7 and 8. Those attending the meeting will be: W. M. Fain, retiring president of the local club; H. Bueck, next year's president; H. G. Elkins, treasurer; G. W. Ellis, first vice-president, and Dr. Edw. E. Adams.

Besides business sessions and elections of officers, there will be a tour of the city, golf tournament, theater party, bridge party, luncheon, banquet and ball, with favors and special attractions for the ladies attending.

It was announced that the local club would nominate Mr. Fain as a district governor on the strength of his fine record here. Mr. Fain is now a state director, having held that post for several years.

The local club also hopes to win the governor's achievement trophy which was given them several years ago for their outstanding work and personnel. One year the Murphy club tied with Durham for the same honor and was runner-up last year.

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