

Municipal Situation Is Still "Vague" As Mayor J. B. Gray Announces For Reelection

Letter From Attorney General Friday Contrasts With Former Ruling

RUMOR PREVALENT

Gray Apparently not Adverse To Another Election On Tuesday May 4

While "vague" was still the word for Murphy's municipal election situation this week, it appeared as if all candidates were satisfied to have another election on May 4 and start Murphy's two-year term from that date.

The situation became tauter Friday when Mayor J. B. Gray, who on Monday announced his candidacy to succeed himself, received a letter from general attorney A. A. F. Seawell which was in contrast with the wire received two days earlier by candidate Harry P. Cooper.

Nor was the attorney general's letter any more specific than the law which was introduced by Mr. Cooper in the last session of the general assembly and was ratified during the closing days of the legislature.

One thing is certain—the term has been extended to two years but whether that law was to come effective on the day of ratification of with the next election date, which is May 4, not even the attorney general seems to know.

At any rate the incumbent mayor and board apparently have no intentions of contesting action to hold the municipal election on May 4.

Mr. Seawell's letter to Mayor Gray is as follows: "While House Bill 1231 is rather vague in its provisions, the presumption is against the continuance of the term of the present incumbents without election for two years. In my opinion the act can not be said to be entirely without meaning but a common sense construction

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FIRE DESTROYS HALF OF COVER TANNING PLANT

Fire Friday Said To Be Worst In History Of Cherokee County

The worst fire in Cherokee county history Friday destroyed nearly half of the large F. P. Cover and Sons tannery at Andrews. Loss in the blaze was estimated at nearly \$100,000.

No announcement has been made as to the amount of insurance carried.

The leach house, boiler room and extract building were destroyed by the blaze that began from a spark from a motor in the chipper room.

The fire started about 2 o'clock and spread quickly. The Andrews fire department under chief Bill Whitaker soon had charge of the fire. The fire departments Murphy and the TVA assisted in fighting the blaze.

No one was injured by the fire. Monday the ruins were still smoking. Hundreds of people flocked to the scene of the fire as the smoke and blaze leaped high in the air it was feared that sparks would endanger two large storage gasoline tanks nearby and property of the Teas Extract company about 100 yards distant.

Allen Arrowood, an employe, was praised for his quick thinking. He had gone home, after completing his shift work, when he heard an explosion at the plant. He rushed back and cut off the steam and cold water supply, thereby preventing a boiler explosion.

Officials were planning to replace the destroyed parts of building this week. About 100 men are employed at the plant and on the yards and they will be effected temporarily by the fire.

The Cover tannery was the first industry established at Andrews and the town virtually grew up around it.

Marble Will Meet Peerless On Sunday

The first baseball game of the 1937 season in Cherokee county will be played at Marble Sunday when the Marble Blues meet the Peerless Mills team from Chattanooga Tenn. Last Sunday the Blues won 6-4 from Peerless at Chattanooga.

Saturday Marble will go to Chattanooga to play another team.

The game at Marble will be the first game to ever be played there on Sunday, and as the Blues are considered to be one of the best teams ever formed in this section, a large crowd is expected out.

TVA ASKS FOR \$3,842,714, FOR HIWASSEE DAM

Presents Fiscal Budget Before Appropriations Committee Monday

Directors of the TVA appeared before the house appropriations committee in Washington Monday with a budget calling for the expenditure of \$48,500,000 of which \$3,842,714 is for work on the Hiwassee dam during the fiscal year starting July 1, according to the Chattanooga Times.

Less than five millions have already been appropriated for work on the Hiwassee project, 22 miles below Murphy, which will cost approximately \$15,000,000.

They will ask for an appropriation of \$43,000,000 and authority to contract for \$5,500,000 worth of equipment. Last year the TVA asked for an appropriation of \$43,000,000 and got \$39,000,000.

The bulk of the proposed budget, the TVA revealed is for dams and reservoirs. This item totals \$39,000,371.117.

The break-down is as follows: Wilson dam (improvement), \$135,000; Norris dam (for completion), \$82,299; Wheeler dam (for completion), \$86,023; Pickwick dam (for substantial completion), \$8,423,123; Hiwassee dam, \$3,842,714; Guntersville dam, \$17,043,620; Chickamauga dam, \$9,758,338.

An additional \$1,394,377 is asked for exploratory work at the other dam sites on the Tennessee river and tributaries, including \$739,243 for Gilbertsville dam below Paducah, Ky., \$240,085 for Watts bar and \$224,454 for Cotler shoals, dam sites on the Tennessee river between Knoxville and Chattanooga.

The authority's agricultural program, including fertilizer experiments is set at \$3,606,600.

The hearing in Washington is expected to last most of the week.

Mrs. Ramsey Dies At Home On Wednesday

Mrs. Cora Ramsey died at her home in Murphy Wednesday morning at 10:40 o'clock after an extended illness.

Funeral arrangements which will be in charge of Peyton G. Ivie will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Rogers Chapel.

Mrs. Ramsey, who had lived in this community many years and was widely known and related here, had been ill for several years.

Surviving are her husband, A. J. Ramsey; two daughters, Mrs. Roy Cooke and Miss Irene Ramsey; four sons, Leonard, Loyd, Floyd and Jack Ramsey; her mother, Mrs. Alice Stiles, and three brothers, E. E., Fred and Carl, all of Murphy.

GOV. RIVERS IS ASKED TO SPEAK IN MURPHY SOON

Lions Club To Sponsor Address; Other Matters Are Discussed

Governor E. D. Rivers, of Georgia, will be invited by the Murphy Lions club to speak here "sometime in May".

Tom Case, a member of the club, reported at a Lions meeting Tuesday night that R. T. Hampton, of Blue Ridge, Ga., state senator, had advised him that Mr. Rivers, who was born and reared in North Georgia near the North Carolina line, would probably be available for an address some time next month, and as paying is scheduled to begin soon on highway No. 10 from the state line at Culberson, 10 miles south of here, to Blue Ridge, that this would be an opportune time to have him here.

Two years ago this spring Eugene Talmadge, who was governor of Georgia at that time, spoke here. It was presumed that he would speak on the "road situation" but instead he launched his attack on the New Deal which later became of national importance.

Dr. Ed Adams, secretary of the club, was instructed to extend the invitation to Mr. Rivers, and President G. W. Ellis said he would appoint a committee to be in charge of arrangements for the occasion within a day or so.

At the meeting P. J. Henn, local theater owner, was elected to membership in the club.

W. M. Fain reported that the Meclanic Amusement company was setting up a number of rides in the Fair grounds here and that the seven-day show to be sponsored by the Lions club will begin Saturday, April 24.

Other committees reported that \$50 worth of seals had been sold by the club for the benefit of crippled children, that additional funds had been collected for the Lions Worksop for the Blind, and that an eye specialist who will conduct a clinic at the Petrie hospital here soon, will cooperate with the club in examining a number of children's eyes.

Says Georgia Highway To Be Surfaced Soon

A great deal of importance is being attached locally to the statement of ex-Senator Wade Allen, of Blue Ridge, Ga., to the Blue Ridge Summit-Post that "completion of the Mineral Bluff Georgia-North Carolina road is expected to be let on contract soon".

For the past year only state day labor has been used on the 20-mile unpaved stretch of road from nine miles north of Blue Ridge to the state line, and completion of the paving of this link has long been sought by residents of No. 10 to complete the shortest and fastest trunk line between Asheville and Atlanta.

North Carolina built their portion of the road from Ranger, five miles below here, to the state line at Culberson, about five years ago. Now that No. 10 is being rebuilt from Topnot to Sylva it is hoped that both roads can be opened at the same time.

The Georgia road was built during the administration of Eugene Talmadge as governor of Georgia, but paving was never started. Mr. Allens statement tends to show that Governor Rivehs will see that the surfacing project is let on contract soon.

Mr. Allen also said that Gilmer County-Fannin county road and the Blue Ridge-Copperhill, Tenn road would be resurfaced.

Will Organize Golf Club On Friday Night

A meeting to organize a golf club in Murphy will be held in the club room of the Murphy library Friday night. All who are interested in golf are asked to attend.

More Than Half of Hiwassee Dam Workers Are Cherokee County Men, Official Declares

Indefinitely Addressed Letter Received Here

The reputation of C. W. Savage, local hotel owner, as an authority on the scenic trips in this section, is apparently wide-spread.

Three days after a letter was mailed from Martinsville, Ind., to "Great Smoky Mountain Park, Information Division, North Carolina & Tenn." it was delivered to Mr. Savage.

The letter was from Lloyd Maxwell who was requesting information regarding the Park.

For years Mr. Savage has routed trips for scenery-seeking tourists and hardly a mail comes through but that he gets a reply commending him on his service and knowledge.

1937 GRADUATION PROGRAMS ARE ANNOUNCED HERE

Gainesville, Ga., Vicar, State Senator To Speak To Seniors

The graduation and baccalaureate programs of the Murphy high school, which will mark the final days of high school for 64 seniors, have been announced by H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit.

The baccalaureate sermon and program will be held at the high school auditorium Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and will feature a sermon by the Rev. Geoffrey C. Hinschelwood, vicar of Grace Episcopal church, Gainesville, Ga.

The program will begin with the prelude, "Largo From New World Symphony" by Dvovak, played by Mrs. Emily Davidson, music teacher in the Murphy school. Following the procession by the Seniors, seventh grade students and the ministers, the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," will be sung by the congregation. The Rev. J. C. Ammons, pastor of the First Baptist church of Murphy, will lead in prayer. The scripture reading will be rendered by the Rev. Stewart H. Long, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

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\$208,492 Spent By WPA Here In 13 Months

The workers Progress Administration has spent \$208,493.53 in Cherokee county during the 13 month period from Dec. 15, 1935, to Jan. 15, 1937, a representative from the office of W. E. Breese, WPA director of Asheville, said here Saturday.

Of the amount \$194,317.13 was spent on labor, he revealed, and \$4,176.40 went for materials.

Most of the WPA work in Cherokee county has been concerned with the rebuilding of 83 miles of farm-to-market roads. On this project alone \$104,355.01 was spent. Other work done by the WPA workers consists of sewing rooms, town street paving and beautification projects.

Two hundred and eighty-one men were working for the WPA in the county on January 15, the representative said.

Education Board To Meet Again April 24

No decision was rendered by the Cherokee County Board of Education at its meeting here last Wednesday afternoon. The group decided to meet again Saturday, April 24.

The meeting will be for the purpose of electing a superintendent of county education and naming committees in all county school districts.

More Than 200 of Less Than 400 Total Workers From Here, He Says

TALKS AT MEETING

More To Be Hired But Perc'tage May Be Smaller, Clapp Declares

Exploding the fallacy that the TVA was using "outsiders and Tennessee men" on the \$15,000,000 Hiwassee dam project 22 miles below here, rather than local labor, Gordon Clapp, director of personnel of the TVA, of Knoxville, Tenn., told a group of town and county officials in the court house here Friday afternoon that more than 50 per cent of the total number of employes on the project were from Cherokee county.

It was estimated that about 400 people including technical, specialized and office employes were being used on the local project, and that over half of them were from this county.

As the peak of production on the dam project nears, more people will be hired from Cherokee county, Mr. Clapp pointed out, but it is possible the percentage of local citizens hired on the job will decrease.

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AUTO INJURIES PROVE FATAL TO C. SATTERFIELD

TVA Employee Killed, 2 Injured, In Wreck Near Murphy Friday

Funeral services for Came Satterfield, 35-year-old TVA employe, who died Thursday night of head injuries received in an automobile wreck seven miles south of Murphy at 4 o'clock that day, were conducted from the Shady Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

His lead crushed when the car he was driving turned over an embankment at the intersection of the Shoal Creek and Copperhill roads, he was brought to the Petrie hospital in Murphy in an unconscious condition where he died at 10:30 that night.

Vernon Ellis and Charles Gergory, also employed by the TVA, who were riding with him at the time of the accident, were not seriously injured. Conveyed to the Whitfield hospital for treatment, Gergory was dismissed the following morning after having wounds dressed, while Ellis was being kept there this week with a back injury that is not considered serious.

All three of the boys had been living together in the Culberson community. Several days prior to the accident Ellis had received a leg injury while on the job at the Hiwassee dam where he is employed, along with his two companions, by the construction and maintenance division.

Because of rain none of them were working Thursday, and Satterfield and Gergory were bringing Ellis to Dr. E. B. Gleen, Jr., TVA physician, who is established in Murphy, for treatment.

It is said they were going at a high rate of speed up the unpaved Shoal Creek road toward Murphy, and that when they got out on the Copperhill highway Satterfield lost control of his "A"-model Ford it turned down over a bank.

Passer-by brought them to Murphy in a truck.

W. D. Townson was placed in charge of the body. The Rev. Tom Truett conducted the funeral Sunday. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Fullbearers were: Lee Shields, Joe Hawkins, Lee Garland, Ed Dodson, E. Johnson and O. Gregory.

Surviving Satterfield are three small children, his father, three brothers and two sisters.