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REPUBLICANS TO HAVE PRECINCT MEETS MAR. 10

County Convention Will Be Held In Murphy On Saturday, March 12

Cherokee county politics came out into the open for the first time this year on Wednesday when Carl Townson chairman of the Republican party announced dates of the county convention and precinct meetings.

The county convention will be held in the Murphy court house Saturday, March 12 at 2 p. m. A county chairman and delegates to the state and senatorial conventions will be named at that time along with township chairmen.

At the precinct meetings to be held Thursday, March 10, one delegate and one alternate to the county convention will be selected for each 50 voters, or fraction thereof, cast in the vote for governor in 1936.

All precinct meetings will be held at 7 p. m. on either Central or Eastern standard time according to which is observed in the precinct.

The meeting places have been designated as follows: Andrews, office of Clyde H. Jarrett; Topton, D. B. Wright's store; Marble School house; Tomotla school house; Peachtree school house; Brasstown, Martin's Creek school house; Burnt Meeting House, school house; Murphy court house; Walker school house; Culberson school house; Wolf Creek school house; Hot House, Johnson school house; Shoal Creek school house; Vest school house.

Liberty, Shearer school house; Long Ridge school house; Unaka school house; Upper Beaverdam school house; Hangingdog school house; Ogreeta school house; Boiling Springs school house, and Ebenezer school house.

POULTRYMEN OF FIVE COUNTIES TO MEET MONDAY

About 100 poultry raisers from Cherokee and surrounding counties are expected to attend the poultry demonstration in Murphy Monday, members of the county agent's department, who are making arrangements for the meetings, have announced.

This will be the first poultry demonstration ever held west of Asheville, and will feature a number of talks by members of the state extension division. At the conclusion of the meeting actual demonstrations will be given.

A round table discussion will also be held, and poultry raisers who plan to attend are invited to participate by asking questions concerning their flocks at this time.

A program has been arranged as follows: 10 a. m. to 10:40 a. m., C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman will discuss chick rearing problems; 10:30 a. m. to 11 a. m., T. T. Brown, of Raleigh, will talk on marketing problems in Western North Carolina. 11 a. m. to 11:30 a. m., R. S. Dearstyne, of the extension division will speak on "Poultry Diseases, Their Cause and Prevention", and from 11:30 a. m. to noon a suggested poultry breeding program will be the subject of C. J. Muapin, also of the extension department.

STILL CAPTURED BY OFFICERS ON BEAR PAW CREEK

A still was captured and confiscated by Cherokee county officers on Bear Paw Creek Sunday, it was reported.

Those taking part in the confiscation were: Sheriff L. L. Mason, Deputy sheriff G. P. (Robbie) Robinson, and Constable Bass Walker.

A large quantity of beer was found near the copper still, and officers said the operators were evidently getting ready to "make a run."

No arrests were made.

"BOOKMOBILE"—LIBRARY ON WHEELS— IS MAKING ROUNDS IN 3 COUNTIES



The "Bookmobile" made its first trip in this section Thursday, March 3. It is loaned by the State Library commission for a month's service in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties. The books are furnished by the Commission and the Regional service from the Murphy Carnegie Public Library, and a cooperative plan has been worked out with the Folk school and the Andrews Carnegie library.

The "Bookmobile" will make daily trips carrying books free of charge to the people. Since the books are limited, the librarian asks that everybody read his book as quickly as possible and bring it back for exchange so that as many people as possible might have the use of them. In order that the service might continue beyond the month of March a local person in each community will keep a deposit of books and magazines.

Everyone is requested to ask for books he wishes even if they are not on the shelves of the "Bookmobile". Perhaps they might be obtained from another deposit.

The following is the schedule of stops for the month of March:

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28 (Schedule by fast time)

8:45—9:45 Peachtree (School House)
10:00—11:00 Campbell Folk School
11:30—12:00 Warne (Home of Mrs. Claudia Crawford)
12:15—1:15 Hayesville (On the Square)
2:30—3:00 Shooting Creek (Community House)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 (Schedule by fast time)

9:30—10:00 Marble (By Depot)
10:15—10:45 Rhoda (Home of Mrs. Thelma West)
10:30—11:00 Cooper Siding (Home of W. C. Colvard)
11:15—11:45 Topton (Post Office)
12:30—1:30 Robbinsville (On the Square)
3:00—4:00 Andrews (Library)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 16, 23, 30 (Schedule by Slow Time)

9:00—9:45 Martin's Creek (Home of Miss Ruth Coleman)
10:00—10:30 Belleview Mrs. Paul Sudderth (Across from Kink's Store)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24 (Schedule by Slow Time)

8:45—9:15 Postell (Torrence's Store)
9:30—10:00 Liberty (Brown's Store)
10:45—11:15 Vests (Hamby's Store)
11:30—12:00 Suit (Wood's Store)
1:30—2:00 Letitia (Graham's Store)
2:15—2:45 Ranger (Green's Store)
3:15—4:00 Culberson (Home of Mrs. Maggie Bell Kisselburg)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25 (Schedule by fast time)

9:00—9:30 Grandview (Davis's Store)
10:15—10:45 Upper Beaver Dam (Dockery's store)
11:00—11:45 Unaka (Odom's store)
1:00—1:30 Grape Creek (School House)
The public is invited to go to the stop nearest them.

Burt Shields New Manager Of Cannery

J. B. (Burt) Shields, of the Tomotla community of Cherokee county, Tuesday was named manager of the Mt. Valley Associated Cooperative cannery, of Murphy, to succeed E. R. Thompson, who resigned the day before.

Mr. Thompson, who has served in the capacity for the past three years since the cannery was reorganized, will leave with his family for Baltimore, Md., where he has accepted a position with a large canning corporation.

Mr. Shields has been closely affiliated with the local cannery as its assistant manager since its reopening in the spring of 1935.

John E. Barr, TVAC administrator and president of the Land O' The Sky Mutual Canning association, of Weynesville, of which the local cannery is an affiliate, was here Tuesday in connection with the change in management.

He said Mr. Shields would take charge immediately and complete contracts between the cannery and growers.

W. M. Fain, chairman of the board of directors of the cannery, stated Tuesday night that approximately \$120,000 had been distributed among local growers since the cannery's reorganization, and that "it is facing the best year in its history."

Legion Post Has Meeting On Saturday

A large number of Legionnaires attended a dinner given by the local Joe Miller Elkins post of the American Legion held at the Smoky Mountain cafe Saturday evening.

It was decided at the meeting to hold the next one at the Hiwassee dam on Friday evening, March 25. At that time several important matters will come before the group, it was explained, and all members of the Legion are asked to attend.

For "unusual loyalty and concentrated effort" the post was awarded a "Special Certificate of Most Distinguished Service" by Daniel J. Doherty, national commander.

Also it was brought to the post's attention at the meeting that a World War Veterans Loan fund "to assist veterans in purchasing and acquiring homes" has been established by the State of North Carolina.

Deadline On F.C.A. Loans Drawing Near

All persons in Cherokee county wishing to get crop and feed loans under the Farm Credit administration are advised to make application at once in the court house in Murphy.

Mrs. A. Q. Ketner who is assisting Mr. S. S. Williams, field supervisor, in arranging for the loans, announced Tuesday that the deadline was drawing near and that application would have to be made soon.

Democratic Meeting Dates Are Announced

Word was received in Murphy Wednesday night by A. W. McIver, chairman of the Cherokee County Democratic committee, that precinct meetings would be held throughout the county on May 7, and that the date for county conventions has been set for May 14.

The following information relative to the appointment of members to the county Board of Elections was also received: "The chairman of the Democratic Executive committee in each county shall, before submitting to the chairman, recommendations as to Democratic members of the County Board of Elections in such county, call a meeting of the Democratic executive committee of the county and submit such recommendations for the approval of the Executive committee, and only when such recommendations are approved by a majority of the committee present, shall be submitted to the state chairman by the county committee.

Wednesday, March 10, was the date set for the meetings.

ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE HELD BY LIONS CLUB

Cherokee County Banquet To Be Given In Church Tues. Night

Committees were completing arrangements Wednesday for the annual Cherokee county dinner to be sponsored by the Murphy Lions club in place of their regular dinner in the Methodist church Tuesday night.

Besides Lions, Lionesses and their guests, a number of prominent out-of-town guests, including the speaker of the evening, are expected to attend. Arrangements are being made for 100 to attend the annual banquet. It will be served by the ladies of the Methodist church who have been preparing meals for the Lions at their regular meetings.

Originally started six years ago with the idea of bringing to the dinner table each year every edible product to be found in Cherokee county, this display was found too difficult to acquire after the first several years, and since then each dinner has been devoted to some important Cherokee county product.

The main speaker of the evening had not been announced Wednesday. Lions W. M. Fain and G. W. Ellis are in charge of this part of the program.

Arrangements for the dinner are being made by Lions W. A. Barber, Walter Coleman and Virgil Johnson.

A program of entertainment is being arranged by Lions Peyton G. Ivie and W. A. Sherrill. Favours and decorations are being prepared by another committee consisting of Lions Park Fisher, Barber, Sam Carr and Quay Ketner.

On the reception committee are Lions H. G. Elkins, W. W. Hyde, Fain and Tom Case with their Lionesses.

WPA PROJECT FOR MURPHY APPROVED IT IS REPORTED

President Roosevelt has put his seal of approval on a WPA project calling for the expenditure of \$1,488 for work on files in the office of the Cherokee county register of deeds in Murphy. Representative Zeb Weaver of the Eleventh district has announced.

The funds for the project, which will employ mostly women, will be available within a few days.

The work will be sponsored by the county commissioners according to the report.

TWO CLUES ARE FOUND IN CASE OF BURKE GRAY

One Indicates He Is Headed For Florida; Other He Is Held

Two important clues during the past week have led Mayor and Mrs. J. B. Gray, of Murphy, to believe their son Thomas Burke Gray, 24, who has been missing in Baltimore, Md., since January 21, is still alive.

One is notification from a road stand operator at Benson, N. C., near Raleigh, that a young man believed to be Burke Jr., was seen hitch-hiking toward Florida several weeks ago, and the other is word received from John L. Mason, formerly of Cherokee county, in Washington Saturday night, that a phone call from an unidentified woman led him to believe Burke, Jr. was being held somewhere in Washington.

Both clues are being thoroughly investigated and an intensive search is continuing for the young medical student's whereabouts. Burke Jr., popular, honor medical student of the University of Maryland in Baltimore, was last seen on the night of January 21 two days prior to important examinations.

Believes She Saw Him

The road stand operator, Mrs. G. C. Upchurch, advised Mrs. Gray that she had recently seen a young man believed to be Mr. Gray trying to get a ride to Florida on a main highway in front of her place of business.

She reported the young man was evidently a medical student as he talked with authority on the importance and effects of different foods on the body. Mrs. Upchurch said he appeared to be in a daze, was unaccustomed to hitch-hiking and was evidently from a prominent Carolina family. Her information as prompted by a picture and description of Burke, Jr., recently carried in a Charlotte newspaper. The haggard young man closely fit the description, she stated.

Photographs of the missing young (Continued on back page. This Sec.)

Cherokee Oil Dealers Will Meet Monday

"Wholesale and retail oil dealers and their employees of Cherokee county are meeting at 12:30 p. m., Monday, March 7, at the Regal Hotel in Murphy, according to G. W. Ellis, Chairman of the Cherokee county Petroleum Industries committee.

Chairman Ellis stated: "The misuse of highway tax funds in this State will be discussed at the meeting."

Of the 25 cents in taxes the state receives from every dollar taken in for gasoline by service station operators, approximately 3 per cent is being diverted to non-highway purposes. This, according to Chairman Ellis, is actually a diversion tax equivalent to 3 per cent of the gross receipts of gasoline sales and is greater than the net profits after wages, overhead and other costs are met.

The gasoline dealers are collecting 7 1/4 c on each gallon of gasoline, which is equivalent to a sales tax of 48 per cent of the retail price.

S. Gilmer Sparger of Raleigh, Secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, will attend and address the meeting. He will discuss the program recently adopted by the State Committee, which urges the ending of diversion and the enactment of a Constitutional Amendment to prevent future misuse of highway funds.

PLANT NEW TREES

U. S. G. Phillips of Unaka, Cherokee County, has been planting from 500 to 1,000 pine seedlings on his waste land for the past few years and says he will plant another thousand this season.