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## GROUP STUDIES ACUTE SITUATION AT LOCAL SCHOOL

### Admit Building Necessary But Can Not Find Funds To Build It

Conceding that a new school building in Murphy is "an absolute necessity", county commissioners could do more than scratch their heads in bewilderment when it came to a question of funds Wednesday after town and county school officials had appeared before them with a plea for a new building to take care of the increased enrollment here.

The question was first brought before the commissioners at their regular meeting Monday.

Commissioners Teddy Nichols, chairman, and W. A. Adams made an inspection of the school. Action was deferred until Wednesday.

After the meeting Wednesday, Mr. Adams said: "There is nothing we can do right now. We haven't got the money. The commissioners are keeping the matter for consideration".

Murphy and county school unit officials made the plea Monday when the local school housing situation became acute last week.

Under the present regulations all high school students of the county unit must go to class in Murphy. The Murphy school buildings were originally intended for only Murphy students, and as a result present an overcrowded condition.

Several weeks ago over 150 seventh grade students took tests in the Murphy school indicating that that many could have to go to school in Murphy next fall as members of the eighth grade.

The greatly increased registration, along with present crowded conditions will make the local buildings completely incapable of taking care of the enrollment, officials decided.

During the past year federal and state aid has been sought to enlarge school facilities in Murphy. In all instances local authorities were advised that the county's financial condition kept them from being eligible for any school enlargement funds.

The enrollment here has nearly doubled in the past four years, and at present the local school buildings are housing twice as many students as are generally enrolled in a school of this area.

## Group Named To Conduct Sale Of Seals

Twenty thousand Easter seals will go on sale in Cherokee county this week for the benefit of crippled children, Wade Reece, chairman of the Cherokee County League of Crippled Children, of Andrews, has announced.

Committees have been appointed in most institutions and civic organizations of the state to carry on the work. The local personnel is as follows:

Executive officers: W. A. Reece, chairman; I. B. Hudson, vice-chairman; Mrs. Catherine C. Martin, secretary; Clyde H. Jarrett, treasurer, and Harry R. Ward, publicity director.

Honorary officers are: H. Bueck, Murphy Lions club; R. A. Dewar, Andrews Rotary club; Mrs. L. A. Lee, Murphy High school; Mrs. D. H. Tiltitt, Andrews high school; Mr. Hudson, Andrews American Legion; Mrs. Martin, Konnahecta club; Murphy Womans club (to be named); Mr. Jarrett, Andrews Masonic lodge; Sam Carr, Cherokee Scout; Mr. Ward, Junaluska Journal; Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, county health officer; Mrs. George Fauney, county welfare director, and Mr. Reece.

The seals are sold for a penny each and 70 per cent of the money is kept in Cherokee county for application in needy cases of crippled children, according to Mr. Reece. The remainder is forwarded to state headquarters.

## Republicans To Hold Convention Friday, April 15

The Republicans of Cherokee county will hold a convention in the Murphy court house at 10 A. M. Friday, April 15, for the purpose of nominating party candidates for county offices.

At a meeting held here several weeks ago Edwin Hyde, Murphy attorney, was elected chairman of the party. He called the meeting over which he will preside.

Up until Wednesday noon no member of the Republican party in this county had officially announced for any office.

## Franklin Smith Enters Race For Representative

J. Franklin Smith, Marble school principal for the past three years and poultry farmer, has announced his candidacy for state representative from Cherokee county on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Smith is a native of Cherokee county, having been born and reared in and near Murphy. He is a farmer and teacher. He received his education in the Murphy elementary and high school and at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, where he completed four years of college work for the B. S. Degree. He has taught in the public schools of Cherokee county for seven years and is at present principal of the Marble elementary school. He is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a Mason.

Mr. Smith's announcement is as follows:

"I hereby announce my candidacy for the Representative of Cherokee county in the next General Assembly of North Carolina subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I make my announcement at the solicitation and encouragement of many Democratic friends.

"If I am nominated and elected, I shall endeavor honestly and faithfully to represent the people of Cherokee county and to cooperate with the other members of the Legislature in securing those measures which are in keeping with the will of the people."

J. Franklin Smith

## HACKNEY OPENS NEW WHOLESALE GROCERY STORE

The H. T. Hackney and Co., wholesale grocers, began distributing to this surrounding territory Friday from their new headquarters in the Wofford-Terrell company building.

The Hackney company bought out the grocery department of Wofford-Terrell, wholesale distributors, on April 1.

The Wofford-Terrell company, however, will continue to handle dry goods in the same building.

Mr. J. D. Burch has arrived here as superintendent of the new grocery unit. Five other employees have also come here to help distribute within a 40-mile radius of Murphy in three states.

The management of the Wofford-Terrell company is occupying the top floor of the building while the Hackney company is occupying the first and second stories.

## Deadline Is Set On U. S. Crop Loans Here

Thursday, April 14, is the last day that government crop loans can be obtained in Cherokee county, Mrs. A. Q. Ketner, who is handling the loans in Cherokee county this year, has announced.

S. S. Williams, of Asheville, is district supervisor of loans.

The deadline was set Tuesday after it was found that practically all farmers who wanted to avail themselves of these loans had done so.

## VOTE ON BURLEY QUOTA WILL BE HELD SATURDAY

### Approximately 75 Cherokee County Farmers To Cast Ballots

Approximately 75 Burley tobacco growers in Cherokee county are preparing to go to the polls Saturday and vote on the new proposed marketing quota.

Cherokee is one of the 17 counties in the state that will vote on the question of limiting the crop.

A meeting of the Burley raisers was held in Murphy Tuesday with county agents. The purpose of the referendum was explained in detail by the county agent's staff and Fred Stone, of the extension service.

The polls will be open from 9 A. M. Saturday until 7 P. M. Ballots will be cast in the county agent's office in Murphy and at the store of P. M. Reagan in Andrews.

If two-thirds of the voters cast their ballots for the quota, it will be applied to the 1938 crop, and allotments for individual farmers will be worked out.

The 403,000,000 pound burley crop in 1937 exceeded the expected consumption by 63,000,000 pounds. The proposed burley quota for this year is 350,000,000 pounds.

It is feared that another crop as big as that in '37 would push the total supply up to 100,000,000 pounds above what is considered the normal level. E. Y. Floyd AAA executive officer at State College, states.

The total quota would be divided among the States where burley leaf is grown, and state quotas would be apportioned among individual farms on a basis of past marketing plus diversion under the AAA, and adjusted for abnormal weather, tobacco diseases; land, labor, and equipment available; crop rotations practiced; and other factors involved in producing this type of tobacco.

Burley tobacco is grown in these North Carolina counties: Madison, Yancey, Mitchell, Buncombe, Avery, Watauga, Ashe, Clay, Haywood, Alleghany, Transylvania, Graham, Cherokee, Henderson, Macon, Jackson and Swain.

## 76 SENIORS WILL GRADUATE FROM MURPHY SCHOOL

### Frances Calhoun Is Val- edictorian; Joe Miller Elkins, Salutatorian

Miss Frances Calhoun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Calhoun, of Murphy, will be valedictorian of the class of 1938 in the Murphy high school, and Joe Miller Elkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins, of Murphy, will be the salutatorian, H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit has announced.

Miss Mildred Holloway Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hill, of Murphy, has been selected by an overwhelming majority as president of the student body which is tantamount to the "school's best citizen for the class of 1938".

Oscar Taylor, of Peachtree, and C. H. Townson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Townson, of Murphy, tied in votes for the vice-presidency.

In announcing the class winners Mr. Bueck also stated that Judge Felix E. Alley, of Wayneville, distinguished North Carolina barrister, will deliver the commencement address to the 76 seniors of the Murphy high school on Friday evening, April 22, at 7 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The baccalaureate sermon will be given in the auditorium Sunday evening, April 17, at 7 o'clock by the Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of the First Methodist church of Franklin. (Continued on back page this section)

CANDIDATE



HAYES LEATHERWOOD

## Leatherwood Is Candidate For Clerk of Court

Hayes Leatherwood, well-known Murphy citizen, announced his candidacy Tuesday for clerk of the Superior court in Cherokee county subject to the Democratic primary to be held June 4.

Although Mr. Leatherwood is active in local political circles and at present is superintendent of the Cherokee county home, he has not served in public office in the past.

His announcement is as follows: "I am a candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court for Cherokee County subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held June 4th.

"If nominated and elected I will use every effort to fill the office in an efficient, honorable and courteous manner. I also advocate the return of this office to a fee basis thereby relieving the taxpayers of an imposed burden and will use my influence to that end.

"Your support is solicited and will be appreciated".

Hayes Leatherwood

## Mallonee Head Of Democrats; To Hold Primary

Albert Mallonee, Murphy merchant, was named temporary chairman of the Cherokee County Democratic Executive committee to fill the unexpired term of A. W. McIver, resigned, at a meeting of all the precinct chairmen in the court house in Murphy Monday noon.

Mr. McIver resigned last week to announce his candidacy for public office at a later date.

The committee also unanimously voted to hold a primary to select party candidates on June 4, rather than elect them by convention.

The permanent chairman of the party for the coming year will be elected at another meeting to be held in the Murphy court house on Saturday, May 14.

## Facts On Tobacco Referendum Saturday

Here are the facts on the burley tobacco referendum to be held in Cherokee county Saturday:

Polling places—County agent's office in Murphy, and P. M. Reagan's store in Andrews.

Time of voting—from 9 a. m. until 7 p. m.

Number voting—estimated 75.

Purpose—to determine if burley farmers wish to restrict acreage to keep up price. Two-thirds majority required to pass it. If passed allotments will be made by government.

Extent—Only 17 counties in North Carolina affected. All of them are in the western portion of the state.

## BRADY CASE IS BEING HEARD IN SUPERIOR COURT

### Heavy Criminal Docket Facing Juries At Reg- ular April Term

Testimony in the case of the death of Clyde Brady near Topton on September 5 was being heard in the Superior court Wednesday afternoon.

The two-weeks criminal and civil session convened Monday with Judge John H. Phillips, of Winston-Salem, on the bench.

With 78 criminal cases on the docket, the juries were facing the largest criminal docket seen here in several years.

State Patrolman E. B. Quinn, Jr., and Deputy Sheriff G. P. (Kobbie) Robinson apprehended two men—Fred Jones and Homer Ballard—in Kannapolis last Wednesday after they had been advised by Leslie Hooper, also of Kannapolis but who formerly lived in Graham county, that he was with the other two when Erady was struck.

In the busy Tuesday session Eli Dockery, of Murphy, drew two years and four months for forcible trespass and assault on Lee Morrow, also of Murphy, recently. Dockery had an arm shot off in the affray following his entrance into the home of Morrow.

Jim Hunt, of Murphy, drew a four-months sentence for driving under the influence of whiskey.

At the opening session of the April term Monday, Allen Wise was given three years for entering the Murphy Supply company and Julius Coleman was acquitted on a charge of accomplice.

Dubs Wheeler and James Palmer, Andrews youths, were given two years each for entering and breaking into Paul's Cafe in Andrews last winter.

Bill Webb, of Topton, was sentenced to four months for driving under the influence of liquor and eight months for assault and battery on Charlie Frazier, of Andrews, in an affray at Andrews over a year ago.

The other 30 cases or so tried before Judge John H. Phillips, of Winston-Salem, were concerned mostly with petty theft and liquor charges and divorce cases.

## Earth Tremors Are Felt Here Last Thursday

Two heavy earth tremors were felt throughout Cherokee and surrounding counties last Thursday morning shortly after 4 o'clock (Central Standard Time).

Although buildings shook violently for about 15 seconds, no damage was reported.

The earthquake was preceded by a loud noise here. The earth shook for about five seconds, stopped for a few seconds, and shook again for about 10 seconds with decreasing velocity.

The tremors were reported noticeable as far away as Asheville.

The shock is believed to have centered somewhere west of Bryson City.

## LATEST DATE FOR FILING IS SET BY ELECTIONS BOARD

The last day for filing for offices in Cherokee county has been set for Saturday, April 23, at 6 p. m. members of the Board of Elections of Cherokee County decided at a meeting held in the court house in Murphy Saturday.

The members of the board are: F. O. Bates, W. R. Dockery and R. A. Dewar.

At the same meeting Mr. Bates was elected chairman of the group and Mr. Dockery secretary.