

EXERCISES AT MURPHY HIGH GET UNDERWAY

Recital To Be Held Fri- day Night; Baccalaur- ate Sunday Night

Part of the graduation program of the class of 1938 in the Murphy High school will be given this week end.

On Friday night the music classes of Mrs. J. W. Davidson and Mrs. Margaret Akin will give a recital in the Murphy school auditorium.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be given on Sunday evening in the school auditorium by the Rev. J. F. Abernathy, pastor of the First Methodist church of Franklin.

Graduating exercises will be held Friday night, April 22, in the school of Waynesville, making the principal auditorium with Judge Felix E. Alley, address.

Several pages of this edition of the Scout are turned over to the school activities of the Seniors during the past week.

The following Class Day exercises were presented in chapel:

Welcome by Mildred Hill.

Cass song, words by Anna Jean Grant.

Class Poem, written by Anna Jean Grant.

Class History by Joe Miller Elkins.

Class Statistics by Billie Jackson.

Class Census by Oscar Taylor.

Prophecy by Beecher Allen.

Giftorian Geraldine Shields.

Last Will and Testament Richard McIver.

Closing Class Song, words written by Dorothy Lahn.

Officers of the class are: Mildred Hill president; Billie Jackson, vice-President, and C. H. Townson, secretary and Treasurer.

McIver Seeks Office Of Clerk Of Court Here

A. W. McIver, Murphy Merchant and resigned chairman of the Democratic Executive committee, has announced his candidacy for the office of clerk of superior court of Cherokee county.

A former World War veteran, Mr. McIver is a grandson of Winslow Davidson, former prominent Cherokee county politician who served several times as sheriff and in state legislature.

Mr. McIver has not held any public office previously.

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

I volunteered for service in the army shortly after war was declared in 1917, and served two years during the World War. I was wounded in action by machine gun and was gassed—I have never asked the voters of the County for any office before—and if elected I promise to serve the County faithfully, to the best of my ability.

Your vote and influence will be appreciated.

Winslow McIver

Advices Farmers To Plant Greens Soon

Burt Shields, manager of the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning association, is advising local farmers to begin planting their spinach and turnip green crops at this time.

A number of contracts for these crops have been let with the cannery, and packing is expected to start soon as the cannery.

Miss Adella Meroney returned Friday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Jimmie Weir, and Mr. Weir, in New York City.

Burley Quota Is Favored By 3-1 Majority

With a vote of three-to-one, Cherokee county Burley tobacco growers Saturday lined up with other growers in five states to have the government set a crop-control quota during the coming year.

The Cherokee county vote was: 42 for the measure, and 12 against it, with one challenge vote cast.

Voting was held in the Murphy court house and the store of Mayor P. M. Reagan in Andrews.

The national vote on Burley control was about 85 per cent in favor of the referendum. Sixty-six and two-thirds majority of the votes cast was necessary for passage.

Likewise the 17 counties in North Carolina that voted on the question, gave about three-to-one majority for the referendum. Neighboring Graham county was one of the three in the state which cast a vote against the control.

Local Burley growers are expected to soon get their quotas from the government.

Similar referendums have been held in connection with control of other crops in the United States. The purpose of the voting under the revamped AAA federal set-up is to control acreage of various crops and keep the price up.

Robert A. Akin Candidate For Deeds Register

Robert Arthur Akin announces that he is a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of Cherokee County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary of June 4th. Mr. Akin is of long-line Cherokee County ancestry. His grandfather was a pioneer Citizen of Cherokee County, having come from Greenville, S. C., in 1846 and settled and lived on Notla river near where Ranger is now located.

Mr. Akin's father was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War. He volunteered as a private and was later promoted to Captain. He was wounded three times, and was in camp with Uncle Bent Tatham, Mr. John Steward of Texas, and others, at the time of surrender. The camp was near where Topton is now located. After the surrendered he taught school at Old Valley town, near the present location of Andrews. He was elected to the office of Register of Deeds back in 1880, and was a merchant here for more than 30 years.

Mr. Akin has served as traveling Salesman for the Cherokee Hardware Company for the past 24 years, and is well known throughout the County as well as in the several other Western North Carolina counties. He is well known as a citizen and church worker. He is not a politician, and has never asked for a public office before. He pledges himself to a straightforward and upright campaign. His announcement follows:

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of Cherokee County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary of June 4th. If nominated and elected I will work hard to succeed in the discharge of my duties in this responsible office.

I will appreciate your vote and influence.

Yours respectfully,
ROBERT ARTHUR AKIN.

Walker Announces For Township Constable

B. C. Walker, constable of the Murphy Township, has announced his candidacy to succeed himself on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Walker, who is serving the unexpired term of Henry Hickman, was the first to file before the board of elections.

Red Cross Is Given Certificate Of Merit

A certificate of merit has been awarded the Cherokee county Red Cross by national officials, W. M. Fain, local chairman, announced Wednesday.

The certificate, which denotes general excellence in work done during the annual roll call drive, was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Cary T. Grayson, secretary.

New Precinct Named, Filing Date Changed

The establishment of a new voting precinct in Cherokee county and change of date of expiration of filing for candidates was announced by F. O. Bates, chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Elections, Wednesday.

The new voting precinct will be located at Hiwassee Dam village where several hundred potential voters are now residing.

The date of filing for legislative, county and township offices has been changed from the fourth Saturday before the primary to the sixth Saturday, Mr. Bates stated. The change requires that notice of candidacy and filing fee be in possession of the board on or before Saturday, April 23. (Sections 6022 and 6023 of the C. S., sections 87 and 88 of the Election Law pamphlet, and Chapter 165 of the P. L. of 1933 as amended by Chapter 364 of the P. L. of 1937).

The first candidate to file for office before the board was B. C. Walker, candidate for constable in Murphy township on the Democratic ticket Mr. Bates stated.

11,000 Acres Are Condemned By U. S. Government

Seventy-three tracts of land in Cherokee county comprising approximately 11,000 acres have been ordered condemned by the United States of America "upon the relation and for the use of the Tennessee Valley Authority", and publication was ordered Wednesday in the Cherokee Scout by Judge E. Y. Webb of the United States district court in Asheville.

The tracts comprise lands lying along the Hiwassee river and its tributaries and are either owned by the Southern States Power company or the company has an interest in them. Designated tracts extend along the Hiwassee river basin, tend along the Hiwassee river basin, or its tributaries, from the site of the dam to a point above Murphy.

The petition names about 450 respondents who are given until May 8 to answer it.

Several other tracts have been condemned by the United States of America in relation to the TVA in the Hiwassee river area in the past several weeks.

First Movies Taken In Cherokee County

The first 100 feet of movie film known to have been taken in Cherokee county were displayed at Hiwassee Dam by Kenneth Bartlett, training section employee, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Bartlett recently purchased the camera and it is believed to be the first moving picture machine ever operated in Cherokee.

The pictures were taken on the scenic Hiwassee Dam-Turtletown route.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Aycock, of Sweetwater, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. Aycock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baker.

Frost And Rain Cause Damage In This Vicinity

Although Cherokee county experienced freezing temperatures, frost, and its heaviest rainfall in some time last week, the county agent's office reported Wednesday that very little damage had been done to crops although fruit trees will suffer.

"We have not been able to make a complete survey of the county yet," County Agent A. Q. Ketner said. "But fruit trees and especially apple trees were probably pretty hard hit." However fruit is not generally looked on as a principal source of income in this county, although several large orchards are located here.

Mr. Ketner said lespedeza "was hurt some."

With the temperature dropping sharply to below freezing on Sunday and Monday nights, downpours of rain followed which brought approximately 5 and one-half inches of rainfall to Murphy during the past week.

The figures were kept by the engineering data division of the TVA.

No property damage had been reported due to the heavy rains, but it was learned here that one combination store and home located at Whitestone, Ga., south of Blue Ridge near the Murphy-Asheville highway, had washed away killing 13 people. All had not been found Tuesday night.

Padgett Seeks Reelection To County Office

B. L. Padgett, present Cherokee county register of deeds, will seek reelection to the office on the Democratic ticket.

Formal announcement was made Monday.

Mr. Padgett has long been prominent in Cherokee county political affairs and has held the register of deeds office on several previous occasions.

His announcement is as follows:

I take this occasion to offer myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of Register of Deeds for Cherokee County, North Carolina.

If I receive the nomination in the primary of June 4th, and am successful in the general election to be held in November, I pledge a continuance of the high standard of service to the public which I have attempted to render in the past.

In announcing my candidacy for this important office, I feel confident of the loyalty of my many friends who have supported me in my previous campaigns.

B. L. PADGETT

EXHIBIT OF NYA, YOUTHCRAFT WILL OPEN HERE TODAY

The Cherokee county NYA youthcraft exhibit opens in the Cherokee County Bank building in the Regal hotel today (Thursday). Articles of interest produced by youths in the county will be kept on public display Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Willabelle Posey, local NYA director, who arranged the exhibit will take the best articles to a district exhibit in Marion April 21-23.

Dance To Be Held In Gym Saturday Night

A dance which will feature the music of the University of Georgia Collegians, said to be the second best college orchestra in the South, will be held at the Murphy gym Saturday night.

The dance is being sponsored by the Charity League who will give the proceeds to charity. Details are being arranged by Richard Mauney, former university student.

COURT ENDS ON MONDAY AFTER HEAVY SESSION

Defendants In Two Man- slaughter Suits Are Acquitted of Charges

Superior court adjourned Monday after trial of one of the heaviest criminal dockets in the county in the past four years. Judge John H. Clement was on the bench.

As a highlight of the session, Grady Carringer and Frances Head, prominent Murphy youths, were acquitted of charges in the death of Glenn Stiles, 28, who was killed in a highway accident two miles from Murphy on the night of January 23.

After the presentation of state's evidence, Judge Clement decided the not sufficient evidence to warrant further hearing and dismissed the case with non-suit action.

Carringer and Miss Head along with Lewis King and Dorothy Barnes while riding in a car found stiles in the road near his home shortly after dark on the night of the fatal accident. They advised his relatives of the accident and Carringer and King along with members of the Stiles family brought the victim to the Murphy hospital where he died enroute.

In another manslaughter trial, Fred Joines and Homer Ballard, both of Kannapolis, were acquitted by jury of the death of Clyde Brady, of Topton, on the Andrews-Asheville highway near Topton on the night of September 5, 1937.

Brady was killed when struck by a car as he walked along the highway with two companions. His body was hurled over an embankment by the alleged hit-and-run driver, and was not found until the following day.

Leslie Hooper, also of Kannapolis and formerly of Graham county, recently told officers he was in a car with Joines and Ballard which struck a body near Topton on the night of September 5. He said they were drinking and that they stopped the car and talked to Brady's companions.

The defense maintained that they were not in Cherokee county except on Tuesday, October 26, 1937, nearly two months after the accident happened, and that Hooper "told the story" because he had given them a check for the trip which was no good.

Hooper was taken back to Kannapolis with the defendants to face charges in connection with the \$63 check.

Other cases tried were minor offenses, for the most part, of robbery, assault and various liquor charges.

Trial of the civil calendar began on Monday and most of the cases were continued over to the next term of court by Judge Clements when several of the attorneys were ill and it would have been necessary to face a delay in their expedition.

Population At Hiwassee Dam Is Increasing

The population of the camp at Hiwassee Dam village is increasing daily, due to increased employment at the dam, where many preparations are being made to pour the first concrete this month, it is reported.

At the present time, there are 303 men living in the dormitories in camp. When employment at the dam reaches the peak, it is estimated there will be 480 men living in camp.

There are 98 families in the village, and using the average ratio of three and one-half persons to a family, that makes a total of 350 people living in the village. Only 98 of the 136 houses are at present occupied, but the remaining 38 houses will be filled soon.

When employment at the dam reaches the peak and the dormitories and houses are completely filled, it is estimated the combined population of the camp and village will be around 960.