

County Political Campaigns In Full Swing For Both Parties

Both Democrats and Republicans Feel Assurance of Victory at Polls November 8 As Drive Is Pushed in Lower End of County

The political machines in Cherokee county shifted into high gear this week as both parties swung into the lower end of the county where the crucial voting power of Cherokee lays.

Both Democratic and Republican candidates and party chieftans stated their assurance of victory at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Both parties have scheduled meetings nightly in the various voting precincts lying below Murphy and some meetings will be held in the afternoon.

If music has anything to do with the voting this fall, the board of elections better double the order on ballot boxes. The GOP group is carrying with them the celebrated Valley River quartette to make music while the candidates make political hay, and the Democrats have gone into the spirit of the thing Texas style in a big way by taking a rip-roaring string band to all their meetings.

The lower end of the county was studded to as the crucial vote-getting section of the county. This statement was prompted by the fact that Murphy, Marble, Andrews, Peachtree, Brasstown and adjacent communities will poll, from all past indications, a Democratic plurality.

Those many scattered, small precincts lying below Murphy are definitely in the Republican column. If they go as much as 85 or 90 per cent solid Republican that shoots the Democratic political vote bag as full of holes as a Russian's socks.

So, down in the lower end of the county where the votes come in last while the candidates for both parties stand around mopping sweat, is where both parties center their vote-getting powers this week.

As usual the race in this county is close, but there has been an untried element injected into the political cauldron this year with the coming of the TVA and many new workmen. Will they vote Democratic or Republican in majority?

Well, that just adds more shells among the picked nuts to break your political teeth on—if you worry about such things.

Representatives of both parties report fine turn-outs at the meetings.

DEMOCRATS

The Democrats—full-strength including all candidates, young Democrats and party supporters—opened their campaign last week with a series of meetings that carried them from Hot House across to Hangingdog.

They break into full-stride this coming week by holding two meetings each day which will leave them with complete coverage in the lower precincts.

"Everything's in fine shape. It looks mighty good for the Democrats all over the county", Chairman E. C. Mallonee, of the Democratic party, said this week during the heat of the

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MISS HAMPTON, 15, RECEIVES CRITICAL INJURIES IN WRECK

Miss Mildred Hampton, 15, of Murphy, is in a critical condition in St. Joseph's infirmary, Atlanta, Ga., suffering from a broken back and collar bone as the result of an automobile accident near Canton, Ga., last Sunday.

The popular high school student underwent an operation Wednesday night to relieve a paralytic condition, but physicians stated they did not believe she would ever be able to walk again.

Miss Hampton was enroute to Atlanta Sunday in a car driven by her brother, Leslie. Her mother, Mrs. Will Hampton, and another brother and sister were in the car when it overturned but were uninjured. Miss Hampton was thrown to the concrete when the car overturned.

Fair Premiums To Be Paid Here Saturday

Payment of Cherokee County Fair premiums, totalling more than \$950, will begin here Saturday, A. Q. Ketner, Cherokee county agent, has announced.

Those entitled to the money may obtain it by calling at the county agent's office in the Murphy court house any time during the week except Saturday afternoons and Sundays, Mr. Ketner stated.

A premium list of approximately \$1,200 was offered at the annual Fair held here Sept. 27-Oct. 1, but there were no exhibits in some classifications, Mr. Ketner explained.

REPUBLICANS

The GOP candidates and their followers are driving into the vital western precincts of the county for the second time during the campaign. They went through once like the Yankees through the World Series, and now, after Democrats went through knocking political plums off the southern trees the Republicans are following them up with another series of breath-taking meetings.

"It looks like everyone of our men is going into office", Lawyer Edwin Hyde, chairman of the county's Republican party, said. "The situation looks mighty good."

Tonight (Friday) the Republicans will meet in Upper Beaverdam. Five meetings are scheduled for next week. They are: Culberson, Monday night; Grape Creek, Tuesday night; Violet, Wednesday night; Boiling Springs, Thursday night, and Walker School house, Friday night.

All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p. m. (CST).

A. M'D. HARSHAW, 86, PASSES AWAY HERE ON THURSDAY

Abraham McDowell (Uncle Abe) Harshaw, 86, one of the few remaining grand old gentlemen of Cherokee county, passed away at his beautiful home overlooking the Hiwassee river near Murphy Thursday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock of a lingering illness.

Mr. Harshaw was one of the county's oldest original residents. He was born and reared in this county and was himself the tradition of the successful man—wise, amiable, industrious, truthful and generous.

During his life time he was a prominent cattle dealer, but spent his last years in retirement among his many friends and relatives.

Funeral arrangements had not been made Thursday evening. The body is in charge of Peyton G. Ivie.

Surviving Mr. Harshaw are: his widow; two sons, Henry, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Edgar, of Richmond, Va., and four daughters, Mrs. J. A. Richardson, Mrs. Callie Hall and Miss Ada Harshaw, all of Murphy, and Miss Helen Harshaw, of Asheville.

DANCE AT DAM

Another in a series of delightful dances will be held at the community building at Hiwassee Dam Saturday night, members of the Hiwassee Dam athletic association, which is sponsoring the dance, have announced.



Congressman Weaver Is Visitor in Murphy

Congressman Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, was a visitor in Cherokee county Thursday.

The Congressman arrived here Wednesday night where he spent the night at the Regal hotel. Thursday he greeted a number of friends here, and in the afternoon made a trip to the Hiwassee Dam with a party of several local citizens.

He left Friday morning for Hay-essville, seat of Clay county.

Mr. Weaver said he was making a general trip of the district at this time. Local Democratic officials are hoping to have him come back sometime before the general elections on Nov. 8 to give an address in the Murphy court house.

MANY ATTEND CANNERY'S FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC

Speaking, Music Program Is Held In Murphy On Wednesday

More than 100 people from Cherokee and surrounding counties gathered at the Mountain Valley Mutual cannery in Murphy Monday to attend the cannery's first annual picnic and hear W. M. Fain, chairman of the board of directors of the cannery, tell of its growth and make a request for additional capital to erect a new building.

A program of short talks and music and a picnic noonday lunch made up the day's festivities.

Mr. Fain acted as master of ceremonies. During the morning session he introduced the following persons

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Methodists To Have Last Meeting Here Before Conference

By Arthur Barber, Pastor

This will be the last Sunday before our annual conference, which meets in Charlotte on October 20th. Our church has had a wonderful financial year. Approximately \$1000 has been raised and spent on church improvements, etc., outside the regular church budget.

The budget is not yet paid out, but the church does not far a minute intend to send any kind of report to conference other than everything paid in full.

We ask the earnest interest and help of all Methodists in this matter.

North Ward Polling Place Is Changed

The polling place of the North Ward precinct in Murphy has been changed to the Strand Theater, according to Fred O. Bates, chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Elections.

Heretofore the polling place has been in the Jim Vaughan building.

The registration books will be kept there for registration purposes the next three Saturdays, he said.

Hearing in TVA Land Case Begun In Court

BOOMERS AND ANDREWS WILL MEET FRIDAY

Game Will Be One of Most Important For Both Teams

The battle of the year is expected here Friday afternoon when the Andrews Wildcats come to Murphy to clash with the Boomers in one of the season's most important games for both teams.

K. C. Wright, principal of the high school and business manager of the team, has highly advertised the contest and expects more than 2,000 people to witness the game.

Both schools will put one of their best teams in years on the field. The Boomers so far this year are unbeaten, and while Coach Ned Tucker's Wildcats have gone down in defeat twice, they took their lickings at the hands of the Canton Bears and the Waynesville Mountaineers, two teams that outclassed the Andrews opposition.

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Singing Convention Is Held At Marble

The Bellview singing class was awarded the banner at the semi-annual convention held at Marble last Sunday. A large crowd was present during the all-day affair and some excellent music was reported.

Besides the regular singing classes special quartette and choir music was rendered.

LEGION TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS ON FRIDAY EVENING

The local Joe Miller Elkins post of the American Legion will hold its annual club elections at a meeting in the Murphy Cafe here Friday night at 7 o'clock.

Legionaire J. W. Franklin announced a dinner would be held preceding the business meeting and is urging all members of the Legion to attend.

Tire Shop Opened By C. Dickey in Murphy

Charles Dickey, of Murphy, has opened the Carolina Tire shop in the building adjoining the Dickey hotel, where he is handling a complete line of used automobile and truck tires.

Mr. Dickey, who opened the shop here last week, reports having had an excellent trade.

MURPHY'S MOST SPECTACULAR FIRE OCCURS HERE LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

Murphy's most spectacular blaze occurred here last Friday night when the storage garage of E. C. Moore and the building occupied by the Georgia Tire and Retreading company located near the entrance to the Petrie hospital was burned to the ground.

Total loss was estimated close to \$20,000.

The cause of the fire is undetermined. Residents living nearby the three story tin and frame building first noticed the flames shooting out of a rear window on the top story about 9:30 p. m. and summoned firemen at once.

By the time the volunteer company got there the fire was out of control and all they could do was keep it from spreading to the frame dwellings nearby.

The large amount of rubber and other flammable substances in the

Three-Man Commission Hears Testimony; Begun Monday

A land condemnation hearing, which is expected to require from one month to six weeks to complete, formally began Monday before a three-member commission in U. S. district courtroom at Asheville. The commission was appointed recently by U. S. Judge E. Yates Webb to appraise and to fix the value of 14,000 acres of land in Cherokee county condemned by the U. S. government for the Hiwassee Dam basin, a project of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The commission spent part of last week inspecting the lands involved. Members of the commission are: O. M. Mall, Shelby, attorney and textile manufacturer, chairman; Albert R. Eaman, business manager of the Presbyterian assembly at Montreat, and J. K. Cowan, Asheville contractor.

Maps, Charts Introduced

Most of the first day of the hearing was devoted to the introduction of maps, charts and other exhibits by attorneys for the Southern States Power company, owner of most of the land condemned. These were identified by W. V. N. Powelson, president of the company. Another exhibit, is a large plaster model of the Hiwassee river valley, showing the contour of the land and the location of proposed dam sites and other important points on which the claims are based.

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New Telephone System To Open Saturday Night

Murphy's new telephone service will be officially inaugurated at 10 o'clock Saturday night when a group of local prominent people will gather at the Murphy court house to witness the "switch over" to the new line.

W. L. Lampkin, manager of the Waynesville district of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, is in charge of the program.

It is planned to confer on the mayor of the town the honor of being the first to speak over the new system. Local telephone officials are requesting persons not to use the telephones which have been installed in all subscribers homes until after the meeting Saturday night.

Plans for a formal "open house" at the Murphy exchange at a later date are being made.

New equipment has been added throughout the office and all lines and connections in the Murphy territory have been improved recently by a crew of men.

building caused flames of various colors to leap as high as 30 feet into the air, completely lighting the town. The mass of wreckage smoldered for two days after the fire.

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Registration Books To Open Saturday

The registration books in Cherokee county will open Saturday for the benefit of those persons who have not registered for the general elections to be held here Tuesday, Nov. 8, Fred O. Bates, chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Elections, has announced.

The books will be open on Saturdays Oct. 15, 22 and 29 from 9 a. m. until sunset, according to state law. Saturday, Nov. 5, will be challenge day, he said.