

OPPOSING BILLS ARE INTRODUCED BY LEGISLATORS

Jarrett, Morphew Measures Before House, Senate

Before house committees are conflicting measures on the terms of office for the Cherokee county board of commissioners.

The senate-approved measure, introduced by Graham's Senator Jack Morphew, would extend the terms of office of the present board of commissioners to the first Monday in December, 1942, and provide for four-year terms beginning with the 1942 election.

The house measure, before judiciary No. 2, introduced by Cherokee's Representative Clyde H. Jarrett, would provide for four-year terms of office for the county board of commissioners, surveyor and constables beginning with the next election.

It is another case of conflict between Republican and Democratic leaders. Jarrett is a Republican and Morphew a Democrat.

Morphew Bill

The Morphew bill would provide: "Section 1. That the county commissioners, now holding office in Cherokee county, shall serve in such capacity until the first Monday in December, one thousand nine hundred forty-two.

Sec. 2. At the general election for the year one thousand nine hundred forty-two and quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected in Cherokee county by the qualified voters there—

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J. H. Hampton Is Renominated By Federation

J. H. Hampton was nominated to succeed himself as a director of the Farmers Federation at a meeting of the co-op's stockholders of Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties Saturday afternoon in the Murphy warehouse.

More than a hundred people attended the meeting and heard brief addresses by James G. K. McClure, Federation president, and S. C. Clapp, head of the co-op's seed department.

In reporting of the Federation's financial status, Mr. McClure announced that the organization now has a surplus fund slightly in excess of \$100,000.

A local advisory committee was selected as follows:

D. Witherspoon, Murphy, Chairman; R. B. Slaughter, Robbinsville, Dillard Orr, Santeetlah; W. T. Bumgarner, Hayerville, R. F. D.; F. G. Waldrop, Hayerville; B. P. Grant, Andrews; W. A. Adams, Murphy; Clyde McNabb, Murphy Route 2; U. S. G. Phillips, Unaka; J. H. Hampton, Murphy Route 2; John Tatham, Andrews.

Mr. Hampton, who was renominated for a two-year term as a director, has served in that capacity since the Cherokee-Clay-Graham unit was organized a little over a year ago. He is one of two representatives of this unit on the Federation's board, the other being D. Witherspoon, whose term extends for another year.

Nomination of directors are made at county meetings of stockholders and all nominees come up for election at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the entire organization. Nomination usually, however, is tantamount to election.

Music was furnished at Saturday's meeting by the Federation's string trio, and at the conclusion of the meeting coffee and cakes were served.

SENATE KILLS ANDREWS TOWN ELECTION BILL

Representative Clyde H. Jarrett's bill to provide for non-partisan elections in the town of Andrews, has been killed in the senate.

The senate committee on elections laws, headed by Graham's senator Jack Morphew, reported the bill unfavorably which, in view of the senator's opposition, has the effect of killing it. It passed the house several weeks ago.

The Jarrett measure would have provided for non-partisan municipal elections in Andrews.

SEEK 2 MURPHY GIRLS MISSING FROM HOMES SINCE LAST MONDAY EVENING

Two girls, of the Fain Mountain section, one mile from Murphy, are being sought by their parents here. They have been missing since Monday evening when they left their homes to attend a picture show in Murphy.

They are: Miss Dnada Dawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Dawson, and Miss Eula Mae Ashe, daughter of Mrs. Omie Ashe.

Mrs. Dawson reported Wednesday that she feared the girls may have met with foul play as neither had given any indication of leaving home or had prepared for it. Miss Dawson is 18 years old, has black hair, brown eyes, medium

complexion, is about five feet, five inches tall, weighs about 130 pounds, and was dressed in a red waist, gray skirt and blue coat.

Miss Ashe is 16 years of age, five feet, two inches tall, has fair skin, blonde hair and brown eyes.

The girls have been companions for years and neither had given their parents any trouble or had been involved in any home affairs.

Mrs. Dawson said the two left for the picture show in good spirits. She said her daughter had not taken some money she had saved up or carried any clothes with her.

The disappearance was reported to the sheriff's department here.

LIONS CLUB TO AID IN RAISING CANNERY FUND

Discuss Building of New Golf Course Near Murphy

Lions club committee to raise funds for the assurance of the Mountain Valley Mutual cannery here during the coming season was appointed by President Harve Elkins Wednesday, after an appeal had been made to the club at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

Those named to raise a portion of the \$1,500 necessary for the erection of a building were: W. A. Sherrill, chairman; Frank Ellis and Jim Franklin.

John E. Barr, head of the Land O' The Sky Mutual association, of Waynesville, and TVAC administrator, appeared before the club at its meeting and explained the benefits to the business men of the town and the farmers of this section that resulted from the operation of the cannery here.

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Dead-Line For Seed Applications Nearing

All applications for emergency and seed crop loans must be made at an early date or their benefits may be lost, County Agent A. Q. Ketner is advising Cherokee county farmers.

Although the closing date for applications has not been set, they will not be taken much longer he said. The applications may be made in the county agent's office in the Murphy court house on Saturday morning and Monday of each week.

Ketner stated that it takes from 10 to 15 days to get applications approved after they are received.

OFFICERS ATTEND TRIAL

Policeman Neil Sneed and Constable Sheridan Stiles are in Atlanta where they are witnesses in the trial of four men of the Warne section of Georgia who are charged with kidnapping. The officers arrested the men here last January.



Gentry Connected With Funeral Home

Pat Gentry, above, is now connected with the Townson Funeral Home in Murphy.

Mr. Gentry, who, several years ago was with the same firm, is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Embalming. He completed his study there in 1926. He is a certified plastic surgeon. For 11 years he was senior mortician for the Bernstein Funeral Home of Athens, Ga.

Mr. Gentry is married and has three daughters. He plans to move his family to Murphy in the near future. He is licensed in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Park Fisher Donates 56 Volumes To Library

Fifty-six volumes of fiction and non-fiction were donated to the Murphy-Carnegie library Park Fisher, faculty member of the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown, it was revealed here Tuesday by Miss Josephine Heighway, librarian.

The books were as follows: five volumes of "War On All Fronts"; 12 volumes of Richard H. Davis; 10 volumes of "World's Great Events"; one volume library; 25 works of Bret Harte; "Outline of Knowledge", Volume 13; "Lady of the Lake", and "The Hysteria of Lady Macbeth."



WPA BOOKMOBILE IN MURPHY TO SERVE CHEROKEE, 5 OTHER W. N. C. COUNTIES

A newly acquired asset in the line of Library work is the book truck furnished by the WPA to serve Cherokee and adjoining counties of Western North Carolina, Clay, Graham, Macon, Swain, and Jackson.

The expenses of this project are financed by the county it is serving, the WPA, the County Commissioners, and the Regional Library Service.

Plan Huge Recreational Program For Murphy

Group Studies Ap- propriation, Site For New Project

A group of local citizens met here Wednesday night to discuss a far-reaching recreational program for the Town of Murphy.

It was revealed at the meeting that approximately \$35,000 in WPA funds were available to the town for work along this line, and it was planned to solicit TVA assistance in providing a golf course and recreational center for the benefit of the town and to aid in the solicitation of tourists when the TVA's Hiwassee Dam is completed.

T. A. Case was elected chairman of the group and he appointed a committee to study local recreational projects and report back at another meeting on Friday night.

Those named on the committee were Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Paul Owenby, Harry Bishop, W. Allison Sherrill and T. W. Kindley.

The committee plans to inspect several sites with a view to establishing a golf course, a modern swimming pool, a community building, tennis courts and other recreational facilities.

The program has long been considered a necessary one here. With WPA funds available and the acquisition of property by the TVA and subsequent formation of a huge lake around Murphy, the group hopes to obtain a modern recreational center at a minimum cost to the town.

Means of financing the program and selection of a site were discussed in detail by the group.

Following the report of the committee on Friday night, the group will contact WPA and TVA officials to formally solicit the aid of these agencies and get the program underway.

At present Murphy's only facilities of this kind is a small combination baseball park and fair grounds and a frame one-room building. The fair grounds are being elevated to a level above the contour line of the lake formed by the Hiwassee dam, and completion of the project is expected within several months.

Those attending the meeting besides the chairman and members of the committee were: Mayor J. B. Gray, Horry Sword, Bon Alexander, J. H. Pitzer, C. E. Hyde, Frank Ellis, Sam Carr, James B. Ward, Jack Blagg, and C. D. Mayfield.

NO CANDIDATES YET FILED FOR TOWN ELECTION

With elections for the Town of Murphy set for Tuesday, May 2, no announcements for mayor or board of aldermen have yet been filed, according to E. O. Christopher, town clerk.

The Murphy town board is elected on a non-partisan ticket and consists of a mayor and six aldermen composed of three Democrats and three Republicans.

Henry Hyatt has been designated as registrar for the coming election and Idris Adams and Hugh Brittain will be judges.

Registration books will be open the first four Saturdays in April, and the fifth Saturday will be challenge day.

Fire Truck Repaired

The Murphy fire truck has been completely repaired and is ready for call in case of emergency.

The truck broke down during a call to a fire 10 days ago.

Weather Vane

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall for the past week compared with similar data for last year.

TEMPERATURES		1939		1938	
8	66	36	65	23	
9	73	31	59	30	
10	70	38	49	42	
11	71	54	56	40	
12	70	50	64	28	
13	67	35	70	39	
14	69	39	69	55	
FALL INCHES 1939 1938					
March 1	3.51	3.12			
January 1	18.80	8.78			

JURIES DRAWN FOR APRIL TERM OF COURT HERE

Large Criminal And Civil Docket Faces Judge Nettles

Superior court juries for the trial of cases before Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, when court convenes for a two-weeks session of criminal and civil cases on Monday, April 23, have been chosen by the board of county commissioners here.

At the session Charley Fain, 26-year-old Murphy Negro now being held in Asheville jail, will be tried for assault on a nurse and the robbery of \$90 from a patient at Whitfield hospital here the night of January 28.

Nearly 200 cases of all descriptions, including those carried over from previous dockets, are scheduled for trial. Continued on back page

Sheriff Gets Four More Stills In Three Raids

Sheriff Carl Townson continued his drive against illegal manufacturers of whiskey in the county this week by bringing in four stills and destroying a large amount of beer.

Thursday the sheriff's department confiscated two stills under the house of Jim Hardin in the Valleytown area and poured out 120 gallons of beer.

Ed Hardin was arrested and released Wednesday under bond for appearance for trial in Superior court.

Both stills—a 65-gallon outfit and a 35-gallon outfit—were found under the house.

Those making the raid were: Sheriff Townson and Deputies Patton Coleman and Richard Meroney.

On Friday the sheriff and Deputy Coleman obtained a 21-gallon still on the head of Pisgah. No arrests were made.

Saturday another raid was made and a 40-gallon outfit was obtained on Long Branch. No arrests were made. Those making the raid were Sheriff Townson, and Deputies Meroney and Ruff McBrayer.

Regal Hotel Undergoing Extensive Repairs Here

Extensive repairs are being made to the interior of the Regal Hotel here by the Savage Brothers, the proprietors.

In preparation for the coming tourist season, all rooms are being refurnished and redecorated. The work is expected to be completed in about six weeks.

Other repairs are being made to the interior of the building and new furniture is being added, according to the proprietors.

Soil Program Checks Ready For Signing

All Applications for payments under the 1938 soil program are ready for signatures of Cherokee county farmers eligible to receive payment under the act, County Agent A. Q. Ketner has announced.

All farmers have been notified to this effect, he stated, and if the applications are not signed soon, the payment of some may be delayed indefinitely, he warned.

Schedule Of Forestry Pictures Announced

The Forestry Moving Picture schedule for next week is as follows: March 20—Buck Knob School; March 21—Boiling Springs School; March 22—Unaka School; March 23—Hangingdog School; March 24—Ranger School.

All programs begin at 7:00 p. m. and the Public is cordially invited to attend. There is no admission charge for the shows.