

PARTISAN TOWN ELECTION BILL KILLED IN HOUSE

Non-Partisan Elections To Be Held On May 2

A bill designed to place the Town of Murphy under a partisan municipal elections law was reported killed in the lower house Wednesday and government of the town will remain under its present non-partisan system.

Formal notice of Murphy's municipal election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, has been ordered by the Town Board and is being advertised.

Mayor J. B. Gray and other citizens of the town of Murphy Saturday protested against the passage of Senator Jack Morpew's bill to provide the partisan municipal elections.

The senator's bill to bring the town under the general statute for partisan elections to replace the present non-partisan method, was passed by the senate Saturday and ordered sent to the house.

Mayor Gray, E. C. Moore, C. D. Mayfield, R. S. Parker, P. C. Hyatt, W. M. Mauney, J. N. Hill, H. A. Mattox, R. C. Mattox, and John E. Posey telegraphed Representative Clyde Jarrett of Cherokee county as follows: "Please kill bill affecting officials and elections in town of Murphy. Town growing rapidly, many changes and new people. All are working in harmony to promote best interests; we do not want anything to cause friction. We Democrats and taxpayers of Murphy request laws of Murphy be left alone."

The Morpew bill would have brought Murphy under the statewide law governing municipal elections the same as the town of Andrews, also in Cherokee county. Recently, Senator Morpew killed Representative Clyde H. Jarrett's measure to provide non-partisan elections in Andrews.

Marble To Vote On Repeal Of Town Charter

Residents of the Town of Marble, said to be the smallest incorporated town in North Carolina, will vote on repeal of the town's charter at the municipal elections to be held on Tuesday, May 2.

Following a meeting on March 14, the town board of aldermen, filed formal notice of the repeal and announced the continued incorporation of the town would be submitted to the voters of the municipality at the time set for the regular town elections.

The meeting followed a regular adjourned session on March 6 at which time the charter was first brought up. At the meeting on March 14, the mayor and all members of the board voted in favor of submitting the question of the repeal of the charter to the people.

W. B. Mulkey is the mayor. Board members are: B. B. Palmer, N. W. Abernathy and C. M. Trull.

Mars Hill Students Return After Holiday

March 23 marked the opening of a five-day spring holidays period at Mars Hill college.

The following students from Cherokee county returned home for the holidays: June Almond, Walter Whitaker, Andrew Franklin, Gladys Franklin, Lucille Franklin, Clyde Jarrett, Paul Lay, all of Andrews; and Virginia Shields, Nat Kinney and Kate Robinson, of Murphy.

Weather Vane

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

Date	TEMPERATURES		Rainfall
	1939	1938	
22	73	27	48
23	79	31	54
24	80	35	39
25	78	41	31
26	71	48	24
27	66	55	46
28	66	47	44
RAINFALL INCHES			
Total since March 1	4.96	6.26	
Total since January 1	20.20	11.92	

PLANNING GROUP FOR CHEROKEE IS PROPOSED

Senator Jack Morpew has introduced a senate bill to authorize the establishment of a county planning commission in Cherokee county.

The measure would authorize the board of commissioners to establish and appoint the planning commission of five members with power to adopt master county plans and to certify to the county and municipalities for approval or rejection. The planning commission would consist of one county commissioner and four members named by the board of commissioners.

The county board would be authorized to make necessary appropriations for work and to levy special tax therefor. After adoption and certification of the master county plan no highway, park, forest or other county way, ground, structure of property could be located or constructed with county funds unless in conformity with plan.

Andrews Map Bill Passes Legislature

Representative Clyde H. Jarrett's bill authorizing the recording of a true copy of the original map of the town of Andrews was passed by the Senate and ordered enrolled for ratification Saturday.

It authorizes the recording of the map upon proof of authenticity, by affidavit, with register of deeds with a provision that any reference to the map in any instrument heretofore or hereafter executed to have the same effect as if the description of the lands as indicated on the record of said map was set out in the instrument.

Officials Of Southern Railway Visit Here

A group of Southern Railway officials were visitors in Murphy and at Hiwassee Dam Tuesday afternoon. The five men were said to be on an inspection trip of the division and visited at the dam to see the progress taking place there.

Those in the party were: O. B. Keister, general manager, of Knoxville, Tenn.; W. H. Cheney, superintendent, of Asheville; J. C. Morris, trainmaster, of Asheville; a Mr. King, head of the maintenance division, and C. W. Sigmon, supervisor, of Bryson City.

They were accompanied to the dam by Jim Robertson.

MELICHAR HEARD BY LIONS HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

Civic Projects Discussed At Regular Meeting Here

Charles Melichar, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, of Franklin, was the main speaker at a meeting of the Murphy Lions club Tuesday night.

Mr. Melichar described the work and purpose of the national forests in Western North Carolina and explained the game management areas in this section.

Reports were given by various club members on the raising of funds for the local cannery and on recreational projects being undertaken locally at this time.

Lion Park Fisher, who presided in the absence of President Harve Elkins, said he would appoint committees to confer with civic clubs at Andrews and Bryson City relative to delaying until fall construction on work contemplated in the Nantahala Gorge by the state highway department, and the establishment of a park in the "Bull Moose Pen."

Both these projects were discussed at length. Construction on highway No. 19 between Topton and Bryson City this summer was seen as a distinct threat to the tourists industry

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DATES ANNOUNCED FOR FISHING IN STREAMS OF N. C.-U. S. REFUGES

All streams in six state-federal cooperative game refuges, with the exceptions of six streams, will be open for trout fishing in the 1939 season, it has been announced by C. N. Mease, chief refuge supervisor.

Mr. Mease announced the open dates for fishing on the various refuges as follows:

Daniel Boone and Mt. Mitchell areas May 6-7, 18-19; June 3-4, 15-16; August 5-6.

Sherwood forest area: May 12, 13 and 14; July 2, 3 and 4; August 4, 5 and 6.

Standing Indian and Fires Creek areas: May 18, 19 and 20; July 3, 4 and 5; August 10, 11 and 12.

Wayah Bald area: May 29-30; June 23-24.

The plans as approved, provide

Armed Escort To Bring Charley Fain To Trial

Scout New Member Half-Century Club

The Cherokee Scout has recently been made a member of the "Half-Century Club of Newspapers", an organization formed by the American Press. The Scout celebrated its Golden Anniversary in 1938, and a special edition was recently issued commemorating the occasion.

A certificate of membership, sent only to those papers with a half-century of service to the community in back of them, has been received.

Services At Cherokee Churches Are Planned

Special services planned for several Cherokee county churches have been announced by the Rev. Edgar Willix.

A revival for children at the Friendship church will begin Monday evening, April 3, at 7 p. m.

Also a meeting will start Sunday evening, April 9, at the First Baptist church of Unaka with the Rev. B. P. Kincaid, of Benton, Tenn., assisting Mr. Willix.

Faces Two Counts Carrying Death Penalty In N. C.

Charlie Fain, Murphy Negro, charged with assaulting a nurse and robbing a woman patient in a hospital here the night of January 28, will go on trial for his life when Cherokee county superior court convenes here for a busy two-weeks session Monday. Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, will preside.

It was learned this week that Fain, who has been held in the Asheville jail since he confessed to the crimes on February 3, will be brought here for trial toward the end of the criminal calendar which is expected about Tuesday or Wednesday.

It is said that Fain will be brought here in the company of 15 highway patrolmen who will aid local officers against any demonstration that might be made by the large crowd that is expected to pack the court room during the trial.

One officer said that all persons entering the court room during the trial will be searched.

It is believed that Fain will not be able to hire counsel, and in that case Judge Nettles will have the authority to appoint a legal representative for him.

Sheriff Carl Townson, who, with Murphy's Chief of Police, Fred Johnson, was instrumental in capturing Fain at Maryville, Tenn., six days after the crimes were committed would not comment on how or when Fain will be brought here.

Wife Is Held
Fain's wife is being held in jail here charged with possession of part of the \$90 Fain admitted taking from the patient, Mrs. Frank Kilpatrick, of Marble, who had become a mother only a few hours before the crime was committed, and with failure to cooperate with officers in locating her husband.

Following the crime, said to be one of the worst ever committed in Murphy, Sheriff Townson, Officer Johnson and two officers from state bureau of identification and investigation, traced Fain to Atlanta, Ga., and Maryville, where he was arrested.

Most of the money was located and two rings taken from Mrs. Kilpatrick were found in possession of one of Fain's wives at Blue Ridge, Ga. Charged remains of Mrs. Kilpatrick's purse was also found in Fain's home here.

Fain had been employed by a local garage and suspicion was first thrown on him when he failed to appear for work the Monday after the crimes—both of which carry a death penalty in North Carolina—were committed. The Negro had been tried for the attempted assault of a white woman at Blue Ridge several years previously, and officers state he is known to have made advances on several other women.

Frazier To Be Tried
Also prominently listed on the unusually heavy docket to be tried in the coming session of court, is the case of Charlie Frazier, of Andrews, who shot Night Policeman Kimsey Wyke, also of Andrews, the night of February 3 during an alleged argument between the two.

Although Mr. Wyke was not on duty during the time of the shooting, he was wearing his uniform. The argument occurred in front of Frazier's home after he and the officer had spent several hours of the evening together.

Frazier fired a shot gun blast into Wyke's chest which caused death a week later. Frazier, a former township constable, gave himself up to officers after the shooting.

Nearly 200 cases of all descriptions, many of them cases held over from previous courts, are scheduled for trial at the session.

Dam Supplement To Scout Is Resumed

The Hiwassee Dam news supplement to the Cherokee Scout has been resumed with Miss Florence King acting as editor.

All news from the village and vicinity will be handled by Miss King and those have contributions of news are asked to get in touch with her.

Any business or subscription transactions can also be taken up with the Hiwassee Dam representative.



WPA "Bookmobile" Is Serving Four W. N. C. Counties

A WPA "Bookmobile" is now operating in Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain counties, bringing free books to county cross-roads and rural homes. The books are made available by the sponsoring State Library Commission, the TVA and the WPA. The "Bookmobile" shown will be in the above counties for the months of March, April and May to demonstrate the value of this type of library service. The annual library report discloses that about one-half of the population of North Carolina is without library service of any kind. Other than providing worthwhile employment for many needy, the WPA objective is to awaken interest throughout the state to the end that permanent library programs be established and that obtaining good books be the easy privilege of all North Carolinians.

At present sixteen bookmobiles are making regular rounds. Other phases of the WPA library project, during the current year, have provided means for 1384 unemployed needy to earn their livelihoods, maintain and obtain skills—resulting, ninety-six counties have library service in 157 public libraries, WPA workers are assisting with the clerical work, routine duties; in the schools 548 have been maintained; in book-repair units, over one million public school textbooks and library volumes have been repaired and returned to circulation.