

Library Service Continued As Special Ballot is Won

Measure is Approved By Majority of 94:— Many Fail to Vote

Regional Library Service in this section will be continued. The special election held last Tuesday resulted in victory by the narrowest of margins. A total of 3,343 votes were needed. The total gotten was 3,437—a majority of 94.

Only 1,643 persons in the entire county voted against continuation of the service. This issue came very near being lost, however, because 1,060 registered voters did not cast ballots either way. Under the law, every one of these 1,060 was counted as having voted against it. In other words, to carry, the library had to have affirmative votes for more than half of those who were registered.

Normal registration in Cherokee County, it was figured, would be about 8,000. As a result, last Thursday, when only three small precincts from the farthest limits of the county were missing, and the votes for the library totaled only 3,245 it was feared the issue had been lost. It was believed, at that time, that 4,001 votes would be needed, and the three missing precincts did not include enough ballots—even if all were "for" to do any good.

A final check-up however, showed that only 4,686 persons had registered. This made a majority of one more than half, or 3,347, all that was needed. The missing precincts swelled the vote to 3,437.

Miss Ida Belle Entreklin, Regional Librarian, and practically the entire teacher personnel of all schools in the county worked long and hard in helping put over the victory. Superintendent H. Bueck also played a prominent part in the campaign, writing an editorial on the question which appeared in the Scout and which it is believed, had considerable influence. Prominent members of both political parties also went all over the county urging that all vote for the library.

Despite the electioneering, and widespread advertising, many of the smaller communities voted heavily against the proposal.

Continuation of the library service will mean an additional levy of three cents per \$100. It has been figured that the average cost per person will be about 30 cents per year.

BLAIR TO ADDRESS WELFARE MEETING

Col. William A. Blair of Winston-Salem, chairman of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare for 36 years, will be the luncheon speaker at the Marion meeting of county welfare board members, superintendents, staff members and county officials from the 19 counties of the western district when they gather in the McDowell county seat for their annual conference November 19.

Linetta Dean, Cherokee welfare superintendent, said she expected the attendance from this county to include the County Commissioners, County Welfare Board, County Auditor, County Attorney, Register of Deeds, Representative to Legislature, and civic leaders.

Counties included in the district are: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey.

WHICHARD RECEIVES HONOR

Bill Whichard, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Whichard, who is at Fort McPherson has been notified by Congressman Zeb Weaver that he has been given second alternate at West Point.

Falling Rock Kills Worker In Tunnel; Another Injured

Two men working in the same tunnel of the Nantahala Dam project suffered almost identical injuries at almost the same moment last Friday afternoon. To one the injuries brought instant death. The other, at first thought to be fatally injured, will live. The victims are George Early, of Copperhill, dead, and Herman Ledford, of Murphy, route 2.

Early, 28 year old worker was working in a shaft of the Beacher-town section of the tunnel, when a rock became dislodged above his struck him on the head and sent him plunging 150 feet to the floor of the tunnel. His skull was fractured, and nearly every bone in his body broken. Other workers were nearby, among them a brother, Earl, but the victim's life was crushed out, instantly.

The dead worker was taken to his home, in Copperhill, for interment. A widow survives.

At almost the same instant that Early met death, Herman Ledford, 32 of Murphy Route 2, and also employed as a tunnel worker, was struck by another falling rock. Ledford was working at the diversion tunnel project, some five miles distant, and the hock struck him on the neck.

Picked up unconscious, he was taken to a hospital in Franklin, N. C., where, at first it was thought his neck was broken, and that he too, would die. More thorough investigation showed, however, that his injuries were less serious, and he was sufficiently recovered to be able to be taken to his home on Monday.

Hatchett Turns Cop; Catches Alleged Thief

Harold Hatchett turned cop Thursday afternoon chasing 17 year old R. L. Phillips from the Murphy Cafe to the Farmers Federation building. The Phillips boy was knocked down, helped up and then locked up.

Phillips was carrying a coat, which Hatchett said belonged to him and had been stolen from his cafe. Phillips said he bought it from a strange boy for ten cents.

Goose and 5 Ducks Bagged Near Dam by Mauney and Moore

There's good hunting at Hiwassee Lake. For proof, ask Alderman-Druggist Walter Mauney or Alderman-auto dealer Ed Moore. The two sportsmen went to the Dam early Tuesday morning, and struck off along the shore line. They returned that evening, with a bag of five wild ducks and one wild goose.

Three of the ducks were Mallards and two were teals. All were fat.

32 VOLUNTEERS MAKE 1ST CALL FORMALITY HERE

Only 94 Needed From Cherokee For Entire Quota Until June 30

Fifty questionnaires were sent out by Wayne Walker, clerk of the Draft Board, in Murphy on Tuesday. They were mailed to the first 50 registrants whose numbers were drawn in Washington, and more questionnaires will be sent out, in lots of 50 until the entire list of 2,084 has been covered.

Records at the Murphy draft office Thursday showed 28 registrants already have volunteered to go with the first quota, instead of those who might have been called. Four others have enlisted in the regular army or navy, and two other young men who had cases in the Superior court were given suspended sentences on condition that they volunteer.

It is believed that enlistments in the regular branches of the service are credited to the draft list. This would give Cherokee County 30 volunteers to offset the first call. Lack of housing facilities make it highly improbable that more than that number will be inducted into the service at this time.

The full quota for the county according to official announcement from Washington, is 94 men. Some of these, however, will not be called until next spring. The time limit on the quota is June 30, 1941. The second call is expected some time in March, 1941.

One man from Andrews was among those enlisting for services in the regulars. He is James Harvey Swann, who joined the regular army.

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Indian Gets 15 Months In Slaying of Brady

Alfred Whitener Dies in Car Plunge; 4 Others Escape

Plunged to his death as he dozed, Alfred Whitener, 28, was killed early Sunday morning when a pick-up truck in which he was reclining left the road and somersaulted down an embankment in the factorytown section of Murphy.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Baptist church at Ogreeta, where the deceased lived, with the Rev. W. M. Young officiating and the Townson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Boyhood friends of the deceased acted as pallbearers.

The tragedy came when Dee Coleman, driving a pick-up truck lost control on a curve and the vehicle plunged down an embankment, turning over two or three times. Harmon Odom and two girls were with Coleman on the seat, and these were all thrown clear and escaped with a few cuts and bruises. Whitener, dozing in the body of the truck was mashed and injured internally.

Rushed to the Petrie hospital, the injured youth insisted he was not badly hurt. His head has received a deep gash and he had other cuts and bruises, but he declared he was not in intense pain. Nevertheless, within half an hour he was dead.

Work on Atlanta Road Slated to Start Soon

Reports from nearby Georgia state that work of improving the 12 mile stretch of highway from the N. C. State line leading to Blue Ridge and Atlanta is expected to get under way shortly after the first of the new year, and will be rushed as much as possible, wether permitting.

The road is to be regraded, and paved. Contracts were let several weeks ago, and the project is scheduled to be complete by next June.

The improvement will cut nearly an hour from the motoring time between Murphy and Atlanta, and is expected to be of considerable benefit to Murphy merchants, through trade from nearby Georgia.

Jackson Pleads Guilty To Manslaughter As Jury Fails to Agree

Moving through a sea of nolle proseques and cases tried by the Judge instead of by jury, the November term of the Superior Court came to a close in Murphy at noon on Monday. Judge Wason Warlick presided, and although court did not convene until last Wednesday, because of the national elections. His Honor managed to complete the entire docket with the exception of a few cases, the defendants in which had been released on bond.

Carried over from the former term, the case against Ed Jackson and Nick Saunooke, full blooded Cherokees charged with the murder of Clyde Brady, near Topton in 1937 occupied two days, and then resulted in a mistrial when the jury was deadlocked with 11 voting for conviction on charges of manslaughter, and one voting for acquittal.

Saunooke turned State's evidence, confessed, and was used as a Government witness. At a hearing in 1937 he had sworn that Brady was killed by a hit-run motorist. This time he said he had committed perjury. His new story was that Brady was clubbed to death by Jackson when the victim refused to take a drink of liquor from the Indian's bottle.

The jury was sent back twice before being dismissed, late Saturday afternoon. Jackson's attorneys then offered to plead guilty to a charge of manslaughter. The offer was accepted, and Jackson was sentenced to serve 15 months on the roads. Saunooke was freed.

Henry Flynn, of Chicago and Basil Burnette, of New Mexico, young co-workers on the Nantahala dam project were tried jointly on charges of assault on John Arp, during the recent strike. The trial at first seemed slated to be postponed, and taken to another court, when Attorney Mallonee, appearing for the defense brought out the fact that the alleged assault had taken place in Macon county. He claimed lack of jurisdiction by the Cherokee court.

Ordered back to jail while Judge Warlick pondered the amount of bond to be fixed the prisoners declared they preferred to be tried at once and "have it over with". They agreed to waive a jury trial, and Judge Warlick consented.

Mr. Arp, aging, and with only one eye, testified that he was attacked by six men who piled out of an automobile while he was on his way home from work, during the strike. Mr. Arp a foreman, had not gone out with the strikers. He was beaten until he fled into a nearby home. He positively identified the prisoners as two of his attackers.

Burnette admitted kicking the aging foreman but said he had first asked the victim if he didn't think he "had a kicking coming to him", and that Arp said "yes". Burnette swore Flynn, owner of the car the strikers used, had not joined in the attack. Flynn also protested his innocence, admitting he had gotten out of the car and walked back to the victim, but declaring he walked away a moment later.

Judge Warlick praised unionism, and the effort of men to better their pay and working conditions, but added: "although a man has a perfect right to strike, he has no right to stop any other man from working and supporting himself and family. That may go elsewhere, but let this case be a notice to the world. We will not stand for such tactics in North

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Huge Crowds Throng Murphy Square As Lions Stage First Annual Carnival

The Murphy Lions club's first "Lions Carnival" was a tremendous success here Friday and Saturday as large crowds packed the high school auditorium for the Amateur show and came in even greater numbers for the actual carnival Saturday afternoon and night.

Slightly cool weather failed to halt the crowds seeking entertainment and the public square was packed from opening until closing of the carnival concessions. The colder night air of the late hours seemed to lure rather than discourage the dancers as a great circle swung into an old time square dance immediately following the close of the carnival.

Hundreds of prizes were given away at the amateur show, at the carnival concessions, and for special events. Ben Palmer held the lucky number which won the grand prize of \$25.00 in the Lion's clock feature. The number was 8:10.

Misses Jewel Carpenter and Carolyn Head, Peachtree school students, took first prize money in the amateur show at the school auditorium, presenting a patriotic number which drew much applause from the full house. First prize was \$5.00. The second prize of \$3.00 was won by Minnie Capps and brother who gave a vocal solo accompanied by a guitar. Third prize of \$2.00 went to Mr. Pitts of Hiwassee Dam, who gave one of the best performances ever seen here as a blackface comedian. There were 18 entries all of whom received prizes.

Happiness reigned in huge amounts around the carnival concessions, however, as large numbers pressed eagerly to the stands to play the various games of chance from the Rat game to Bingo. Two guys by the name of Harve Elkins and Wade Massey put on a stellar performance at the Bingo stand, outlasting any other game on the grounds. The con-

stant harassing of customers by concession operators brought forth a display of local talent still undiscovered, and the public enjoyed every minute of it.

The greatest difficulty met in the entire fete was at the Rat game. The operators had, for some reason or other, chosen a bunch of very lazy rats—the kind which wouldn't run into a hole under any circumstances. This slowed the game considerably. The biggest trouble, however, was found in the ambitious rats which, seeking greener pastures, leaped the barriers and escaped, leaving in their wake a bunch of screaming women and disgusted men.

Observers soon discovered why so many persons lurked on the outside of the circle for, as soon as the carnival closed, they came trooping to the front as a good string band began tuning up for the street dance. A circle that covered almost half

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