

L. B. Nichols Is Candidate For State Senator

ANDREWS—Cherokee county's Democrats will submit to the voters of the 30th senatorial district, consisting of Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain counties in the May 29 Democratic primary the name of L. B. Nichols. Mr. Nichols, who is a native of Alleghany county, has lived in Andrews and Cherokee county for the past twenty-eight years. He came here in 1920 where he served as principal of the local high school for the next seven years before going into the mercantile business, in which he is now successfully engaged here.

The Democratic candidate is one of the county's most popular residents. He has served one term as chairman of the board of county commissioners. For two terms he has served on the town board of aldermen. For the past eight years he has been chairman of the Andrews School board of trustees. He is a past president of Andrews Rotary club. For twenty years he has been Sunday school superintendent and an elder of the Presbyterian Church. He is a veteran of War I, having served with the 81st (Wildcat) division for two years.

Mr. Nichols was educated in the public schools of Alleghany county, at Davidson College from which he graduated in 1920, at the universities of North Carolina and California, and the university of Besancon, Besancon, France.

In 1922 he was married to Miss Gene Candler of Villa Rica, Ga. The Nichols have one child, a son, J. B. Jr., who after serving for about three years in World War II, is now a senior at State College, Raleigh.

Other Democratic candidate has announced for Senator.

The Cherokee man has one other qualification for a political career (which he does not seek); namely, he is a fisherman and sportsman of the first rank, particularly the former, as any angler who frequents the lakes of this district can testify.

A. L. Thompson Taken By Death

Archie Lee Thompson, 47, died Friday morning at his home here after an illness of several weeks.

He was a native of McMinn county, Tenn., but had lived here for eight years. He was connected with the electrical department of the town during that time.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Green Cove church in Clay county. Townson funeral home in charge.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Blanche Powers Thompson; one daughter; three brothers, Sam of Dallas, Texas, Neil of Morristown, Tenn., and Ellis of Athens, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Walter Cates of California, and Mrs. Dorothy Campbell of Athens, Tenn.

Mrs. Hunsucker Taken At Age 91

Mrs. Mary McAllister Hunsucker, 91, one of the oldest residents of this section of Cherokee county, died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Winkler of the Peachtree section.

Funeral services were held at Grape Creek church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. George W. Wilson and the Rev. Alfred Smith officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townson funeral home in charge.

Mrs. Hunsucker had been an resident of Cherokee county for more than 80 years and a member of the Methodist church for 75 years.

Surviving are the daughter, Mrs. Winkler; one son, Charlie Hunsucker of Murphy; a brother, Wesley McAllister of Chattanooga; two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Rice of Compton, Calif., and Mrs. Ella Gray.

Patrolmen Are Given Rigid Test Before Selection

It's no easy feat to become a member of the State Highway Patrol. The record proves it.

Before an applicant is put on the Patrol force, he is thoroughly investigated as to character and reputation, and is made to stand rigid physical and mental tests.

When the last legislature met and decided that the problem of Highway Safety is a solemn duty of the State, it voted to double the force of the Patrol, which then stood at 213. This meant that over 200 new patrolmen would have to be trained.

So the Motor Vehicles Department sent out the word that the Highway Patrol was accepting applications—it needed 200 new men. But not "just anybody" would be accepted—first an applicant had to meet these specific requirements:

1. Be at least 5 feet 10 inches tall
 2. Weigh at least 160 pounds.
 3. Be between the ages of 21 and 30
 4. Have at least a high school education or the equivalent
 5. Must have lived for the past five years in North Carolina
 6. Be able to pass a rigid physical examination.
- Maybe you think these preliminary qualifications sound simple. The result showed they were not. The Patrol received over 6,000 applications from men who wanted to make the Highway Patrol their career. Out of this number, not one was turned away because the quota had been filled—but merely because all but around 250 failed to meet all the requirements. Of course, not all these were ruled out on the above qualifications, but further investigations showed they were not suited to become patrolmen.

Upon receipt of an application, Patrol officials asked each person in his home town—from people other than relatives who could vouch for his character and reputation and good standing in the community. These letters were then forwarded to Patrol Headquarters in Raleigh, where they were studied thoroughly. If one letter stated that the applicant's character was not good, he was immediately rejected. If, however, his letters showed he was worthy of becoming a highway patrolman, his name was given to a Highway Patrolman in the applicant's area for further investigation.

This Patrolman then went to the boy's home town, interviewed him, talked with citizens in the town to find out just what sort of person he was. If the Patrolman found anything in the boy's past record to make him unfavorable—such as a court record, regardless of how minor—he was immediately ruled out. The Patrolman then reported to Headquarters that "I do not recommend so-and-so for the State Highway Patrol."

If, however, the applicant's character was found to be beyond reproach, the Patrolman recommended that he be further considered.

Patrol officials, however, did not accept the Patrolman's verdict as the final word. They turned the investigations over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Fingerprints of all recommended applicants were checked by the FBI to see if they had had any previous record. This check ruled out many for it was found that while some applicants possessed spotless reputations in their home communities, they had been involved in trouble in military service.

Maybe you think that is the end of the story, but it is only the beginning. After all investigations were completed, the Patrol sent out notices to the accepted applicants.

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IN SENATE RACE—L. B. Nichols of Andrews, who has been drafted by the Democratic party as a candidate for the State Senate from this district.

Distinguished Guests Attend Lions Meeting

District Governor Herbert W. Sanders of Black Mountain was guest speaker at Murphy Lions club Tuesday evening. A zone meeting was held following the regular dinner session of the local club, when matters of business in the zone were discussed.

State Treasurer Chas. M. Johnson of Raleigh and Jonathan Woody of Waynesville were guests of Frank Forsyth; The Revs. F. M. Davis, Paul Meigs and J. Alton Morris were guests of P. G. Ivie; L. N. Butner of Winston-Salem was a guest of W. M. Davis; and Richard Mauney of Raleigh was a guest of R. V. Weaver. The following men from Hayesville club were present: Farrell L. Penland, H. R. Bradshaw, Mark Weaver, Ed L. Curtis, Alvin L. Penland, and Guy Wheeler. Dutch Kinley of Bryson City also was a visitor.

Forestry Camp To Be Held

Plans are now being made for the third annual forestry training camp for North Carolina farm youths to be held at Singletary Lake the latter part of August. This camp is one of the seven planned in the southern states sponsored by members of the Southern States Forestry Association.

The administration of the camp is under the North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks of the Department of Conservation and Development. The State Extension Service and the Vocational Agriculture Department co-operate in the selection of the boys. The object of these camps is to give the boys practical training in forestry which they may take home with them and actually apply in their own woodlands. A well organized recreational program is also provided for the boy's enjoyment.

To be eligible, a farm boy must be at least 16 years old, in good health and have proved his interest in forestry by carrying on a project in the woods. Projects may include such activities as the planting of tree seedlings, forest fire fighting, or the harvesting of timber crops. Selection of the boys is made through the local county agents and vocational agricultural teachers.

ATTEND WNCAC MEETING IN BREVARD

The following from Cherokee county attended the meeting of the Western North Carolina Associated Communities at Brevard college, Brevard, Tuesday: Percy B. Ferebee, president, and Harve Whitaker, Andrews; C. R. Freed, Neil Sneed, and Miss Addie Mae Cooke, Murphy.

CLUB HAS PICNIC

The Cherokee country club held its regular meeting last week in the form of a picnic at 7:30 o'clock on Friday evening at the City Park. The picnic was well attended.

Haffley Is To Discuss Wiring On Tuesday Night

Adequate wiring for electrical living will be emphasized in the wiring meeting which the Murphy Electric Department is conducting in the City Hall at 7:15 p. m. Tues., April 20 for electrical and building contractors, electricians, architects, and representatives of home financing agencies. S. S. Haffley, TVA wiring specialist, will give the principal lecture.

"The main purpose of the meeting," E. G. Hughes manager of the Electric Department, said, "is to inform members of the building industry of the importance of installing adequate wiring."

"These men are in a particularly good position to explain to the home owner the necessity of adequate wiring for the most efficient use of his electric appliances," Mr. Hughes continued.

It has been stated by engineers that about 95 percent of the homes in the country are inadequately wired for efficient, safe, and convenient operation of the electric equipment and lighting already in use. Homes built twenty years ago were wired mainly for lights and used only a few kilowatt-hours of electricity a month.

Engineers and wiring specialists advise that the cost of electricity is so low today that all the labor-saving electric conveniences can be had at very little increase to the total cost of operation of the home's present appliances. At the same time, they point out that this is impossible except in the adequately wired home.

Adequately wired homes permit the addition of electric equipment at any time without the inconvenience and expense of rewiring. Plenty of outlets allow for many lamps and facilitate attractive furniture arrangements. For a number of years electrical industries have stressed the importance of adequate wiring in the home for the comfort, convenience, economy, and efficiency which can be obtained from electric service.

Rev. T. G. Tate Announces Topic

The Rev. T. G. Tate has announced as his sermon subject for Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, "Laborers Together With God."

Sunday school convenes at 10 o'clock, with J. B. Gray as superintendent.

Mr. Tate will preach at 7:30 o'clock at Hayesville Presbyterian church.

Clonts Is Putting Farm Training Into Practice At Home

Willard Clonts of the Peachtree section of Cherokee county has earned a rating of "excellent" on the farm training program. Mr. Clonts spent more than four years in the armed services of the United States. After being discharged, he enrolled in the farm training class for veterans in the Vocational Agriculture Department of Murphy High school in February 1947. In addition to attending regular classes in scientific agriculture each week at night, he has gone on field trips to the North Georgia Experimental Station and elsewhere where he has, with the assistance of his instructors, obtained first hand information on better farm methods and practices.

Mr. Clonts and his aged mother, who does the housekeeping, run their 130 acre farm. Since coming on the Farm Training program, Willard has redecorated his home inside; seeded a lawn; built a new 30' x 36' barn with a large mow; seeded 3 acres in Ladino clover and orchard grass, 6 acres



CANDIDATE—Charles Johnson, state treasurer, who was in this county Tuesday and Wednesday in interest of his campaign for Governor of North Carolina. He was accompanied here by Richard Mauney, Murphy man who holds a position in the treasurer's office in Raleigh, and Jonathan Woody of Waynesville.

Revival Continues Through Sunday At First Baptist

Revival services are in progress at First Baptist church this week, with services daily at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. The Rev. Paul Meigs of Atlanta is doing the preaching, and the Rev. F. M. Davis of Murphy leading the singing. Large crowds have been attending, and even more are expected during the remainder of the week.

Sunday services will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; morning worship at 11 with sermon by Mr. Meigs; Training Union at 7 p. m. and evening worship at 8.



FOR U. S. SENATOR—J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, candidate for U. S. Senator, who visited this county last week contacting Democratic party leaders and other voters of the county.

Murphy Is Area Headquarters For New Scout Council

Red Cross Meets Need In Disaster Areas In South

Floods and windstorms in South Georgia and in South Carolina in the past week brought to a total 39 counties in 8 southeastern states which have been hit by natural disasters in the past 3 weeks and in which Red Cross disaster operations are being carried on by chapters and, in several areas of major or widespread damage, by National Red Cross disaster staff.

In each flood or storm-struck community local Red Cross chapter volunteers were on the job giving emergency assistance in evacuation, and helping to supply food, clothing, shelter, and medical care where needed. Some of these communities still are in the emergency stages of the disaster. In every case chapters are following through to help stricken families along the road back to normal living—to assist in the rebuilding and repair of homes, furnishing of household goods, replacing of livestock or farm supplies lost in the disaster, arranging for medical care.

In the past 3 weeks in 6 southeastern states, nearly 600 families have had homes damaged or destroyed, home furnishings ruined in tornadoes, floods, or windstorms. Worst hit states were Alabama, where more than 200 families were affected by tornadoes or windstorms striking in 13 counties on March 16, March 23, and again on March 26; Georgia, where 125 families in 9 counties sustained losses from floods or windstorms; and Mississippi, where another 100 families in 9 counties suffered damage or complete loss of homes. Losses of varying degree were felt also in North and South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

The following is a summary of Georgia and South Carolina disasters occurring in the past week, and not included in an earlier summary sent to all chapters on March 30:

On April 1, eight south Georgia counties suffered loss from flash floods and freakish windstorms affecting approximately 100 families.

When a tornado struck Jessup, Ga., in Wayne county April 1, the local chapter surveyed the damage and reported 1 killed, 6 injured, 5 homes destroyed, 8 homes damaged, 14 buildings destroyed, 17 buildings damaged. Approximately 25 families were affected by the disaster, and 16 have applied for Red Cross assistance. Staff workers were sent to the area to assist in rehabilitation.

One person was reported killed by the frankish April Fool tornado which hit Bristol, in Pierce County, and 1 person was injured. Other damage reported by the local chapter included 10 homes destroyed, 8 homes damaged, and 2 other buildings destroyed. A flash flood added to the emergency in the community and left 65 people homeless. The Red Cross saw that food, clothing, and shelter were provided.

Tornado and flood destruction also was heavy at Bainbridge, in Decatur County, where approximately 25 families were affected, and 15 families were expected to seek rehabilitation assistance. Damage reported by the local chapter included 7 homes destroyed, 22 homes damaged, and 6 other buildings destroyed. Evacuees were provided with shelter, food, and clothing by local volunteers and staff workers.

Twenty-three homes were damaged when the storm cut through Waycross, and the Ware County Chapter immediately issued blankets and food to the victims. Three

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At a meeting Monday of 27 community representatives from Andrews, Brasstown, Hiwassee Dam, Murphy, Highlands, Franklin, Hayesville and Cherokee, Mrs. Lucy Stroup, Girl Scout community advisor from Atlanta, completed the organization of the Nantahala area Girl Scout council. The council will have the responsibility for the development of the Girl Scout program in Cherokee, Clay, Macon and Swain counties, and its first headquarters will be in Murphy.

The following officers and board of directors for the area were elected: Presiding officer, Mrs. Giles Cover, Andrews, vice-president, Mrs. Ed Brumby, Murphy, deputy for Cherokee county; vice-president, Mrs. W. A. Hayes, Highlands, deputy for Macon county; vice-president, Mrs. Dan Gloyne, Cherokee, deputy for Swain county; vice-president, Mrs. Farrell Penland, deputy for Clay county; secretary, Mrs. Henry Trotter, Andrews; treasurer, Bill Whitaker, Andrews; registrar, Mrs. F. V. Taylor, Murphy; chairman of public relations committee, Mrs. J. B. Light, Bryson City; program, Mrs. Sara Lloyd, Murphy; troop organizer, Miss Mary Ulmer, Cherokee; Camp, Miss Marion Jones, Hiwassee, Dam; training, Mrs. Wayne Holland, Brasstown; nominating-membership, Sister Virginia Hetherington, Murphy; and finance, Mrs. Robert Weaver, Murphy.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Robert Alexander and Mrs. Ben Vaught. The newly organized area council is applying for a charter from the National Girl Scout organization in New York city. This new organization officially replaces the uncharted Cherokee county Girl Scout association under the leadership of Mrs. Harry Miller, the retiring president under whose leadership area development has been started.

The next area council meeting is to be held Saturday, May 29, at Highlands at the city library.

On Tuesday, under Mrs. Stroup's direction, a Murphy town council for Girl Scouts was organized within the area council for administration and development of the local girl scout program which is now being carried out in three Brownie, four intermediate and one senior Girl Scout troops. The date of the first local board meeting will be announced later.

Davis To Preach Sunday Morning

The Rev. F. McConnell Davis will be the guest minister at the First Methodist church Sunday morning at 11:00 in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Penny, who will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Hayesville high school. Mr. Davis is the former pastor of the Cascade Baptist church of Atlanta, Ga., and is now directing the choir of the First Baptist church of Murphy and is manager of the Regal hotel. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m. The members of the First Methodist church will meet with the First Baptist church Sunday night.

Youth Fellowship and the Junior and Intermediate departments of the M. Y. F. will meet at 6:30 p. m. The Fellowship hour will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The pastor will be in charge of this service.

CLUB SCHEDULE

The Home Demonstration Club schedule for the week of April 19-23 is: Tuesday, April 20, Upper Peachtree, with Mrs. John Curtis, 1:30 o'clock; Thursday, April 22, Tomotla, school building, 1:30 o'clock; Friday, April 23, Murphy with Mrs. Kathleen Haggard, 2 o'clock; The subject for these meetings will be "Window Treatment".