

Hatchett Files As Clerk Candidate

Jerry O. Hatchett of Murphy this week announced his candidacy for Clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County and has filed with the County Board of Elections for the Democratic Primary May 29.

Mr. Hatchett, a native of Cherokee County, is a veteran of World War II. He is a member of the Belview Methodist Church. He was graduated from Murphy High School in 1944 and since then has had work with the University of North Carolina and International Accounting Society.

He has been employed by the Hitchcock Corp. of Murphy for the past five years, serving as a plant superintendent for the past year.

He is married to the former Miss Martha Jean Chastain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Chastain.



HATCHETT

Elementary Teams To Play Tournament

The Cherokee County Elementary Basketball Tournament will be played next week in the Murphy Gym on Thursday and Friday nights, Mar. 25-26.

The four teams already registered for the tourney are Peachtree, whose coach is Jerry Hall; White Church, Horace King, coach; Martin's Creek, Douglas Smith, coach; and Unaka, J. C. Pipes, coach. Other teams will probably enter, a spokesman said.

All other teams interested in joining the tournament are asked to contact Jerry Hall. The finals in the tournament will be played Friday night.

Two trophies will be presented the winning teams. Admission is 25 cents and 10 cents.

Ed Barnett Files For Commissioner

L. E. (Ed) Barnett, today announced his candidacy for Cherokee County Commissioner and will enter the Democratic primary May here.

Barnett is a native of Cherokee County and a lifelong resident. He is married to the former Ollie Christopher, and they have three children, Edwin, of Marble, Mrs. Grace Mynatt, of Knoxville; and Jack of Cullowhee.

Local FF Warehouse Committee Re-Elected

"The Farmers Federation's 1953 business totaled over \$7,200,000," James McClure Clark, Federation executive vice-president told Cherokee County stockholders at their annual meeting here last Friday.

"Of this amount," Clarke said, over \$5,400,000 was paid back to the farmers of Western North Carolina."

A crowd of some 250 persons attended the meet which was held in the Murphy Farmers Federation warehouse.

Members of the Murphy warehouse committee were re-elected. These are: W. A. Adams, Murphy; Clyde McNabb, Rt. 2, Murphy; B. B. Palmer, Marble; J. H. Hampton, Rt. 2, Murphy; Ernest Burnett, Rt. 2, Murphy; Wayne Crisp, Murphy; Ralph Lovingsood, Marble; S. H. Roberson, Suit Mrs. Clarence Hendrix, Rt. 1, Murphy; Claude Stiles, Rt. 1, Murphy; Cole Hyatt, Rt. 3, Murphy; Dillard McCombs, Murphy; Wilber McCombs, Murphy; W. Bryan Whitfield, Murphy; W. Hawkins, Suit; Claude Anderson, Cullowhee; Dillard Stiles, Rt. 2, Murphy; and L. F. Lochaby, Rt. 2, Murphy.

Winners of free chicks included Mrs. Belle Murphy, Mrs. Mattie Vayless Bertha Lee, Mrs. Edith Frank and Mrs. Glee Cover.

Panhandle Pete and the Farmers Federation string band, composed of Collier Robinson and Johnny Higgins, entertained and refreshments were served.

MARSHALL CLUB



BETTY JEAN MULKEY

Miss Betty Jean Mulkey of Andrews has been elected in the Marshall Club at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee.

Miss Mulkey is a junior counselor of the Madison Dormitory and is vice-president of the dorm. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mulkey.

Census Reveals 1,030 Persons "Unreached" In Murphy

The townwide census, made recently by representatives from several Murphy churches, this week reported a total of 2,381 cards turned in with almost half of these (1,030) listed as "unreached prospects".

The census was the first step made in an all-out church attendance campaign launched the first Sunday in March and ending Easter Sunday.

A breakdown of census results follows; the first figure lists total possibilities; second figure, Sunday School enrollment; third figure, unreached prospects; and fourth figure, resident church membership.

Calvary Baptist: 141, 110, 31 and 84.

First Baptist: 923, 548, 375 and 427; First Baptist mission: 53 possibilities; 27 Sunday School enrollment and 27 unreached prospects.

Second Baptist: 157, 40, 117 and 26.

Mt. Zion Baptist (Negro): 206, 79, 122 and 113.

Baptist preference Sunday School members, outside Murphy 31.

Catholic, 14 possibilities and 14 resident church membership.

Church of God, 53, 40, 13 and 19.

Church of the Messiah, Episcopal: 47, 20, 27, and 32.

St. Barnabas Episcopal (Negro): 20, 15, and 20.

Free Methodist, 100, 83, 17 and 24.

First Methodist: 454, 286, 168 and 299.

Jewish, 10 possibilities.

Lutheran, 1 possibility.

Seventh Day Adventist, 4, 3, 1, 2.

Undecided, 45 possibilities of which 16 are resident church members.

No church connections or preference, 71.

Totals: Possibilities, 2,381; Sunday School enrollment, 1,332; unreached prospects, 1,030; resident church membership, 1,142.

Presbyterian Ladies Plan Bake Sale Sat.

The Women of the Presbyterian church will hold a bake sale from 10 a. m. to 12 noon, Saturday, March 20 in the show room of Evans' garage.

All kinds of good things to eat will be on sale, and the public is invited.

Sue Crawford Is Outstanding Player

With literally "seconds to play" last week in the girls Smoky Mt. Conference finals, Franklin sank the final score to give them a 52-51 over the Andrews girls.

Sue Crawford of Andrews was the winner of the outstanding player trophy for the conference, and the Andrews coach, Ruth Hamilton was awarded the trophy as outstanding girls coach.

Miss Crawford was also named to the all-conference team along with her team-mate, guard Pat Derreberry.

Dean Truett of Andrews and Ed Lovingsood of Murphy were named on the all-conference team for the boys.

Bryson City boys were conference winners, taking the game over Franklin Saturday 59-50.



SUE CRAWFORD

Accidental Electrocution Is Fatal To Helen Coffey

Mrs. Helen Dockery Coffey, 20, died by electrocution Friday, March 12, in her apartment here in the home of Mrs. Walter Witt, Dr. Harry Miller, Cherokee County Coroner reported.

Neil Johnson from the Murphy Laundry went to the home about 11 a. m. to deliver some laundry, and finding the door open a little way, he knocked and getting no answer, he put the laundry inside the door and saw Mrs. Coffey lying on the floor with one hand on a vacuum cleaner and the other grasping the handle of a 220 electric heater.

Investigating officers reported that the heater apparently grounded the current and resulted in fatal electric shock for Mrs. Coffey who was evidently cleaning house.

Dr. Miller ruled that death was due to accidental electrocution and said no inquest was necessary.

Mrs. Coffey suffered electric burns about the hands and legs.

It was found necessary to turn off the main electric switch in the home before the body could be re-

moved. Mrs. Coffey had been employed with the Western Carolina Telephone Co. here as an operator for the past year. She was married January 29 to William Coffey who survives.

Also surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Dockery, Route 3, Murphy; four sisters, Mrs. Bessie Parkhurst of Velwood, Fla., Mrs. Ora Yancey of Atlanta, Mrs. Nettie Cagle of Murphy, Route 3, and Mrs. Grady Davis of Youngstown, Ohio.

Also four brothers, Allen Dockery of Maryville, Tenn. Leonard of Louisville, Ohio, Ray of Murphy and Henry of the home; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Jane Dockery, Route 3, Murphy; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. George Hembree, Route 3, Murphy.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 11 a. m. in Ebenezer Baptist Church, with the Rev. Weldon West officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Townson Funeral home was in charge.

Ed Brumby Enters Race For Assembly

Official Count On Filings Told

Thirteen candidates have filed officially and paid their fees for the Democratic Primary May 29, W. Carl (Pete) Stalcup, chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Elections, said here yesterday.

Several other candidates had announced their candidacy, but have not yet filed, according to Mr. Stalcup.

The following have filed: for sheriff, M. G. Crawford, incumbent, J. L. Hall, and Jake Brown; for clerk of court, P. H. Leatherwood, Neil Sneed and Jerry O. Hatchett; for register of deeds, Kate Padgett Hensley, incumbent.

Also filed, for county commissioner, District One, Sam Jones; District Two, Roy H. Wells, W. H. Bill Brandon; Ed Barnett; for 1955 N. C. Assembly representative, Richard Mauney, incumbent and Ed Brumby.

Ed Brumby of Brumby and Forsyth Manufacturing Co. in Murphy this week announced his candidacy for representative to the 1955 N. C. Legislature, and has filed with the County Board of Elections.

Mr. Brumby will enter the May 29 Democratic primary.

Mr. Brumby is a member of the board of trustees of Murphy Schools, and is a member of the Town of Murphy Board of Aldermen. He is an elder in the Murphy Presbyterian Church.

He is married to the former Mary Faye Martin, and they have three children, Mary Bolan, Ida and Edward Hunt Brumby, Jr., all of the home.

Judy Sneed Wins Speakers Contest



JUDY SNEED

Miss Judy Sneed, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Sneed of Murphy, and a freshman at Murphy High School was county winner in "The Big Change" oratorical contest sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association.

Miss Sneed went yesterday to Asheville where she entered the group eliminations at 2:30 p. m. in the committee club room of the First National Bank.

Miss Sneed was presented a \$25 bond as the Cherokee County Winner. The bond was awarded by W. D. Whitaker of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and county chairman for the contest.

Davis Esso Sets Open House Here

Davis Esso Service Center next week will have a two day open house-Friday and Saturday, Mar. 26-27 here.

The recently remodeled station is said to be one of the most modern in this part of the state.

The station was constructed in 1926 on land purchased for the purpose from Dr. Wells. It was operated for several years by the Standard Oil Company as a company station.

It has operated as Davis Esso for the past 10 years. It is run by Loren Davis, Boyd Davis and Sam Davidson.

The recent remodeling consisted of the construction of new office, new rest rooms and the entire structure is covered in white porcelain.

The drawings for free prizes—including new Atlas tires to fit the car of the winner—and some 200 gallons of gasoline in 50 gallon lots will be awarded along with other prizes.

Amateur Show Be Given In Andrews

The Konnaheeta Club of Andrews will sponsor an amateur show Tuesday, Mar. 30, in the High School Auditorium.

Admission will be 10 cents and 25 cents, and the show will last about an hour and a half. Gerald Almond will be Master of Ceremonies.

Anyone may enter the show in one of the three age brackets: 5 years to 12 years; 12 to 18; and 18 and up.

Anyone interested in appearing on the show is asked to contact Margaret Ann Watry and register. Final day for registration for the show is Saturday, Mar. 27.

The contestants will be judged by judges selected by members of the Konnaheeta Club.

All contestants must be at the high school at 7 p. m. on the night of the performance to get their number for order of appearance.

The drawing for the TV set will take place at the intermission.

Mrs. Moody Is New OFS Head

Election of officers featured the meeting of Murphy Chapter, No. 10, Order of the Eastern Star at its meeting last Thursday night in the Lodge Hall.

Officers elected were Mrs. Helen Moody, Worthy Matron; Sam L. Davidson, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Bessie Bates, associate matron; J. Franklin Smith, associate patron; Mrs. Ann Phillips, secretary; Miss Hattie Palmer, treasurer.

Also, Mrs. Elizabeth Shields, con- ductress; Mrs. Maude Dunson, associate conductress.

Models, Door Prizes Are Told For JWC Fashion-Tea Sat.

Twenty models, 39 spring and summer outfits, and some 28 door prizes will mark the "April Showers" Fashion show and Silver Tea of the Junior Woman's Club here Saturday in the primary school auditorium at 4 p. m.

Mrs. Kiffen Craven is chairman for the event, and commentator for the fashion review, for which a variety of outfits including spring and summer suits, dresses, after five wear and play clothes have been selected for showing from three Murphy merchants—Candler's, Trudy's and Roy V. Lovingsood's.

Mrs. Jerry Davidson will accompany the showing at the piano.

No admission charge will be made, but donations will be accepted to further Junior Woman's Club and Woman's Club Federation projects.

Models from the Junior Woman's Club are: Mrs. James Shields, Mrs. Charles Hughes, Mrs. John Baughman, Mrs. L. L. Mason, Jr., Mrs. Orvil Middleton, Mrs. C. D. Puett, Mrs. Howard Moody, Miss Elizabeth Gray, Mrs. Herman Edwards and Mrs. H. L. McKeever.

Other models, not members of the club, will be Mrs. Jack Becock, Mrs. Bryan Whitfield, Mrs. W. H. McKeever, Mrs. Al Wallace, Mrs. Bill Brandon and Misses Mary Bolan Brumby, Judy Davis, Judy Nichols, Joan Schmitt and Jo Garrett.

Door prizes, announced by Mrs. J. J. Hall, chairman of the door prize committee are: Ship and

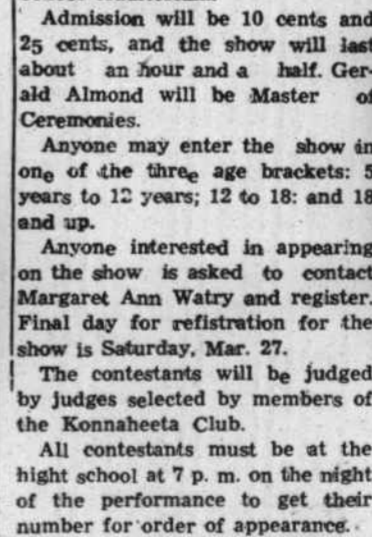


MRS. H. L. McKEEVER MRS. JAMES SHIELDS

HOPING FOR FAIR WEATHER, but ready for "April Showers", two Junior Woman's Club models posed prettily this week as they searched the skies. The club will sponsor a Fashion Show and Silver Tea Saturday, Mar. 30, at 4 p. m. in the Primary School Auditorium. The theme for the fashion showing is "April Showers", and some 28 models will wear outfits from Murphy stores. An assortment of door prizes will also be given. (West Photo)

Share bloom, Roy V. Lovingsood's place mat, Davis Jewellers; two pictures in blond oak frames, Seaman Furniture; Cady lotion, Parham Drug Store; Rabbit Brushes blouse, Trudy's; Crystal Ivy bowl, Murphy Electrical Shop; settee mats, Ivy Furniture Co.; planter, Lay's; stove mat, Walter Columbus'.

Wins Scholarship



MISS ARRANT

Miss Joanne Arrant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Arrant, is the recent winner of a \$50 scholarship at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. A sophomore in the school Miss Arrant is an honor student and she plans to major in civil engineering. Miss Arrant's mother operates the Murphy Ice Cream Parlor.

Ranger School Has NCA Meet

The Ranger School was host to the supper meeting of the NCA of Cherokee County Friday night.

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