



REPUBLICANS of Cherokee County earlier this week met to nominate their ticket in the county elections. Pictured above, first row, left to right, are Virgil O'Dell, candidate for State House of Representatives; Quinton Lovingood, candidate for county surveyor; Kellis W. Radford, candidate for clerk of court, and Claude Anderson, candidate for sheriff. Second row, left to right, J. C. Townson, candidate for coroner, and J. E. Graves, candidate for register of deeds. (Scout Photo)

Republicans Announce Co. Slate; 18 Get Nominations

Cherokee County Republicans in convention here Saturday Mar. 27, made some 18 nominations for county officers to run in the approaching election.

The Republican slate includes the following declared nominees: Kellis Radford, clerk of court; Claude Anderson, sheriff; J. E. Graves, register of deeds; Quinton Lovingood, county surveyor; J. C. Townson, coroner; Will Hyde, commissioner District One; E. L. Townson, commissioner District Two; Walter Dockery, commissioner District Three; Virgil Odell, representative from Cherokee County to the 1955 N. C. Legislature.

Also nominated were: Charles White Justice of the peace, Murphy Township; Charles Rose, John L. Taylor, J. P., Beaverdam Township; Wes Helton, J. P. Hothouse Township; Carl Anderson, J. P., Nottla Township; Jack McMillan, constable, Murphy Township; Morris Luther, constable, Nottla Township; Duke Radford, constable, Beaverdam Township; and Weldon Simmons, constable, Hothouse Township.

KELLIS RADFORD
Kellis Radford, of Andrews, Republican choice for the clerk of the court, is a native of Cherokee County and is the son of the late R. P. Radford and Mrs. Cordell Burgess.

The 41 year old candidate is married to the former Venoh Robinson of Andrews, and they have two children, a son, Ray, serving with the U. S. Air Forces in Japan; and a daughter, Radford is a member of Valleytown Baptist Church.

CLAUDE ANDERSON
Claude Anderson, declared nominee for sheriff, was born at Culbertson, where he still makes his home. He is the son of W. M. and Grover Silvey Anderson, also of Culbertson, and is employed by the Tennessee Copper Co., where he has been employed for the past 14 years.

He is married to the former Pauline Kilpatrick of Suit and they have one daughter.

Anderson is a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church, and a member of the Masonic Order, McCay Chapter No. 114 R. A. M., Summit Council No. 19 R. & S. M. He is also

so a member of the Eastern Star.

J. E. GRAVES
J. E. Graves of Rt. 3, Murphy, nominee for register of deeds, is 55 years old and the father of six children. He is married to the former Asalee Dockery, also of Rt. 3. Their children are Ralph, Burton, Albert, Velma and twins, Jim and Sue.

For the past 20 years he has been engaged in the merchandise business, operating rolling stores in Cherokee County.

He is also a partner in Graves Tire Co. He served as county commissioner in 1946 and is a member and deacon at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

QUINTON LOVINGOOD
The Republican nominee for county surveyor is Quinton Lovingood, 49, of Murphy, Rt. 3. He is the son of John and Vina Palmer Lovingood, and served with the U. S. Army during World War II. He is a member of the Hanging Dog Baptist Church.

J. C. TOWNSON
J. C. Townson, candidate for coroner, is a native of Cherokee County, the son of the late Carl Townson. He is married to the former Carmen Stiles and they have one son, Carl.

Townson is a graduate of Murphy High School and Cincinnati College of Embalming. He holds both the embalmers' and funeral directors' license, and is now in business with his uncle at Townson Funeral Home here.

He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the Coast Guard, and has a record of 21 months overseas.

He is an Episcopalian and a member of the Cherokee Masonic Lodge, 146.

W. A. HYDE
W. A. Hyde of Andrews, is the nominee for the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners from the first district.

A native of Swain County, Hyde moved to Andrews as a young man. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in which he serves as a deacon. He is also a Mason.

The Hydys have three children, Edwin, Murphy attorney; Ernest, an engineer with Nantahala Power and Light Co., Franklin; and Mrs.

Hazel Wood, Jackson, Miss.

Hyde owns and operates the Western Auto Store in Andrews.

E. L. TOWNSON
The declared candidate for the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners from District Two is E. L. Townson of Murphy, owner of Townson has served one previous term on the board, and has also served on the Murphy Town Council.

Mr. Townson has lived in Murphy since 1940. His wife is the former Dovie Bright Cook, daughter of F. H. Cook. They have one daughter, Mrs. Alden Coward; and three grandchildren, Suzan, and twins, Bruce and Brian. He is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

WALTER DOCKERY
Walter Dockery of Hiwassee Dam is the nominee of the Republican Convention for commissioner from the third district. He is 54 and is married to the former Tommie McDonald and they have five children, one son in the U. S. Navy and four daughters.

Dockery is the son of the late J. S. and Olive Van Lovingood Dockery. The nominee taught school for eight years and is at present a merchant at Hiwassee Dam where he has operated a store for the past 12 years. He is a member of the Hanging Dog Baptist Church.

Gay Hawkins, incumbent, who last week announced his candidacy for commissioner from the district this week announced that he has withdrawn his name for the post in favor of Dockery.

VIRGIL O'DELL
Virgil O'Dell of Murphy is the Republican candidate for representative to the N. C. Legislative Assembly in 1955. O'Dell is a lifelong Republican and native of Cherokee County. He owns and operates the Smoky Mountain Grill and Bus station.

He is a veteran of World War II having served in the Navy. He worked for 10 years in the experimental laboratory of B. F. Goodrich in Akron, O.

He is married to the former Norma Barnes of Unaka and they have three children. He is member of the First Baptist Church, Murphy.

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NEW SHERIFF

Luke Carver of Andrews today became Cherokee County's sheriff after being appointed last week to fill out the unexpired term of M. G. Crawford. Carver has served as a deputy for four years. He has already announced and filed for the nomination as sheriff for the coming term and will run in the Democratic primary May 29. M. G. Crawford will be sworn into his new position Monday with the State Bureau of Investigation.

"Granny" Hyatt Passes At Home Here Last Week

Mrs. Ida May "Granny" Hyatt, 94 died Saturday, March 27, at 10:35 p. m. at her home here after three years of declining health.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. in the chapel of Ivie Funeral Home. The Rev. Frank Brown, the Rev. J. Alton Morris and the Rev. Asmond Maxwell officiated and burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Frank and Edward Herbert, Dale Lee, Benny and Wiley McGlamery and John Gill.

Mrs. Hyatt, who was affectionately called "Granny Hyatt" by all her friends, was born Feb. 29, 1860, in Tello Plains, Tenn., her parents James D and Marah Hilton Abbott having moved there from Baldwinsville, New York on account of Mr. Abbott's health. She came at the age of eight, to Murphy with her parents, who operated the former Cottage Park Hotel, a landmark of Murphy which is now the family home.

She was married to Robert H. Hyatt October 2, 1878. His mother Mrs. Nancy Aveline Coleman Hyatt was said to be the first white woman settler in Murphy. As a bride she rode horseback from Swain County to Murphy and started housekeeping in a two room log cabin located where the R. G. Alexander home now stands. Her father organized the Presbyterian Church here, of which she was a charter member for 80 years.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Brown of Andrews two sons, Paul C. and Henry Hyatt of Murphy; one sister, Mrs. G. W. Candler of Murphy; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Area Milk Price Is Set

A group of Cherokee County dairymen last Thursday asked the N. C. State Milk Control Commission to include Cherokee County in Control Area VIII during the commission's meeting in Waynesville, Noland H. Wells, president of the Cherokee County Dairymen's association, said.

Those attending the meeting from Cherokee County were Mr. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lochaby, Wesley Penland, Mrs. Kate Shields Randolph Shields, Mrs. McClure, Waldo Mull, Edgar Woods, Jr., C. H. Townson, Bill Russell, J. Franklin Smith and G. H. Farley, County agent.

Regulations of the Milk Control Commission became effective in this area today (Thursday) with the wholesale price of class 1, Grade A milk set at \$6.25 per 100 pounds delivered to local plants, Mr. Wells said.

Mr. Wells asserted that 'Dairymen in this area were hard hit and many reported losing money at \$4.85 per 100 pounds which Coble Dairy Products Inc. paid for all Grade A, four per cent butterfat milk delivered to their Brasstown Plant during February by local producers.'

"After producers paid 30 cents per 100 pounds for local delivery of their milk they received only \$4.55 per 100 pounds, which is less than 10 cents per quart," Mr. Wells said.

The regulated price of \$6.25 should not affect the retail price locally since the Class 1, Grade A milk wholesale price is now state wide at \$6.25, Mr. Wells said. He pointed out that in some areas (Continued on page 4)



DEMOCRATS of the Town of Murphy met this week to nominate their ticket for the town election. Mayor L. L. Mason, center, first row, was nominated for reelection.

Others shown are Bob White, left, first row, candidate for reelection as alderman, and W. A. Singleton, right, first row, candidate for alderman. Other candidates for alderman are, second row, left to right, Dr. G. L. Dyer, H. E. Bishop, for reelection, Cloe Moore, for reelection, and John Jordan.

Mason And 3 Councilmen Run For Town Re-Election

Mayor L. L. Mason, Jr., and three incumbent Murphy Town Council members, along with three new candidates, compose the Democratic slate for town officials to be elected in May. The nominations were made at the meeting of the Murphy Democratic Party Monday night here.

Bob White, Harry Bishop and Cloe Moore are the current councilmen up for reelection and W. A. Singleton, Dr. George L. Dyer and John Jordan join them on the slate.

L. L. MASON
Mason is a practicing attorney here. He is a native of Murphy, a graduate of Murphy High School, Mars Hill Junior College and attended Wake Forest College and Law School and attended Claude Love's Law School in Asheville. He received his law license in 1950 after passing the North Carolina Bar.

He is the son of Mrs. L. L. Mason and the late Cherokee County Sheriff Mason. He is a member of the Methodist Church where he is member of the board of stewards of which he was chairman last year. He is also a member of Cherokee Masonic Lodge 148 and the Civitan Club. He is secretary of the Cherokee County Bar Association.

He is completing the term as mayor to which he was elected two years ago in his first race for public office. He is married to the former Dot Nix Snow and they have one son, Johnny.

CLOE MOORE
Cloe Moore this year completes his fifth year on the Murphy Town Council, after serving two elected terms and one year as appointive. A native of Murphy, Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moore of Murphy. He is in business with his father here.

He is married to the former Miriam Gray, daughter of Mrs. J.

B. Gray, and the late Mr. Gray. They have three children, Mrs. Bud L. Brown (Betty), Tommy and Burke. Cheryl and Diane Cornwell nieces of Mr. Moore are making their home with the Moores.

Moore is a member of the Lions Club and the First Baptist Church.

HARRY BISHOP
Now completing his second term on the Murphy Town Council, Harry Bishop is up for reelection. Bishop has made his home here for the past 25 years and is in business with House-Hasson Hardware Co., of which he is a director.

He is a member and director of the Lions Club, the Methodist Church, and is married to the former Kathryn Thompson of Murphy. They have one son.

Bishop is head of the finance committee of the Boy Scout, district committee and is on the board of the Murphy Carnegie Library.

BOB WHITE
Bob White, the other veteran of the Democratic slate, is now completing his first term on council. He operates Dickey and Davis Co. here.

White came to Murphy from Charlotte in 1946 as an engineer with Nello L. Teer Construction Co. He is married to the former Jean Dickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Dickey of Murphy and they have one daughter. White attended Charlotte Schools and N. C. State College, Raleigh.

He is a deacon at the Presbyterian Church, is a member and immediate past president of the Lions Club and is on the Boy Scout Troop Committee.

GEORGE DYER
A Murphy native, Dr. George L. Dyer is a practicing chiropractor here. Up for his second time to run for public office, Dyer ran for Mayor in 1950, and was defeated. Dyer is a graduate of Murphy

High School, Brevard Junior College and Lincoln Chiropractic College, Indianapolis, Ind. He has been in business here for four years.

He is married to the former Pat Pittillo of Asheville and they have one son. He is a member of the Civitan Club and is on the Civitan Board of Directors. He is also a member of the First Methodist Church and is a mason.

JOHN JODRAN
Making his first attempt for public office, John Jodran, another Murphy native is a teacher in the Murphy School. He is a graduate of Murphy High School, Western Carolina College and received his master's degree from Columbia University, N. Y.

He is assistant Scoutmaster of Murphy Troop Two, is vice-president of the Civitan Club and a member of the American Legion. He is president-elect of the Murphy Unit NCEA. He is also secretary of the junior department at the First Baptist Church.

He served three and a half years in the Navy during which time he met Mrs. Jordan—also in the Navy at that time. They have three sons.

W. A. SINGLETON
W. A. Singleton, who owns and operates the Western Auto Associated Store here, has lived in Murphy some three years and is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, where he is an elder, and teacher of the adult class.

Singleton is running for public office for the first time. He is a member of the Lions Club and Masonic Lodge. He is a graduate of Westminster, S. C., High School and of Berea College, Berea, Ky. Before coming to Murphy he was associated with Travelers Insurance Co. for 10 years. He is married and has two children.



EASTERN STAR new officers were installed Monday at a public installation at the lodge hall, followed by a reception. Officers pictured above are, front row, left to right, Mrs. Annie Lee Ford, organist; Mrs. Myrtle Evans, Martha; Mrs. Fleta Browning, Esther; Mrs. Elizabeth Shields, conductress; Mrs. Alice Morley, Marshal; Mrs. Cora Davis, Adah; Mrs. Ellen Crawford, Ruth. Second row, left to right, Mrs. Maude Dumas, associate conductress; Miss Hattie Palmer, treasurer; Mrs. Kate Hughes, chaplain; Mrs. Ann Phillips, secretary; Sam L. Davidson, worthy patron; Mrs. Helen Woody, worthy matron; J. Franklin Smith, associate patron; Mrs. Beale Bates, associate matron; Weaver Anderson, warder; and Drew Davis, sentinel. Mrs. Mary Van Horn, Electa, was not present when the picture was made. (Scout Photo)

Pre-School Clinic Set Next Week

The annual pre-school clinic for Murphy Schools will be held at the school April 8-9, Mrs. Hilda Olson, sanitary supervisor said today.

All children who will enter school in the fall are expected to attend.

The clinic will be conducted by nurses from the local health department, and local doctors.

In order to enter the first grade next fall a child must be six years old before or on Oct. 15.

First Court Week Ends; Traffic Cases Dominate

The first week of the spring term of Cherokee County Superior Court came to an end here yesterday afternoon after three days of handling a docket containing mostly traffic violations. The second week of court will begin Monday, with Judge H. Hoyle Sink presiding.

On the opening day Bishop Homer Tomlinson's much-publicized case of "forcible trespass and injury to personal property" was thrown out of court, being not

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