

## Republican Nominee For County Representative Declines To Make Race

MURPHY-Cherokee County Republicans nominated W. D. Townson as their candidate for County Representative at the GOP Convention here on Saturday, but on his return from a business trip to Florida this week, Mr. Townson declined to make the race.

"My main interest is working with the Chamber of Commerce in Murphy," Mr. Townson said Wednesday, "and trying to get more industry for this area. I have no desire to enter politics." Mr. Townson is President of the Chamber of Commerce here and owner of Townson Lumber Co. and Townson Funeral Home.

A Republican candidate for the Representative post will now be left up to the five-man County GOP Executive Committee, composed of the County Chairman, vice-chairman and secretary and two members, since the Convention Saturday approved a motion empowering the Executive Committee to nominate a candidate to fill any vacancies on the ticket that might arise because of a nominee's declining to run.

Herman H. West, incumbent Representative and a Republican, announced last November that he would not seek re-election.

Other highlights of the Convention included the re-

election of J. Doyle Burch, Murphy Ford Dealer, to a fourth two-year term as County Chairman, and election of a new vice-chairman, Mrs. Lottie Murphy of Rt. 2, (Long Ridge), and election of a new secretary, Mrs. Irene Mills, who is employed as secretary in the County Clerk of Court's office.

Nominees for Justice of the Peace and Constable in the six county townships were also picked by the Convention.

JP nominees include Lloyd Ramsey, Murphy Township; Floyd Brooks, Valleytown; Arvil Williamson, Shoal Creek; Wes Helton, Hothouse; Arnold Lee Hughes, Nolley; and McKinley Beavers, Beaverdam.

Constable nominees included Hayes Dockery, Jr., Murphy Township; Marion Adams, Shoal Creek; Roy P. Clonce, Nolley; Virgil Hogsed, Hothouse; and Lesard Radford, Beaverdam. A nominee for Constable of Valleytown Township was not selected.

Two members of the County GOP Executive Committee elected at the Convention were John Dickey of Murphy and John Wishon of Andrews, who will serve on the committee along with the County Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

Cherokee County Attorney Fred O. Christopher was selected temporary chairman to preside during the Convention.

The nominees will run in the state-wide election next November, against candidates to be nominated by the Democratic party in the County in their upcoming Convention.

Representatives from 19 precincts in the county were among the 50 Republicans on hand for the Convention.

The Convention voted to let those party members who attend the District and State Conventions upcoming in the next two months, serve as official delegates, empowered to cast the 22 votes allotted to Cherokee County on the basis of GOP ballots cast in the last state election.

Mr. Townson was the only nominee for the County Representative post nominated at the Convention. Nominees for JP, Constable, and Party officers were also unopposed at the Convention except for the Murphy seat on the Executive Committee. John Dickey was elected to the committee, receiving a majority of the votes from Republicans at the Convention over John O'Dell and Frank Plemmons.

Chairman Burch spoke briefly, urging Republicans to rally behind GOP County office-holders, and to "stand up for Republicans who are in office in the county."

He explained that the county-wide tax appraisal just completed, which has disgruntled a few people in the county, was not the choice of the County Board of Commissioners, which has a 2-1 Republican majority, but was required by a state law.

Mr. Burch told the Convention that the Commissioners have already lowered the amount of the taxable value of property from 50 to 45 percent of its total appraised value, and predicted a decrease in the tax rate this year, with larger decreases for the next two years.

He praised the work of GOP party members in the county for their efforts in the last county election, which saw the Republicans sweep all but one office, and urged the same kind of effort for the November election.

### Top Ag. Official

**To Speak in Clay**  
HAYESVILLE - Harry B. Caldwell, Chairman of the National Agricultural Advisory Commission who was recently appointed to the post by President Lyndon B. Johnson, will speak at an Agricultural meeting in Hayesville at the Agriculture Building on Thursday, Feb. 20.

### PTA To Observe

**Founders Day**  
MURPHY - The Murphy PTA will observe the 57th Anniversary of Founders Day at a meeting Monday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elementary School Auditorium.

PTA President Don Ramsey announced this week that a filmed program will be presented and the whole family is invited to attend.



SEVEN MEMBERS of a Hayesville family were crowded into the cab of this pickup truck when it veered off the road near Brassstown and hit a tree. Photo By Simonds



Walter B. Owenby

## Truck With 7 Members Family In Cab Wrecks

BRASSTOWN - Seven members of a Hayesville family crowded into the cab of a pickup truck were injured when the truck rammed a tree Monday around 7:30 a.m. on Rural Road 1135 near Brassstown.

The driver of the truck was Earl Frank McGaha, 28, of Hayesville, and members of his family in the truck included his wife and five children.

All members of the family except Mr. McGaha were admitted to Providence Hospital here Monday, and Dr. George Size reported that Tommy, age

3, was later transferred to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, suffering from a fractured skull.

Injuries to other members of the family were reported as follows: Mrs. Inez McGaha, fractured left foot and right thigh bone, and multiple lacerations and abrasions, and a possible broken jawbone; Jeannie 8, compound fractures of both bones of the lower right leg, broken right thigh bone and lacerations; Betty, 6, concussion and lacerations of the face; Barbara 4, concussion and lacerations; Jerry a year and a half, concussion and lacerations.

Dr. Size reported Wednesday that all injured members of the family were doing as well as could be expected.

State Patrolman E. N. Hooper of Andrews, who investigated the wreck charged the driver, Earl Frank McGaha, with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

### Atlanta Postmaster Explains Long-Lost Snapshots of Murphy

MURPHY - This is the story of some long-lost pictures and a red-faced Postmaster.

In April of 1958, Mrs. A. G. Smith of Martins Creek mailed a roll of film to Atlanta to be processed. The film company finished the pictures and mailed them back to Mrs. Smith, but the pictures were never seen again.

A postal check traced them to an Atlanta Post Office.

The Postmaster there was baffled . . . the pictures had simply vanished.

This week Mrs. Smith finally received the pictures and a letter from George W. Camp, Acting Atlanta Postmaster. The Postmaster explained that an old letter dump was being dismantled in the Atlanta Post Office, and as the workmen were demolishing it, they found the pictures, still in the envelope addressed to Mrs. Smith.

The envelope containing the pictures had slipped into a crack in the letter dump, and there they stayed, from 1958 until this week.

Mrs. Smith said this week that the pictures were still in fine shape when she received them and included shots of the snow storm here in '58, a flood here later in the spring and flowers blooming in the summer.

## Two Robbers Find Folks Here Don't Give Up Without A Fight

MURPHY - Two Greensboro youths who tried holding a local family at gunpoint with demands for money here Saturday found themselves in County Jail Monday, one peppered with shotgun pellets, and both under \$10,000 bond on a charge of armed robbery.

Sheriff Claude Anderson, Deputies Kellis Radford and Robert Hartness and Highway Patrolman R. H. Ensley answered a call for help Sunday from the home of Garlee Rich on U. S. 64 West, but when they arrived, one youth was already on the way to a Murphy Hospital and the second was disarmed and surrounded by Mr. Rich and several neighbors, all wielding shotguns or rifles.

The officers said that Mr. Rich had shot one of the men, 18 year old Roger Dale Lawson of Greensboro, and apprehended his companion, 19 year-old Jimmy Wayne Campbell, also of Greensboro, when they attempted to lead his wife and daughter into the woods at gunpoint.

The officers learned that the two had abandoned a car stolen in Greensboro in Cleveland, Tenn. and were hitchhiking back up U. S. 64 when they decided to enter a house and demand money.

They went into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Curtis on Highway 64 some 10 miles West of Murphy Saturday, and found Curtis's 15 year-old son there alone. He couldn't produce any money so they sent

him next door where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were visiting Mrs. Curtis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garlee Rich, with instructions to tell his father to come home quickly because the bathroom toilet was stopped up.

Mr. Curtis, his wife, and Mrs. Rich all came to the house and the two men pointed the gun at them and demanded money. They told the robbers that they had no money with them, and they sent Mr. Curtis back to Mr. Rich's house to get some.

Mr. Curtis told Mr. Rich what was happening, called the Sheriff's office here, and returned with \$10 which he gave to the two men.

By that time, the men had decided to take Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Rich into the woods as hostages, but Mr. Rich had slipped around to the rear of the Curtis home with a gauge shotgun, and when one of the men stepped away from the others, Mr. Rich shot him, and told the other one to drop his gun.

The other man threw a 22 calibre pistol, which had been stolen earlier from a home further back down the road, into some weeds and surrendered.

Mr. Rich had also alerted other neighbors and they were converging on the Curtis home well armed to help.

When the law officers arrived, someone had already summoned an ambulance to take the wounded man to the hospital, and they arrested the other one and brought him to County Jail.

Deputies Kellis Radford and Robert Hartness stayed in the hospital room with the wounded desperado until he was released then placed him in jail with his companion.

Murphy Physician George Size, who treated the wounded man said that he had been shot from the left rear, apparently with No. 4 size shotgun pellets, and that some 80 shots had entered his body from his knee to his head.

Most of the shots were concentrated in the man's left shoulder, neck and face, Dr. Size said, and one barely missed his eye.

None of the shots entered vital organs, though some were close to the man's windpipe. He was kept in the hospital overnight and released Sunday to the officers to be transferred to jail.

Justice of the Peace Lloyd Ramsey placed each man under \$10,000 bond and bound them over for trial in the March-April term of Cherokee County Superior Court.

## 'Landmark' To Be Sold At Auction

MURPHY - A little frame building that is something of a Murphy 'landmark' will soon be removed from the scene.

The little building known as 'Frank's Place' beside the Murphy Carnegie Library will be sold at public auction on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Courthouse Door in Murphy.

The building was used for years as a concession and cold drink stand, after it was built by the Murphy Lions Club as part of their work to aid the blind.

It has not been used for some time, since it was 'replaced' by another store on U. S. 64 West, and the Lions need to move it anyway, to make room for an entrance to a parking lot in the rear.

So the landmark will be sold at public auction Saturday, for cash at high noon.

Bids may be mailed in to the Lions Club if received by mail before time of the sale, or made in person.



Forecast: Thursday, Rain; Friday, clear and colder; Saturday and Sunday, fair.

## Editor's Note-Book

The deadline for getting new auto tags had been moved up to midnight, Monday, Feb. 17, since the regular Feb. 15 expiration date for tags falls on a Sunday.

Gubernatorial Democratic Candidate Dan K. Moore of Canton will visit Andrews, Murphy, and Hayesville Saturday, Feb. 22. Look for complete pre-visit coverage in next week's Scout.

Tax Listing in Cherokee is reported to be set to begin Monday, Feb. 24. Next week's Scout will carry the official story.

A large delegation from Andrews plans to attend the Sports Banquet in Asheville Sunday night sponsored by the Mountain Amateur Athletic Club and the Land of the Sky Touchdown Club. The Andrews High football team and team member Butch Sursavage are finalists in the competition for awards and trophies.

The Cherokee County Rescue Squad will meet Thursday night in Murphy.

The MYF Sub-District Sweetheart Banquet will be held Saturday evening at the Murphy First Methodist Church.

Murphy First Baptist's Sweetheart Banquet is set for today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at the Church.

A late report Wednesday told that the County Sheriff's Dept. was investigating three men who attempted to break into Wayne Burrell's Service Station at the junction of Highways 64-294 Wednesday morning. The report said that Mr. Burrell apprehended one of the would-be robbers with a lick on the head.

Wrestling comes to Murphy Friday night at the old Rock Gym, sponsored by the Cancer Society, with 612 pound 'Mighty Jumbo' headlining the card.

Stock Car racing fans hereabout were agog over the speeds posted at Daytona International Speedway this week by the new Dodges and Plymouths.

Most folks here who watched the fabulous Beatles on the Ed Sullivan TV show last Sunday agreed that the young Brits would be much better on radio.

Snow flurries here Sunday and Monday threatened all day, but never got serious.



ROBERT BRUCE, County FHA Supervisor and Mrs. Andrew Kaylor who works in the FHA office posed with Mr. Bruce's Award Certificate for outstanding work.

## FHA Supervisor Gets Incentive Award

MURPHY - Robert D. Bruce of Murphy has received an Incentive Award for Sustained Above-Average Performance as County Supervisor

of the Farmers Home Administration.

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture - FHA Incentive Award Certificate was signed

by Melvin H. Hearn, State FHA Director of Raleigh, who announced at the same time

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## Town Board Approves Use Of 2-Way Police Radios

MURPHY - Members of the Town Board voted Monday night to install a two-way radio in the town police car and a base radio station with a man on duty 24 hours a day.

Members of the board discussed the need for radios and approved the installation of a base station and a radio in the police car, plus the addition of an extra man who will also serve as night firemen to man the base station at night, as soon as the town budget will allow the extra expense.

The Police Department has been trying out Citizens Bank type radios for the past several weeks, similar to those now in use by the County Rescue Squad, and other tests of different type radios will be continued in the next few weeks "so we can get the best radios for our money," Town Clerk C. E. Johnson said this week.

Mr. Johnson reported that the town budget will probably

not stand the expense of the radios and another man on the force until after 1964 tax revenues begin coming in, sometime after July 1.

Members of the Board also voted to remove some old concrete steps off the right-of-way of West Central Street where it joins Peachtree St. across from the County Courthouse.

The steps were removed Tuesday, so the street could be widened to its full right-of-way as recorded by survey and thereby get rid of a hazardous condition and traffic bottle-neck that existed at the intersection.

### Clay Democratic Womens Club

HAYESVILLE - The Womens Democratic Club of Clay County will meet Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the Hayesville School Library at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Neal Jarrett, president, announced this week.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
5	59	22	0.02
6	50	38	0.86
7	48	35	0.12
8	41	20	0.00
9	44	18	0.03
10	50	26	0.06
11	45	29	0.44
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