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At GOP Convention

Incumbents Head Slate To Do Battle With Democrats

By: Dave Bruce

The Cherokee County Republican Party held its nominating convention at the courthouse Saturday, May 7. Veteran incumbents head the slate picked to do battle with the Democrats in the November General Election. Claude Anderson will be seeking his fourth term as sheriff. Don Ramsey was nominated to seek a second term as clerk of superior court. Register of Deeds J. E. "Ed" Graves and Coroner J.C. Townson will run for their fourth terms.

This year six county commissioners will be selected instead of three. Cherokee County's board of commissioners was doubled in size in the last session of legislature. It is the only county in the state exempted from reapportionment on a population basis. Incumbent Dr. W.A. Hoover and John Dickey were nominated from the Murphy or second district. In the Andrews or first district, the nominees are Maurice West and Carlyle Matheson. Jack Simons and Luther Dockery were

nominated in the third district which comprises the lower end of the county.

J.W.S. Davis of Andrews was endorsed to run for the new seven county senate seat. For the house race, the Republicans nominated Wayne West of Clay County. The new house district comprises Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Macon counties.

Candidates were nominated for the six constable posts. They are Ralph Rayfield, Murphy Township; Raymond Tanner, Nottley Township; Lesard Radford, Beaverdam Township; Posey Garrett, Shoal Creek Township; N.L. Adams, Valleytown Township; and Virgil Hogsed, Hothouse Township.



Carter Seeks Demo. Nomination

Andrew J. (Jack) Carter, 41, of Route 3, Murphy, announced this week that he will be a candidate for the nomination for Register of Deeds in the forthcoming Democratic Convention to be held May 14. Carter, a veteran of World War II is the son of the late Rollin E. Carter and is a member of the Grape Creek Baptist Church. He owns and operates a sawmill. He is married to the former Irene Murphy of Unaka. The Carter's have two children, both girls, Kathy, 11, and Karen, 5.

Slogan Contest Underway Chamber Of Commerce Selects Wally Williams As President

Culminating a series of called meetings of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the Chamber elected Wallace P. Williams president in a called meeting of the Board on April 29. Elected to serve with Mr. Williams were: Jack Owens, Vice-President; Larry Black, Secretary; and John T. Gill, Treasurer. Mr. Williams appointed Max Blakemore and Dr. W. R. Gossett to serve on the Executive Committee of Board of Directors.

At the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors, held at the Power Board Building on Tuesday, May 10, the Board decided to reopen the Chamber of Commerce office in the ground floor of the Library Building in Murphy. The Board elected to obtain the services of a full time secretary to staff the offices and made plans for adding a credit reference service as one of the functions of the Chamber.

The Board also announced that plans are underway for the annual membership drive which will be held in Murphy on June 24 and 25 of this year. Max Blakemore was appointed chairman of the membership drive and the entire Board of Directors was appointed by the President to serve with Mr. Blakemore on the membership committee.

President Williams appointed Ben Palmer as chairman of a slogan contest to select the best slogan or motto for the Murphy Chamber of Commerce. The contest is open to people of all ages and a prize of \$10.00 will be given to the person writing the best slogan. All entries must be brief and mailed to the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, Murphy, North Carolina, no later than May 28, 1966. In the event of duplication, the slogan with the earliest postmark will win. Entries should be placed on the back of a post card, and Mr. Palmer stressed that the name and address of the entrant should be clearly written on the entry.



Govt. Approves \$910,000 Loan

WASHINGTON - An REA loan of \$910,000 has been approved to enable Blue Ridge Mountain EMC of Young Harris, Georgia to build additional transmission lines in North Georgia and in Cherokee and Clay Counties in North Carolina. Eleventh District Congressman Roy A. Taylor announced Wednesday.



REP. ROY A. TAYLOR of the 11th Congressional District cut the ribbon Saturday dedicating the \$2-million Andrews Furniture plant. Looking on is (L) Lewis Reed, plant manager, (R) George L. Leinenweber, President of Magnavox of Tennessee and Percy B. Ferebee, Mayor of Andrews.

Taylor Praises Andrews People At Furniture Plant Dedication

Rep. Roy A. Taylor of the 11th Congressional District pointed to the new Andrews Furniture Industries, a subsidiary of the Magnavox Company, at Saturday's dedication ceremony, as an example of what people can do by helping themselves.

"This plant would not be here today," he said, "if the people and Andrews had not raised two-hundred thousand dollars among themselves to aid the project."

And he went on to say that he knew of no town in North Carolina that had accomplished more by its own efforts during the past three years. He recalled for the crowd of some 500 persons, including state and federal officials, that 13 months ago when ground was broken for the new plant there was rain, "but today the skies are blue and the sun is shining, which points up the economic climate of Andrews and Cherokee County."

"The story of recent industrial development in Cherokee County should challenge, and thrill everyone of its citizens," Taylor declared. "Listen to this. A year ago the county had 1,744 industrial employees. At present, 2,575 workers are employed in 17 industries. By the end of next year you should have more than 3,600 industrial workers, an increase of over 100 per cent."

He pointed out that this industrial growth is of vital importance to each store and service establishment in the area.

"Each new industrial job has created at least one additional service job in a store, a filling station, in the construction industry or in one of the public schools," Taylor said.

"It means that young people growing up here can now find work at home and will no longer have to leave the area."



Local Dealer Hits Jackpot

Ed Townson, local Pontiac - Buick - Rambler dealer was notified this week that he has been declared the winner of an all expense paid 14 day trip to Hawaii for two.

Winning contests is nothing new for Townson, but this one is just about the biggest he has won to date.

Townson received the following telegram Monday morning: "Congratulations to you and your organization on winning the 'On Target' sales campaign in your group. You did an outstanding sales job."

The contest was for a period of nine weeks beginning February 21 among 75 dealers in the six divisions that included the southeastern Atlanta Zone comprising the states of North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida and South Carolina. A report was issued every ten days and Townson was top man on every report from the beginning to the end. The dealers included in the contest were from towns with a population of 25,000 or less.

Townson stated that during the contest, he increased his sales 195% over the same period last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Townson expect to board a jet on the morning of June 9th with a stopover in Las Vegas that night. Then continue to San Francisco and spend the night of the 10th continuing on to Hawaii for eight days in the sun returning to Murphy June 22.



Chapman Seeks School Board Seat

James Fatie Chapman 35, Route 4, Murphy, announced this week that he will be a candidate for the Cherokee County School Board, opposing Robert Stiles.

Chapman is a Democrat, a Mason, a past local school board member, and a past precinct chairman for eight years.

"My interest is for better schools in Cherokee County," Chapman said, "especially Hiwassee Dam. I feel we owe it to our young people attending our schools to make all improvements possible. If elected, I will endeavor to work hard for the interest of the schools and young people."

Drowned Victim's Father Files \$225,000 Suit

A \$225,000 suit was filed at the Cherokee County Courthouse here Monday by Miles Henry Palmer, father of Ronnie Edward Palmer, who drowned July 11, 1965 at a public swimming pool near Andrews.

The defendants in the case are Lena Wood, E. A. Wood, Jr., and Hugh Rayburn. They are listed as owners of the property and operators of the swimming pool.

The suit by Mr. Palmer charges that the death of his son was directly and proximately caused by the negligence of the defendants by not providing a person or persons experienced in life saving to rescue the deceased and the defendants failed to keep or maintain any water safety device or equipment at the pool for rescue work. The pool, also charged that the water depths of the pool were not properly marked and that the deceased did not receive proper life saving treatment after the body was found at the bottom of the pool. The pool, located about two miles west of Andrews on U. S. 19 has remained closed since the 1965 drowning accident.

Old Market Days Sale Begins Today

MURPHY - Some of the retail merchants of Murphy will begin their Old Market Days Sidewalk Sale, Thursday (today) May 12 to continue through Saturday, May 14th.

This is an annual event in Murphy and merchants will be displaying merchandise on the sidewalk for shopping convenience with all merchandise inside the stores on Saturday. The merchants whose ads appear in this edition of the Scout have slashed their prices for this three-day sale and are expecting this to be the biggest Old Market Days promotion yet.

Pre-School Clinic Set

A pre-school clinic for all children attending Murphy Elementary School next year will be held May 16. This is for children 6 years of age, or before October 15, 1966. The hours will be from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Primary Wing of Murphy Elementary School.



Taking office Monday night to serve the town of Murphy for the next 4 years were: (L to R seated) W.T. "Bud" Brown, Mayor Cloe Moore, Francis Bourne, Jr., (Standing L to R) W.A. Singleton, Wallace Williams, Ken Godfrey and Jerry Hatchett.

Victorious Democrats In Town Election Took Office Monday

The Democratic slate of candidates who were victorious in the May 3 Town of Murphy general election took office Monday night.

L. L. Mason, who served as Mayor of Murphy for the past 14 years, swore in Cloe Moore as the town's new mayor.

Mason decided not to run for re-election this year in order to devote more time to his law business.

After the new mayor was sworn in, Moore immediately gave the oath of office to the six men who will guide the Town of Murphy for the next four years.

W. A. Singleton, who has been serving on the board since 1954 for a total of twelve years now becomes the oldest man in terms of service on the board. Francis Bourne, Jr. was elected to the board in 1955 giving him a total of eleven years service. This will be the second term for Jerry Hatchett and Ken Godfrey having been elected in 1962. Other men sworn in and serving their first term are Wallace P. Williams and W.T. "Bud" Brown.

This gives the town the benefit of 48 total years experience in handling the many problems that confront a busy and growing town such as the Town of Murphy.

EDITORIAL: Best Interest Of Management-Workers Should Be Taken

The dedication of Magnavox's Andrews Furniture Industries Plant took place last Saturday. Another dedication was revealed during the ceremonies - the dedication of Magnavox to the progress and welfare of our area.

This was firmly demonstrated with the presentation of two checks by Magnavox. The first, for \$5,000, was given to the million dollar fund raising drive for expansion of the District Memorial Hospital. The second, a \$500 check, was for the purchase of necessary equipment by the recently formed Andrews Rescue Squad.

Every resident of the area stands to benefit from the generosity of Magnavox. The company has, to use an old cliché, put its money where its mouth is. It has not only professed to being a partner with the people in the improvement of the area, it has rolled up its sleeves and gone to work.

While some few companies come south to find cheap labor and to take advantage of local people, Magnavox obviously didn't do this. They created 500 new jobs and put into effect what they call their standard package of wages and fringe benefits.

This package is virtually the same that Magnavox has at its cabinet plants in Tennessee and Mississippi.

Now that Magnavox has made its intentions clear, the Scout hopes the people in general and the employees of Andrews Furniture Industries in particular will affirm their intention to do what is in the best interest of both management and workers.



MISS MAY
Miss Jane Brittain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brittain, Murphy, N. C.

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