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## Democrats Pick Slate

The Cherokee County Democrats selected candidates for county offices in convention Saturday afternoon at the Courthouse.

Blain Stalcup won the nomination for sheriff on the first ballot, winning over three other men. County Commissioner Ray Sims, Andrews Police Chief Milton Mashburn and Vincent Love of Andrews.

There were 65 voting delegates at the convention and therefore 33 votes were needed to win nomination. Stalcup, a Murphy police officer and former chief of police, polled 36½ votes on the first ballot of the convention to win the nomination.

In a brief speech after his victory, Stalcup said he appreciated the action of the delegates and would do his best. He drew heavy support from Murphy and the western precincts.

Love drew 15½ votes as next high man, Mashburn got 10 votes and two votes were cast for Sims.

James Howse was nominated without opposition to run for clerk of court. House, owner and operator of the Cherokee Restaurant, served as Cherokee Clerk of Court for one term, 1958-1962.

Mrs. Jack Crawford, also without opposition, was named to run for Register of Deeds.

J.B. Hall and James Cavin were nominated from the floor as candidates for coroner and



Blain Stalcup

the convention then voted in favor of Hall. Roy Stalcup was nominated as candidate for county surveyor.

The present six county commissioners will be reduced to three in voting this fall and the convention was to pick a candidate from each of three districts.

W.T. Moore, who is chairman of the present county board of commissioners, was chosen from District 1, which includes Andrews, Topton and Marble.

J.N. Boling was nominated for District 2, which is Murphy, Ogreeta, Hanging Dog and Grape Creek.

However, after the convention Boling said he appreciated the nomination but due to health reasons he would be unable to run or serve. Chairman Gary Kilpatrick said a meeting of the executive committee will be called sometime next week to pick another candidate.

In District 3, which is Peachtree and all other precincts not listed above, there were three nominees from the floor - Fred Sneed, Wendell Forrester and Sims. The delegates from the District 3 precincts picked Sneed as the candidate.

Then as the convention was breaking up, Andrews delegate John Boring stood to make a motion that the convention go on record as instructing the chairman to "do everything he can" to get the primary system returned, ending the county conventions as means of selecting candidates.

There was some faint opposition and remarks that too many of the delegates had already left the room and then the matter was put to a vote, simplified so that delegates could either vote for a convention or for the primary.

Several precincts delegates were not present but both Andrews and Murphy groups were, along with Walker Schoolhouse, Unaka, Topton, Shoal Creek Hanging Dog, Grape Creek, Culberson and Burnt Meetinghouse.

There were 48 votes cast for a primary and only one, from Shoal Creek, voted to continue with the present convention system.

In the business session



James Howse



Mrs. Jack Crawford



W.T. Moore



Fred Sneed

conducted before the nominations were made, Gary Kilpatrick was re-elected as county chairman, Janice Bates was picked as first vice chairman, Jim Wood was elected as second vice chairman and Brownie Parker was chosen as third vice chairman. L.L. Mason, County attorney, was

named secretary - treasurer.

Ben Palmer of Murphy was named to the state executive committee. John Boring of Andrews and Ben Scott of Murphy were named delegates to the Congressional District Convention and also to the state Democratic convention.



Democratic County Officers

Gary Kilpatrick, standing, was re-elected to his post as chairman of the Democratic Party in Cherokee County and presided at the convention Saturday. County Attorney L.L. Mason, foreground, was elected

secretary - treasurer. Janice Bates was elected as first vice chairman and Jim Wood was named second vice chairman. The third vice chairman, Brownie Parker, was not present when the picture was made. (Staff Photo)

## Boy Drowns In Caney Creek

An afternoon outing ended in tragedy Saturday on Caney Creek as Michael Junior Gibson, 13, stepped into water over his head and drowned.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Second Baptist Church with burial in the Old Methodist Cemetery. The Rev. Herbert O'Dell and the Rev. Ernie Young officiated.

Pallbearers were Gary Lee, Dwight Bennett, Carl and Bruce Hogsd, Jack and Bradley Burrell. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Gibson of Route 2, Murphy. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Sandra and Angela Gibson and a brother, Stephen Gibson, all of the home; and the grandmothers, Mrs. Millie Phillips of Murphy and Mrs. L.R. Gibson of Route 2, Murphy.

The Gibson boy went fishing on Caney Creek with several other boys his age and was wading in the edge of the creek about 7:30 p.m. near the L&N Railroad trestle. Witnesses said he may have been trying to reach an old boat when he stepped off into deep water.

Capt. Charles Hyatt of the Cherokee County Rescue Squad said the boy could not swim and drowned when he "stepped off into the main channel of the creek." The rescue squad was called about 7:45, he said, and recovered the body about an hour later in the general vicinity where the boy had disappeared.

The Gibson boy had completed the seventh grade at Murphy and was a member of the First Baptist Church and



Michael Junior Gibson active in the Bealtown Mission Church.

Leading Murphy merchants will hold Water Festival sales next week and then be closed on Saturday, the Fourth of July. The Scout next week will be published on Tuesday and the deadline for advertising and news copy will be noon Monday.

## Beauty Pageant Slated

The ten lovely girls pictured at left will be competing for the title of Miss Cherokee County 1970 in the pageant on July 3 at 8 p.m. at the Murphy High School gym.

The pageant is sponsored by the Murphy Jaycees, under the direction of the Murphy Jayettes, as part of the annual Water Festival.

Each contestant will be judged in evening gown, in swimsuit and in the presentation of her talent. The winner will be crowned by last year's queen, Miss Charlotte Oliver, and will receive a silver trophy and \$75. First and second runners-up will win trophies and \$50 and \$25, respectively.

This is the local pageant for entry into the Miss North Carolina beauty pageant and the winner will advance next summer to the state pageant.

Miss Oliver will crown the winner here on Friday night and then on the weekend travel to Raleigh to represent the county in this year's state beauty pageant, which begins Monday, July 6, the winner to be crowned on the following Saturday night.

## Byers Withdraws From Race

James Byers, Democratic candidate for sheriff in Clay County has withdrawn from the race. Byers said that due to business reasons he made the decision not to run in this fall's election.

A countywide meeting of all Democrats will be held in the Clay County Courthouse Saturday night, June 27 at 8 o'clock to nominate candidates to the executive committee who will then appoint a candidate.

New officers elected recently are: Otti Kitchens - Chairman; Mrs. Alvin Ledford - Vice Chairman; Mrs. Jack Parker - Secretary - treasurer; delegates to the district and state conventions are: Ernil Cheeks, Otti Kitchens and Claude Kitchens.

Clay County has seven precincts.

The following are the executive committees recently elected by the precincts; Hayesville No 1 Precinct - Luther Elliot - Chairman; Mrs.

George Bowers - Vice Chairman; Clarence Davis - Second Vice Chairman; Mrs. Patricia Elliot - Third Vice Chairman; Mrs. Bob Cunningham - Secretary - Treasurer.

Hayesville No 2 - Garth Thompson - Chairman; Mrs. Guy Grindstaff - Vice Chairman; A.L. Penland - Second Vice Chairman; Dan McGlamery - Third Vice Chairman; Mrs. Robert Alexander - Second-Treasurer; Tusquittie - Ronnie Smith - Chairman; Mrs. John Moss - Vice Chairman; Frank Ledford 2nd - Vice Chairman; Van Evans 3rd - Vice Chairman; Mrs. Frank Ledford - Secretary - Treasurer.

Shooting Creek - Allen Hogsd - Chairman; Mrs. Clay Rogers - Vice Chairman; Claude Kitchens - 2nd Vice Chairman; Clifford Patterson 3rd - Vice Chairman; Mrs. Robert Woody - Secretary - Treasurer; Brasstown - Johnny Penland - Chairman; Miss Charlene Thomas - Vice Chairman; Jim Brooks 2nd - Vice Chairman; Bass Hyatt 3rd - Vice Chairman; Mrs. Sue Reece - Sec. Treasurer.

Sweetwater - Sam Chance - Chairman; Mrs. Jack Rogers - Vice Chairman; Frank Patton 2nd - Vice Chairman; Horace Martin - 3rd - Vice Chairman; Mrs. Elveta Brown - Secretary - Treasurer. Hiawasee - Ernil Cheeks - Chairman; Mrs. Perry Tipton - Vice Chairman; Gudger Robinson 2nd - Vice Chairman; W.J. Caba 3rd - Vice Chairman; Mrs. Dent Nelson - Secretary - Treasurer.

## EDA Loan Approved For Plant In Clay

Financing for a new plant at Hayesville was assured Monday as Congressman Roy Taylor announced in Washington that a federal loan has been approved.

The industrial loan of \$1,189,152 to the Clay Corp. was approved by the federal Economic Development Administration. The carpet yarn plant near Hayesville is expected to employ 181 people.

"I am extremely pleased to be in a position to make this announcement because I know what a new industry of this size will mean to the people and the economy of Clay County," Taylor said.

The EDA loan, plus \$108,105 to be provided by the Clay Corp. itself and \$864,838 from local banks, will go for construction of a \$2,162,095 building on a 29-acre site about two miles west of Hayesville.

Tom Day, president of the Clay

Corp., said a new process for manufacturing carpet yarn has been developed in Sweden since the plant was announced last December. Day is also vice president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. in Hayesville, one of the banks which will be loaning money for the plant.

"This new process will mean that construction of the plant will not be able to start until engineering plans can be changed," Day said. "It may be the last of the year or even the first of '71 before the building begins."

When the plant building is completed, it will be leased to J-D Mills, Inc., a wholly-owned division of Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills, Inc. in Henderson. J-D will install the machinery for the carpet yarn process at a cost of \$2,343,746 and will provide \$718,000 in working capital.



Murphy Cloggers Win Again

The Murphy cloggers won everything in sight at the Mountaineer Festival last weekend in Clayton, Ga. Their coach and teacher, Mrs. Barbara Stalcup, right, also won the Director of the Year award. The dancers, left to right, are Tony Dockery, who won the best clogger award; Kenny Nunnally and Angela

McClure, the elementary team leaders with their first-place trophy; junior leaders Larry Foster and Becky Quinn and top trophy; senior leaders Donald Gaddis and Linda Foster and the seniors' first trophy. The local teams beat competition from Georgia and South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.



Linda McRae sponsored by Easley Manufacturing



Sharon Floyd sponsored by Clifton Precision



Joan Swint sponsored by Townson Funeral Home



Dyan Kaylor sponsored by First Union Bank



Sherry Beavers sponsored by Wachovia Bank, Murphy



Vivian Adams sponsored by Gibson's IGA



Marie Anderson sponsored by Rimco Manufacturing



Wanda Baker sponsored by Tri-County Tech



Becky Hooper sponsored by Levi Strauss & Co.



Shirley Derreberry sponsored by Wachovia Bank, Andrews