

Tomotla Boy Killed By Prohi Agent

**CECIL McCURE
SHOT WEDNESDAY
BY JOSH CRISP**

**Federal Prohibition Officer Under
\$5,000 Bond; Funeral For
McCure Thursday**

Cecil McCure, seventeen years old was fatally shot by Josh Crisp, Federal Prohibition Enforcement Agent, at his home in Tomotla Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock eastern time.

Young McCure was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCure, and was well known in the county.

Crisp, whose home is at Robbinsville, Graham County, is also well known in Western North Carolina where he has long been connected with the Prohibition Enforcement department of the Federal government.

McCure was shot twice, the bullets taking effect in the right breast about three inches apart. Physicians attending stated that the ball entering the upper portion of the breast punctured the lung, and the one entering the lower breast passed through the body and lodged just under the skin in the back.

Little hope was held for McCure's recovery and he died at 8:15, 7 hours and 45 minutes after the shooting took place.

Crisp reported the affair to Sheriff Morrow, and with the concurrence of Solicitor Davis his bond was fixed at \$5,000.00. Crisp would make no statement with regard to the affair, other than that it had to be done, and the other two officers who were with him at the time likewise reserved comment. It is understood that Crisp claims self defense as the motive for the shooting.

According to the statement of Sheriff Morrow, Federal Prohibition Officers Josh Crisp, Jake Dewese and Charlie Blanton went to the McCure home Wednesday afternoon with a warrant to search the premises for whiskey and found half a gallon. It is alleged that McCure threatened to shoot the officers and got after them with a gun, whereupon Crisp fired in self defense.

The version of the affair as told by the father of young McCure, and substantiated by the mother who was an eye witness, is to the effect that the officers had been there about 15 minutes, had found the whiskey, and Crisp and Dewese were sitting on the front steps when two of the McCure boys and a young man by the name of Haney drove up in the yard in a car, having been to Murphy.

Young McCure picked up the whiskey container and declared it was his. He then went into the house leaving the officers on the steps and secured the gun. His mother met him in the hall and took the gun from him. He then secured some cartridges and the gun again and made for the door, his mother holding him and trying to pull him back into the house. Meanwhile the officers remained on the front steps and when young McCure appeared in the doorway of the hall he was met with a volley of shots from Crisp's pistol. Crisp then ran around behind the barn at the right of the house, and the officers left.

Feeling is running high in the Tomotla community against Crisp, and it was pointed out by the father that the shooting could have been avoided if the officers had placed young McCure under arrest when he admitted it was his whiskey and prevented him from securing the gun.

Funeral services for McCure were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Pleasant Grove church in the Beech Creek section by the Rev. Beavers, and interment was in the churchyard.

He is survived by his father and mother, seven brothers, Lummie, Virgil, Willard, Charlie, Haden, Jake and Willie Rae; three sisters, Misses Lurrie, Ella and Laurie McCure.

Crisp is reported to have returned to his home at Robbinsville Wednesday night.

Mrs. Willard Axley and little Miss Ellen Cooper Axley are the guests in Knoxville, of Mrs. Earl Crye.

The City Cousin



NEW DRUG STORE FOR MURPHY TO OPEN AUGUST 1

Local Stock Company, Operating
Under Name of The Peoples'
Drug Company, Inc.

The announcement was made early this week that The Peoples' Drug Company, Inc., will open for business in the new Brittain-Axley building on or before August 1st. Work on the interior of the building is rapidly nearing completion, fixtures are being installed as they arrive, and all the necessary equipment and a complete line of drugs, soda fountain accessories etc., have been purchased, and are expected in the near future. When opened for business this new store will be one of the most completely equipped affairs of its kind West of Asheville.

The need for another drug store has long been felt in Murphy, and the widespread interest in the new enterprise, according to one of the stockholders of the company when interviewed by this correspondent, was manifested by the ease in placing the stock when the organization was effected also. The interest expressed in the new business by many of the citizens of the community, who believe in progress and have faith in the benefits of friendly competition, assures the owners of the business a friendly reception. As one of the officers of the company pointed out, this is the only city of its size known to him or to the many people who had mentioned the matter to him, that did not have two or more drug stores. It is the belief of the owners and many friends of the new business that this community is large enough to support two drug stores, with fairness to all, including the patrons who must have the things drug stores have to sell.

The company has secured Walker J. Lindeman, of Washington, Indiana, as drug clerk and house manager. Mr. Lindeman, who is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and has had three and one-half years experience in filling prescriptions and in drug store management, comes from a long line of druggists, his grandfather and father before him owning and operating several stores in Indiana. Mr. Lindeman comes well recommended both as to his ability and character. He also has an interest in the business. Mr. Porter Field Meroney will serve as one of his assistants.

Announcements as to the definite date to opening will appear in the later issues of the Scout.

One Hurt And Car Damaged In Collision Tuesday

The small son of R. D. Lovingood was hurt and a Ford car damaged in a collision with the Standard Oil truck on Valley River Avenue Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock on the curve at the residence of John Odell. Mr. Bradley of Andrews and another man were occupants of the Ford and Mr. Lovingood and his small son were in the truck.

The cause of the collision was said to have been due to the Bradley car attempting to pass another car, and the driver failed to see the truck coming in the opposite direction.

A. A. Fain Building Under Construction

The residence of A. A. Fain beyond Beantown is now under construction and work is progressing rapidly. Considerable grading work has been done and the foundation built. Brick work will begin the latter part of this week or the first of next.

The building will be an eight room structure and modern in every detail. It will be steam heated, and Mr. Fain has already devised a plan for installing a water system. A reservoir with an 8000 gallon capacity has been erected upon the mountain at the rear of the house, which is fed by a cool mountain spring.

The yard has a gradual elevation and will be terraced. The house will be erected at a cost of \$8,000.00.

REMAINS MRS. BARNES BURIED AT PEACHTREE

WAS FORMER RESIDENT GRAHAM COUNTY—DIED AT AKRON OHIO

The body of Mrs. J. L. Barnes arrived Saturday from Akron, Ohio, and was carried to Peachtree for interment. Mrs. Barnes, who was the daughter of John A. Crisp, of Robbinsville, died at her home in Akron last Wednesday. The body was accompanied by her husband.

She is survived by her husband and a ten year old son; her father, two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Hyde, of Bryson City; Mrs. W. C. Galligher, of Chicago; one brother, Melvin L. Crisp, of Washington, D. C.

Dies Of Stab Wound

William Faulkner, of Wofford, Ky., who was brought to the Murphy Hos-

LARGE CROWD AT LION'S CLUB MELON CUTTING

Children and Grownups Enjoy Real Treat Through Courtesy The W. M. Fain Grocery Company

The watermelon cutting in Howell's pasture last Friday was an occasion of much joy and satisfaction to both the children and the grownups in Murphy.

The greater portion of two truck loads of melons were disposed of by the large crowd which gathered at 3 o'clock prepared to do justice to the delicious ice cold fruit of the vine.

The crowd began assembling shortly before the time announced for the occasion, and when the process of slicing was completed a ravenous crowd surged around the tables and made, as the motorist would say, a quick "pick-up" of what was spread thereon.

The occasion was the annual melon cutting inaugurated several years ago by the W. M. Fain Grocery Company, at which the people of Murphy have been entertained with a free feast of watermelons. It was sponsored by the Lions Club.

Baptists To Give Musical Program Sunday Evening

The semi-annual musical program of the Baptist Church will be given at the regular evening service Sunday, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The choir has been practicing for several weeks under the competent leadership of Mrs. J. W. Davidson, director and an excellent program of anthems, hymns, solos, duets and quartets, is assured for the music lovers of Murphy. The preaching service will be omitted.

These musical programs have been rendered by the choir for the past several years and have always been highly enjoyable. The regular evening offering will go to the building fund of the new church now in course of construction.

Little is known of Faulkner or his relatives, except that he was the son of John F. Faulkner, of Wofford, Ky., and was working at Robbinsville. The body was carried to Kentucky for funeral and interment.

GEORGIA-N. C. A. S. H. OFFICIALS TO MEET HERE

MOTORCADE OF 1,500 MILES NOW PLANNED TO GO OVER A. S. H.

Atlanta Session Makes Arrangements For Elaborate Convention in Fall; Joint Meet at, Murphy, N. C.

(Atlanta Journal)
Plans for the convention of the Appalachian Scenic Highway association, which is to be held in Atlanta on October 12 and 13, were discussed at length Thursday at a luncheon meeting of the executive committee of the Georgia division of the association. This luncheon meeting, held at the Ansley hotel, was presided over by Henry H. Estes, of Gainesville, president of the Georgia division, and was attended by Fred Houser, secretary; J. P. Pattillo, of Buford; Frank Reynolds, W. Tom Winn and Harlee Branch.

In addition to the discussion of plans for the annual convention in October the committee approved the suggestion that a joint meeting of the executive committees of the Georgia and North Carolina divisions of the Appalachian Scenic Highway association be held at Murphy, N. C., on Saturday, August 21, to consider matters of general interest in connection with the development and advertisement of the new and very wonderful scenic route. Besides the members of the executive committees from Georgia and North Carolina, leading highway enthusiasts from cities along the highway in the two states will be invited and addresses will be delivered by outstanding Georgians and North Carolinians. Murphy, where the joint meeting is to be held, is almost exactly half way between Atlanta and Asheville.

Approve Great Tour

Enthusiastic indorsement was given by the executive committee at its meeting Thursday to the proposal of the national officials of the Appalachian Scenic Highway association that a great publicity automobile tour be run over the Appalachian, from Atlanta to Montreal, Canada, in the summer or fall of 1927. In this tour there will be automobile parties representing the various states, towns, cities, counties and civic organizations in the various sections traversed by the Appalachian, as well as the automobiles of many private individuals who wish to make this enjoyable trip.

Further plans for this great 1,500-mile automobile trip over America's most beautiful and most wonderful scenic highway will be outlined at the annual convention of the Appalachian Scenic Highway association in Atlanta in October.

A committee on arrangements for this convention was appointed at the executive committee Thursday, as follows: W. T. Winn, chairman; Fred Houser, Frank Reynolds, John Paschall, Mayor Walter A. Sims, Paul Etheridge, chairman of the Fulton county commission; B. S. Barker, executive vice president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; Councilman Guy Dobbs, Alderman Claude Buchanan, J. F. Gordy, secretary of the Atlanta Junior Chamber of Commerce; Harlee Branch, Joe Glozier, George Ripley, Fire Chief W. B. Cody T. F. Cathcart, Henderson Hallman, Harry H. Johnson, F. E. Maffett and J. E. Yarbrough. This committee is to be divided into several subcommittees, each charged with specific duties in the matter of arranging for the convention and providing entertainment for the visitors.

The Ansley hotel will be conventional on page 6)

DATE OF MEET SET SATURDAY AUGUST 21ST

Murphy Asked to Provide Picnic Lunch, and Co-operation Assured by Mayor Hill

FORMER MAYOR FAIN
ALSO GIVES ASSURANCE

Prominent Speakers and Highway Enthusiasts To Be Heard At Meeting Here

A joint meeting of the executive committees of Georgia and North Carolina divisions of the Appalachian Scenic Highway is being planned by officers of the two divisions to be held at Murphy on August 21st, it was learned here this week.

Harlee Branch, city editor of the Atlanta Journal, who sponsored the great tour of the Journal over this already famous scenic route from Atlanta to Asheville last year, called Mayor F. S. Hill over long distance, and Mr. Hill being out of town learned on his return that Murphy was asked to furnish a picnic lunch for the party on that occasion.

Pledges Co-operation

Mayor Hill immediately wrote Mr. Branch that the people would be glad to co-operate in the matter and the text of his letter follows:

"Someone in Atlanta connected with the Appalachian Scenic Highway called up in my absence yesterday with reference to the proposed road meeting to be held at Murphy on the 21st day of August next. I understand that those coming from Georgia to this meeting expect to reach Murphy about 11 o'clock, A. M. and the information desired was whether the people of Murphy would be willing to provide a picnic lunch for the visitors. Your people may rest assured that our citizens will do all in their power to comply with your wishes and will be pleased to provide for the entertainment of their guests.

As soon as you possibly can you will oblige us by furnishing at least an outline of what you wish, giving your estimate of the probable number we will be called upon to entertain, etc.

Our citizens are deeply interested in this movement and I repeat that they will be glad to do all that is expected of them and more.

With personal regards, and assurances of esteem, I am

Yours very truly,
F. S. HILL, Mayor.

Mr. Branch got in touch with former Mayor W. M. Fain relative to the meeting here and Mr. Fain assured him that Murphy stood ready to respond to the invitation to provide picnic lunch for the visitors.

The following is taken from the Journal of Thursday:

A general holiday will be declared on Saturday, August 21, by the citizens of Murphy, N. C., in honor of the one-day joint meeting of the Georgia and North Carolina divisions of the Appalachian Scenic Highway association, to be held in that thriving mountain city on that date.

Former Mayor W. M. Fain, of Murphy, an active leader in the Appalachian Scenic Highway association and one of the most progressive and most public-spirited men in western North Carolina, told The Atlanta Journal Wednesday in a long distance telephone message that the people of Murphy will provide a great day of entertainment for the meeting on August 21.

"Our citizens generally will respond to the invitation to provide a (Continued on page 6)