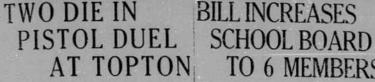
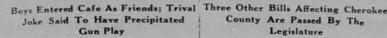


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Two men are dead and another is night.

having taken supper at the Wright treasurer, it was stated. they entered the cafe Saturday night legislature affecting this county are about S o'clock. Others in the restaurant were scarcely aware that any-

Face Deadly Hail

They continued shooting, neither giving an inch of ground under the deadly hail of bullets, until both fell mortally wounded. Wright was carried to his home a few hundred feet from the scene of the duel, and died alomst instantly. Birchfield was taken to the home of his father near Tomotha and died at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

The cousin of Wright was wounded in the hip but a medical examination at an Asheville hospital where he was carried following the shooting, the county. Otherwise the law re- some three years ago the president ly wounded.

Ennuet Wright was the son of Tom Efamet Wright was the son of Tom Wright, of Topton, and is survived by his parents, his widow and two small children. Birchfield is survived by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

The men had been together all day, according to reports, and appeared to be the best of friends. After they entered the cafe they had been seated only a very few minutes when a trival joke caused them to become deadly enemies in an instant, and led to the shooting that cost them their lives. Both men were well known in this section.

Funeral services were held for Wright Sunday afternoon at the First Eaptist church at Andrews by Rev. W. H. Ford, assisted by Vaughn Kin-

Last rites for young Birchfield were held Monday morning at An- of others but on account of its size drews by the Rev. Clay Whitaker. Interment of the two young men were market for pork dressed is 15 1-2 in the Andrews cemetery, within less cents per pound, which if sold, would

expected as both were slain in the pistol battle.

Victim Tells Story

Arnold Wright, when questioned at the Mission hospital Sunday night by about anything at home or on the way nent citizens of Murphy.

County Are Passed By The Legislature

TO 6 MEMBERS

A bill changing the membership of wounded as a result of a pistol duel the Murphy School Board and inin a cafe at Topton last Saturday creasing the number from three to to amend the charter of the Carolinasix passed the legislature on Friday Tennessee Power company, introduc-Victor Birchfield, 22, son of Sheriff of last week. The new law becomes ed by W. P. Odom, representative

Among other bills passed by the

remain practically the same, and the opment site in Cherokee and has as membership is the same with the ex- yet begun no actual work on its dams. ception of one, M. L. Mauney, of Peachtree taking the place of N. E. Dockery.

Reward Bill, authorizing that officers shall be paid \$25 for each bootlegger convicted, the reward becoming a part of the fine imposed upon conviction. Officers are already paid \$10.00 for each still captured and \$10.00 for each man caught with the

Fish bill, authorizing the abolish- rights. mains the same, is is understood.

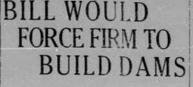


R. L. Lance of the Belleview section, near the Georgia-N. C. state line, brought to Murphy this week one of the largest hogs ever seen in this section. It weighed 755 pounds after being dressed, the scales of the F. D. Dickey Feed Company being used.

The hog was twenty-six months old, full blood Poland-China stock, and the feed used was mostly corn and rye, Mr. Lance stated.

Mr. Lance brought the animal to Murphy to sell, along with a number no market was found here. The local than 100 yards of each other. No investigation of the affair is Mr. Lance stated that he had sold more than \$500.00 worth of pork in the last few months.

a Citizen representative, gave an eye to the cafe. I think they both had The citizens of Murphy and Cherowitness' version of the affair. He had been drinkin gone to the cafe with the two men Emmet was Ernmet was placed in a car to be taken to Andrews, but died on the target by Hon. J. C. Biggs of Raleigh, Attaken to Andrews, but died on the torneys D. Witherspoon, J. D. Mal-way, and Victor died at 8 o'clock this lonee and Mayor Frank S. Hill of been sent out here: morning. I have always thought that Murphy. Victor and Emmet were friends, although we all knew that they argued all the time about little matters. I when they began shooting. I do not had not heard any argument and we had been in the cafe but a few minutes when the shooting began. An X-Ray picture was made of young Wright's hip. The bullet is still in his hip but will not prove serious the doctors think. He was carried to Asheville Sunday by relatives. The shooting affray is indeed a sad courence. Both young men. were



Most Of County's Power Sites Are Tied Up, 1s Charge

(Asheville Citizen.)

RELEIGH, N. C., Feb. 18 .- A bill with one year and to differtly prosewitnesses. The two victims of the fight were apparently on good terms, Birchfield Monday in March and organize by electing a chairman and secretary-thorized to institute proceedings to thorized to institute proceedings to repeal the power company's charter.

This power company was chartered in North Carolina in 1909 and since thing unusual was under way until Road bill, consolidating the road laws practically every water power devel-

Development Needed

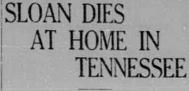
It was pointed out to the committee that Cherokee's resources were undeveloped for lack of electrical power and that the building of these dams would mean a new era for the most western section of the state, as ide from the fact that several million dollars would be expended in Cherokee in developing the water power

The committee was informed that of this power company had stated that he and his associates could develop their water power properties as soon as the then litigation was ended. and that though the litigation had

W. V. N. Powelson spoke to the committee for several minutes and offered as an excuse for not going ahead with the developments, the lack of a market for electrical power in Cherokee. One of the power company representatives stated in response to questions by the chairman, that in order to make the development feasible, a market for around 50,000 horsepower would have to be at old Hangingdog cemetery. secured. He stated that such a user of power as the Aluminum company of America would have to be secured. The chairman referred the bill to a sub-cimmittee. It is believed that the bill will either be reported favorably or a substitute offered looking

toward the early development of these water powers. Petitions signed by several hundred Cherokee citizens asking relief

were given the committe along with



Formerly Resided In Murphy And Was Well Known Here

Clarence Sloan, 22 years old, former resident of Murphy, died at the home of his parents near Tellico tuary 16th, after an illness of three Victor Birchfield, 22, son of Sheriff D. M. Birchfield, of Cherokee county, and his cousin, Emmet Wright, 26, of Topton, were fatally wounded and Arnold Wright, 18, an innoccnt by-stander, was slightly wounded during the pistol battle which occurred as a result of a trival joke, according to witnesses.

lico Plains. He is survived by his father and mother, three sisters and Sloan.

Clarence was a quiet likeable boy tend heartfelt sympathy to the fami-

GRANDVIEW

at the present date.

who has been employed at Gastonia, has returned home to spend a while.

formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Next portant manufacturing towns of Pied-Kephart.

The folks of this place are intendthis week. We wish them much suc-

vine cave on the land of Mr. J. T. come one route and return another.

Springs is hauling apples to Murphy When they get ready to go home they sonville, Tenn.

Mr. W. J. Sosebee visited his old of the country. home the past week.

Sheriff Birchfield and deputy Rose seem to be making it hot for the bootleggers. Look after them and brake

it up if you can. Mr. Andy Kephart caught two to stop, long before they get to your

large oposums the past week.

The following announcement has

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leo Sasser

announce the birth of Thomas Living-

stone Sasser, Thursday, February

seventeenth, nineteen hundred twen-

ty-seven, Murphy, North Carolina.

Macon county cities; whereas coming

HOT HOUSE ROAD TO HELP THE STATE

New Route To Tennessee Will Cut Distance To West

(Asheville Citizen.)

FRANKLIN, N. C., Feb. 16 .- Citizens of Andrews, Murphy, and lower Plains, Tenn., last Wednesday, Feb- Cherokee county are deeply interested in the construction of a road from Russell, of Andrews, secretary of the Funeral services were held at Tel- Cherokee County road commission.

Ninth District Highway Commissioner J. G. Stikeleather recently two brothers, Misses Merle, Rebia and chose the so-called Hot House route Jean Sloan; and Ulie and Warren as the most desirable one for a road from Murphy to the Tennessee line. and made many intimate friends dur- to an end a county disagreement of Announcement of his choice brought ing his sojourn in Murphy, who ex- long standing, two other routes having been agitated.

The route has been chosen by Mr. Stikeleather, Mr. Russell pointed out, and he no doubt will shortly recommend it to the highway comission. There is quite a bit of snow here And the next problem is to get the road completed. The Hot House route would cross the Kimsey Moun-Miss Hattie McRae of this place, tain connecting with Cleveland,

Would Benefit All

Mr. Ernest Kephart and wife vis-stretch of proposed road, about 25 ited the laters mother, Mrs. N. B. miles in length, Mr. Russell placed a Odell, of Boiling Springs, Sunday. ruler on a mar, showing that a Mr. Clifton Kephart and wife, Straight line drawn from Raleigh to spent one night last week with the Chattanoega, would pass through immont North Carolina, near Asheville, and through Murphy, to Chattanooga, Miss Oma Kephart was the guest opening up to all the Mississippi valceased over two years ago, nothing of Miss Mary Jones one day last ley the mountains of Western North Carolina.

> "Now," he said, "where do Franking to have a singing school to begin lin, Highlands, Hendersonville, and other towns along No. 28 come in? The answer lies in the fact that the meeca for all these people will be These was a forest fire in the grape Asheville, and that they will want to

> "When they start for the moun-On February 16 William Has and tains, they generally will have Ashewife Grace, buried their infant baby at old Hangingdog cemetery. Mr. Fred Dockrey from Boiling Springs is hauling apples to Murphy almost certainly are going to come along No. 28, and see a new section

Route To Chattanooga

"Another reason why this road is important to towns along No. 10. especially Highlands and Franklin, is that visitors coming west pass numbers of towns where they may decide

after they had had supper together. His statement of the shooting was as follows:

"We all went to the restaurant together, I went in the restaurant with my cousins, but was not so near them know what statement or joke it was that started the shooting, but the first thing I knew both were shooting at each other at close range. One was using a .38 calibre special and the other a 32-30 pistol, Victor shot six times and Emmet shot five time ... There were three or four others in the cafe besides my cousins and myself

"It all happened so quickly that I did not realize much about it until I had a bullet in my hip. Emmet and Victor had always been quarrelsome and fractious about little things, but they had never had any real trouble before this. I was not paying any attention to the conversation in the

members of prominent families in the section.

"Yes, he has retired from politics Friday. February 26th, and at the and is raising extensive fruit or-chards." "All of his trees are grafted I supthis issue. ose?'

kee were represented at the hearing Creek at present.

The power company was represented by J. C. Martin of Asheville and D. H. Tillitt of Andrews.

Among those attending the hearing and opposing the bill were: W. Mercer Fain, E. P. Hawkins, C. W. Sav age, L. E. Bayless, M. L. Mauney, and E. B. Novell of Murphy, and O. L. Anderson of Hayesville.

Mr. Trainor, a factory representative, will give a demonstration of county and were well known in this the well known Duco paint and its

uses and application, at Brittain and

If tennis develops the racquet arm Axley hardware store, Murphy, on of players as 'tis said, then we would back President Coolidge in Tex Richoffice of the Carolina Lumber and Supply Co., Andrews, on Saturday the 26th. See their ad elsewhere in

The Lion's Club held its regular semi-monthly meeting on Tuesday night in the parlors of the Methodist are now." church. The ladies of the church

served supper for the public in con-This was also ladies night nection. with the Lions and a motion carried to dispense with the business and make the occasion a social hour.

There is some sickness on Owl from Tennessee toward the moun-tains, they strike only two towns, Murphy, and Hayesville, prior to reaching Franklin. Then Highlands is the next stop."

"The entire Mississippi valley wants to get to the mountains," continued Mr. Russell, "and this would provide it a short and beautiful route. This road would do another thing for our section. It would place Chattanooga, a thriving manufacturing city, as close to us as Asheville and Atlanta

About 15 of the 25 miles of the road has already been graded by Cherokee county and the county has \$50,000 additional to spend on it. But to complete the grading will require, it is estimated, \$70,000. Then the road would have to be improved as to surface.

Mr. Russell believes the road is of importance not only to Cherokee ard's heavyweight tournney, since he county, but to all Western North Car shook hands with 1,220 people in olina; that it is not a county i twenty-seven minutes the other day. but an inter-State propositio oject