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## COURT ADJOURS AS JUDGE'S WIFE IS REPORTED ILL

### Most Cases of Criminal Civil Term Are Disposed of

Receiving a wire Monday morning that his wife had become seriously ill, Judge W. F. Hardine, of Charlotte, adjourned the August term of Cherokee County Superior court in session for the trial of criminal and civil cases with most of the trials scheduled to come before his disposed of.

With bills of indictment drawn at the last minute against Glen Johnson and Boyd Brendle, the trial of Opie Clayton, of Brasstown, who was under bond in connection with the death of Waldo Scroggs, also of Brasstown, who died of wounds allegedly received in a fight with Clayton the night of May 30, at a remote spot on the Brasstown road, was continued until the next criminal session of court.

Witnesses at a corner's hearing in the death of Scroggs said Clayton, in the company of Johnson, Brendle and Aster Green, also of Brasstown, was fighting with Scroggs and left him injured on the road side. A week later Scroggs died in the hospital here of a head wound.

The jury decided Scroggs came to his death at the hands of parties unknown but had Clayton placed under bond for assault with a deadly weapon and intent to kill.

The case against Mrs. Mell Trammell, of Topton who was released under bond for the shooting of Gus Nelson, also of Topton, at her home July 4, was also continued. Nelson recovered from a pistol wound in the chest at the hospital at Murphy.

One other important case, that of Sylvie Gaddis, of Isabella, Tenn., brother of Emmett Gaddis, former Polk county deputy, who is under bond in connection with the slaying of D. W. McFadden there, May 19, was dropped, the peace warrant against Gaddis for allegedly "disturbing" road workers near the North Carolina-Tennessee line June 25, being returned to Magistrate Fred Bates, who drew the warrant after road officials had made their complaint.

## McFadden Boys Shooting Story Is Called Hoax

Reports made to the Asheville sheriff's department that an automobile owned by David S. McFadden was fired upon early Friday morning on Biltmore avenue near Victoria road, were branded as false Friday night by investigating officers.

Deputies found three bullet holes in the McFadden machine, but said they were put there by Marion Mulvaney, 26 Pearl street, who had borrowed the automobile.

At the courthouse Friday, Mulvaney told officers he borrowed the automobile, fired the bullets into the car from McFadden's gun, and then returned to the McFadden home with the story of the attack. Officers said Mulvaney had been drinking.

Young McFadden, questioned by Sheriff Laurence Brown, also gave a different account of the shooting he reported at his home Tuesday night.

In his revised version of the incident, he said when he and his brother Frank came home, members of the family reported someone had been prowling around the house. The two boys then went into the yard and emptied two guns, but said there were no shots fired except the ones from their own guns.

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### GRACE MOORE'S PARENTS VISIT IN THIS SECTION

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore, of Chattanooga, parents of the famous radio, screen and opera coloratura soprano, Grace Moore, were visiting relatives and friends in Cherokee county Sunday.

Mr. Moore now owner of Loveman and Company department store in Chattanooga, was reared in the Peachtree community where he still has many close friends and relatives.

Later when he resided at Jellico, Tenn., he married Miss Jane Stokley, of Newport, Tenn., and it was here that the famous Grace and her brothers and sisters were born.

Congenial Mr. Moore said Sunday at the Regal hotel in Murphy where his family had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Savage and Mrs. W. A. Savage that Grace had visited in Murphy once when she was two years old. And long before she became famous here and on the continent.

### OBTAINT RIGHTS TO BUILD LINE INTO DAM SITE

#### TVA Gets Almost All of Title For Fowler Bend Project

Bryson City, N. C., Aug. 20.—Ninety per cent of the rights of way have been obtained for the construction of the electric transmission line from the hydro-electric plant at Lake Santeetlah, owned by the Nantahala Power and Light Co., an aluminum company subsidiary to the Fowler Bend dam site on the Hiwassee river, it was announced here Tuesday in a special report from Llewellyn Evans, chief electrical engineer for TVA.

Materials for the line are being unloaded daily at Andrews, Murphy and Robbinsville, N. C.

In the report, it is revealed that the major part of the construction including all of the high mountain reaches, will be finished before November 1, and before the bad weather season sets in. The line that will supply current for construction work on the dam will be completed in advance of schedule, according to Mr. Evans. This sets the date about Jan. 1, 1937.

The line passes through the Cherokee and Nantahala National forests and lands owned by the Nantahala Power and Light Co., of Bryson City. The distance is about 35 miles. TVA is in charge of construction, in cooperation with the private power company.

It appears that the actual construction of Fowler Bend dam will be stepped up by about 30 days. The surveys are now about complete for the power line, according to the report.

It was learned also that the construction work on the highway to be constructed from Turtletown, Tenn., to the dam site will be pushed with all vigor before the bad weather period.

#### Arrangements Made For Annual Foxhunt

Arrangements were begun this week for the annual meeting of the Tri-State Foxhunters association convention to be held in Murphy sometime in October.

The "fox hunt of fox hunts" will be held somewhere in Cherokee county, Walter Witt, of Peachtree, president of the association said.

A bench show will be held at the Murphy Fair grounds the day before the first race. Numerous prizes will be given the winning dogs.

Other officers of the association are: Bruce King, Topton, vice-president, and Mrs. Rob Foard, Murphy, secretary-treasurer.

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### First Casualty On Dam Project Occurs Monday

The first casualty resulting in death to a worker on the Fowler Bend dam project occurred Monday when Guy Yates, 22, employed by the Codell construction company, contractors for the principal access road to the dam from Turtletown, Tenn., was fatally injured.

Yates, whose home was in Jackson, Ohio, listed as a shovel oiler, died in the Petrie hospital several hours after he was struck by the machine. The accident occurred early in the afternoon and he died at 8 o'clock that night.

The body was shipped to his home where burial services will be held by Peyton G. Ivie, Murphy funeral director.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Artie Damorin Yates, and a sister, both of Jackson, and a brother, T. R. Yates, who is employed on the same project.

### TVA Moves To Acquire Land For New Road

Condemnation proceedings were filed in United States district court at Asheville Friday by the Tennessee Valley Authority on land in Cherokee county to be used as a right-of-way for a road leading to the proposed TVA dam at Fowler Bend. The petition seeks the land of A. G. Bryant, near Vests, in Cherokee county, and in support alleges:

"That pursuant to the authority contained in the Tennessee Valley authority act as amended by public No. 412, the corporation has determined that a dam for the purpose of improving navigation on and promoting control of the flood waters of the Tennessee river and its tributaries should be constructed on the tributary of the Tennessee river known as Hiwassee river in Cherokee county said dam to be constructed at or near the point known as Fowler Bend dam site and located approximately 76.8 miles upstream from the mouth of said river.

"The corporation has caused surveys to be made of the aforesaid Hiawassee dam site, of such land which will be flooded as a result of the construction of said dam, and of the other lands which the corporation will need in connection with the construction of said dam and building of construction camps and other uses incidental to the construction and building of said dam.

### CANNERY PAYING MORE THAN CITY MARKET PRICES

The Mountain Valley Cooperative Cannery at Murphy is now running 7000 cans of vegetables daily, it was estimated by officials this week.

It was also stated that contractors were being paid about 15 cents per bushel more for No. 1 beans than Atlanta and other city markets are paying. Beans are bringing 45 cents per bushel delivered at the cannery.

Also, it was pointed out, farmers who have contracted with the cannery are finding a ready market for their products, thus saving shipping costs and time utilized in sending their vegetables to the city markets.

As yet the Murphy cannery has not shipped any vegetables as their time is occupied in canning them.

#### CAKE AND ICE CREAM SALE

The ladies of the Methodist church have announced that they will sell home made cake and ice cream on the lawn of the church Saturday night from six until 9 o'clock.

### HONOR OLD FOLKS AT M. E. CHURCH HERE ON SUNDAY

A very unique service was held at the Methodist church last Sunday at 11 o'clock, honoring elderly people of the community.

The church was lavishly decorated with garden flowers and rocking chairs were provided for the honor guests. Mrs. Elizabeth Mayfield, 85, was given a book by Stanley E. James as honor guest prize for being the oldest persons present. Mr. and Mrs. A. McD. Harshaw received two books for being the oldest couple, their ages totaling 156, one for being married the longest.

After a short message by the pastor, testimonies were given by several honor guests. Nine persons over 80 years old were present and all old folks sang old-fashioned hymns unassisted by the choir with much spirit.

### ROOSEVELT TO VISIT W. N. C. SEPTEMBER 9

#### President Will Pass Through Robbinsville On Trip.

Washington, Aug. 13.—President Roosevelt will spend the night of September 9 in the Great Smoky Mountains National park area, drive to Asheville the next morning and take his special train from that city to Charlotte, where he is to address the Green Pastures Southern Democratic rally on September 10, he told Representative Robert Doughton today.

It is undecided as yet whether he will go to Charlotte via Spartanburg or will take the route through Salisbury, and it probably will not be known until a short time before his departure from Asheville. After his conference with President Roosevelt this morning, however, Representative Doughton said he had suggested that he come by Salisbury, as this would enable him to travel over more of the Tar Heel state.

Doughton's talk with the President concerning his North Carolina visit followed his tax conference at the White House this morning. Asked if he thought the President would hold to his announcement not to discuss politics at Charlotte, Doughton said he discussed this matter with Mr. Roosevelt and he could assure those who attend the meeting that they will hear a wonderful speech.

The congressman winked, as he said this, indicating that Mr. Roosevelt will strike back at his Republican and anti-New Deal critics in his Charlotte address. The speeches in the drought area will be strictly non-political.

Doughton pointed out to the President that the meeting was being staged by Young Democrats and the thousands who were coming would be disappointed unless he made a political speech, in part at least.

Doughton, along with other prominent North Carolinians, will join the President on his special train at Asheville.

The congressman said the President expressed keen anticipation over his visit to North Carolina and was expecting to enjoy every minute of his stay in the state.

### Masons Here Invite Visitors to Meeting

Masons of Cherokee Lodge No. 146, A. F. & A. M. will meet for a regular communication Monday evening, September 7, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. at the Lodge on Tennessee street. All members are urged to be present, and a cordial welcome also will be extended to tourist brothers, and to all Masons here with the TVA.

### TAX VALUATION IS AT LOWEST POINT IN YEARS

#### County-Wide Rate of 90 Cents Is Set By Commissioners

A. M. Simonds, Cherokee county accountant, has given the following report on taxation in the county:

"Cherokee county's tax valuation is at the lowest point in many years due to the fact of reduction by the tax commissioners on property damaged by high waters during the past winter and the Government taking over several thousand acres of land in Cherokee county, mostly in Beaverton Township, which is non-taxable when owned by the Government.

"For the year 1936 the total valuation of all property, real and personal amounts to \$7,203,996 which compares with a valuation of about \$9,500,000 in 1926. This shows a loss in valuation of \$2,296,004.

"The tax rate for 1926 was \$1.70 for each \$100.00 valuation with a total revenue derived from taxes for the year 1926 being \$235,434.92.

"The county-wide tax rate for this year is \$.90 on the \$100.00 valuation which produces a revenue of \$100,752.25 revealing a loss in revenue of \$134,682.67 below the income nine years ago. The earlier amount included funds for the maintenance of roads and operation of schools.

"At a recent meeting of the Board of County Commissioners a levy of 90 cents on the \$100 valuation county-wide rate was set for the fiscal year. In several Townships the rate was reduced. In Beaverton Township the tax rate was reduced 10 cents on the \$100 valuation; in Murphy Township it was reduced 15 cents on the \$100 valuation, and in Hot House Township it was reduced 15 cents on the \$100 valuation, with the fact of reduction of tax valuations and a reduction of revenues derived and with much of the taxes falling into tax sale certificates for the past few years due to the fact that the public was not able to pay their taxes. The Board of County Commissioners have retired approximately \$140,000 of bonded indebtedness in the past year. This amount was purchased for approximately \$75,000 by buying this indebtedness below par and means a saving to the tax payers of about \$65,000. By this means of buying the county's indebtedness for around 50 per cent of par value and by economy the county in a few more years will be out of debt and the County tax rate can still be lowered.

"The Board of County Commissioners have retired the amount of indebtedness as above stated and have maintained a bank account during the year of around \$20,000, and at the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936 they had a bank account of \$20,000. By keeping a bank account of around this amount will enable the Board to take advantage and buy County indebtedness at a saving to the taxpayers."

### Seventh Grade Exam Will Be Given Here

All boys and girls in the county who expect to attend Murphy High School next term beginning August 31, and who have not taken the Seventh grade examination required by the state will please report to the High School building Friday, August 28th at 9 o'clock in order to take this test before the opening of school.

#### SLIGHT FIRE REPORTED

The local fire department was called Friday night to a house owned by Fred Bates in the Hollow that had caught on fire from its flue. The fire was put out before any damage was done.