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## CORPSE OF BABY FOUND MANGLED IN UNDERBRUSH

Body Dug up by Animal; Mother Is Released By Coroners Jury

A coroner's jury of six men refused to bring charges Tuesday against Annie Mae Kincaid, colored, whose new-born baby was found mangled in the underbrush near her home in Teyana Monday.

Investigation was made in an effort to determine whether or not the baby, which was born Saturday, had been murdered.

A report was brought to Coroner Harry Miller, Sheriff Townson and chief of Police Fred Johnson Monday that the body of a new-born negro baby had been found near the Kincaid home and that the girl had admitted that it was hers.

Testimony at the inquest Tuesday revealed that the Kincaid girl had been alone in the yard of her home Saturday evening, had become desperately ill, and had fallen and rolled down the hill into the underbrush where she gave birth to the baby.

The Kincaid girl said that the baby was dead when born. She said she scooped out a shallow grave and buried it immediately, and then crawled back to the house and to bed. Late that night she told another girl, who was living with her, about the birth, and a midwife was called.

The body of the baby was discovered by several colored women living nearby, who had come to visit Annie May after having hearing she was ill. The tiny corpse had been dragged from the shallow grave by some animal, probably a dog, and one arm and half the head were mangled.

The condition of the body was such that little could be learned from an inspection.

## Bueck Announces Full Faculty List For Murphy School

The faculty for Murphy high and elementary schools, and other schools in the Murphy unit has been completed and the list is announced this week by H. Bueck, superintendent.

New additions to the local high school faculty are Annette Smith, Elizabeth Phillips and Roy Alton Ferguson.

Teachers in Murphy high school are: K. C. Wright, principal, Julian Houston Pitzer, Mrs. Virginia Seehorn Cobb, Mrs. Virginia Benton Hyde, Geneva Dot Higdon, Mrs. Nell McLaughlin Meyers, C. B. Chambers, Mrs. W. E. Studstill, Dorothy Crook, Anne Hill, Mrs. Emily Campbell Miller, Mrs. C. B. Chambers, Reid Mallonee, Mary Lee Felmet, Annette Smith, Elizabeth Phillips and Roy Alton Ferguson.

Murphy Elementary school: Mrs. Emily Davidson, Kate Hayes, Talitha Moore, Mrs. Martha Mayfield Adams, Addie Leatherwood, Emily Sword, Mrs. Alonzo Shields, Mrs. Evelyn Patton, Stella Mason and Clara McCombs.

Tomotla school: Lelia Hayes, Berta Mayfield, Willie Lou Wells.

Bates Creek school: Mrs. J. Frank-

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Superior Court Ends; Few Cases Continued

Moving with something like record speed, the August Term of the Superior Court came to a close this week, with practically every possible case on the docket disposed of. Those cases which were continued were carried over, mostly, because the defendants, though under bond, failed to appear.

## Son's Fight to Break Will Made by Dickey Results in Mistrial

The suit of Fred Dickey Jr. to break the will of his father, the late Fred Dickey Sr., resulted in a mistrial Wednesday when the jurors reported to Judge Bobbitt that they were hopelessly split, eight to four. The foreman did not state which side had the majority.

Young Fred was left \$1,000 by his father, the bulk of the considerable estate going to the widow, Mrs. Maude Bates Dickey. The son, by a former marriage refused to accept this amount and brought suit charging mental incapacity and undue influence.

The son was represented by Attorney Don Witherspoon and Worth McKinney, the latter of Asheville. Mrs. Maude Dickey was represented by Attorneys Gray and Mallonee. Attorney Fred Christopher, Gary's partner, who drew the will, was ineligible to act as counsel because he was a witness.

Rehearing was set for the November term.

## Forgotten Prisoner Walks Away Free, Then Turns Self In

Wesley Tillson who lives out Ranger way, but often circulates around Andrews and Murphy got mixed up on his dates, and as a result is now at the Prison Camp, "building" eight months. He was sentenced by Judge Bobbitt, in Superior court Friday.

If Tillson had chosen to flee, however, he might be far from these parts today, for after he had been sentenced, everybody apparently forgot all about him. He sat in the court-room until adjournment for the day. Then he went out with the crowd, and got himself some supper, and began to ponder what to do next. He finally decided that he didn't want to be a fugitive, and so, shortly before 7 o'clock Friday evening, he went to County Jailor Patton oleman, told him about it, and asked to be locked up.

He reached the jail just a few moments before the arrival of the prison camp wagon. There wasn't even time to put him in a cell. There was only time for him to give Jailor Coleman his TVA work badge, and ask the jailer to arrange to get the TVA pay check and give it to Tillson's wife.

Tillson was sentenced for being drunk and for illegal possession of liquor. His trouble arose from a celebration that was staged too soon.

On Aug. 11, 1939, Tillson was ar-

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## Owen McDonald Hurt In Tunnel at Nantahala

Word has just been received here of an all but fatal accident to Owen McDonald, of the Lower Martins' Creek section, at the Nantahala Dam. McDonald was crushed by a stone while working in a tunnel. He was rushed to a hospital in Franklin. His condition was reported as serious.

The accident occurred last Thursday. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett McDonald, also of Lower Martins' Creek, were notified and hurried to his bedside.

## 11 Volunteers Wanted To Fill September Call

Wayne Walker, secretary to the local draft board, is looking for volunteers to fill the quota for the seventeenth call on September 10.

Heretofore volunteers have filled other calls but this one found the board flat, with not a single man, Walker said.

The September 10 quota will consist of 11 men to be sent to Fort Bragg.

## SWINDLER GIVEN SEVEN YRS. FOR OLMSTED THEFT

Atlanta Crook is Found Guilty of Conspiracy And \$2,000 Larceny

Howell Cobb, of a good Georgia family, but with a police record in Detroit and Atlanta was found guilty of conspiracy and larceny of \$2,000 from Victor C. Olmsted local newspaper publisher in Superior Court Friday and was sentenced to from five to seven years on each charge.

Cobb was convicted after a trial that extended over three days. He was defended by Attorney James McInnes, assisted by a Bonding Company attorney from Salisbury.

Mallonee filed notice of an appeal and Cobb was ordered held under \$3,500 bail. A bonding company representative later said that his company would not accept the risk unless sufficient money was posted. In addition to the regular bonding charge to pay for the expense of going after the prisoner if he should decide to flee.

Cobb had previously visited Olmsted socially, and had been offered a commission and a position if he could find an investor to help Olmsted develop property in East Murphy into a tourist camp. He came to Murphy last year with an alleged attorney and an alleged investor both strangers to Olmsted. The latter was to put up the land and \$2,000 cash and the investor was to put up \$8,000 cash. The money was to be placed in escrow pending development, and the camp was to be owned and operated on a fifty-fifty basis.

After viewing the property and discussing terms, the alleged investor put up \$6,000 cash, giving it to his attorney, Olmsted offered a check, but this was refused, on the grounds that Olmsted might withdraw his funds from the bank and leave the check worthless. Olmsted thereupon went to the bank and withdrew \$2,000 which he turned over to the alleged attorney until all could go to the offices of Gray and Christopher to draw up a formal agreement and put the money in escrow, in bank.

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## ANNUAL COUNTY FARM TOUR SET FOR AUGUST 18

Large Group Will Visit Throughout County on Monday

The Annual Cherokee County Farm and Home Tour will be held Monday, August 18. The Tour will start in front of the Court House at Murphy, at 8:30 o'clock, (E. S. T.), and will cover the Peachtree and Andrews Communities during the morning.

The party will return to Ranger for lunch, prepared by the PTA at the Home Demonstration club.

This Tour will offer opportunity to visit with old friends and will afford a close-up view of outstanding accomplishments, on the farm, and in the home. Ideas gathered may prove beneficial in improving your Farm and Home.

Demonstrations to be visited include Home Improvement and Beautification, Poultry, Pastures, Lime and Phosphate Check Plots, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Rural Electrification, and Agronomy.

With every resident of the County cordially invited to go along, the tour will be well worth making both from an educational and a recreational standpoint. Those without cars will be provided with transportation free, if they are at the Court House when the tour starts.

## Death Lies In Street As Lightning Causes Break in Electric Wire

Three dead lay in Peachtree street in front of the 2100 No. 10 Dr. Barker on Tuesday afternoon when a bolt of lightning struck a tree, which was part of the town electric system, on the sidewalk, with scores of persons passing by. Fortunately no hands touched it, of certain and instant death would have been the result.

The deadly menace was the result of a bolt of lightning which struck a tree, and tore off a branch. The falling limb broke the live wire and one end dangled down on the street. Happily, no children were near. Curiosity might have led one to touch it.

At least two automobiles ran over the wire, but escaped because the rubber tire proved non-conductors.

Manager Harvey Elkins, of the Electric department, left his desk, donned rubber gloves and removed the danger and then climbed a pole and repaired the damage.

## Murphy Boat Docks Moved to Hiwassee Dam and Enlarged

The Murphy boat docks, headquarters for the local and visiting fishermen this season were moved Wednesday from the former location on the lake below Grape creek to Hiwassee Dam. P. J. Henn, owner has announced.

Henn pointed out that the change was made only after due consideration of the best interests of all. The former location was satisfactory to a certain extent, Henn said, but facilities will be much better at Hiwassee.

The docks already located at the dam will be added to Henn's docks beside new sections. They will be located near the Observation House, affording rest rooms and other facilities for comfort.

A walkway has been built from the Observation House to the docks, and electric lights will be installed. Pleasure and fishing boats will be routed from the docks in separate lanes, and the lake will be patrolled constantly at this point. The distance from Murphy to the docks will be greater but this is offset by the fact that the new road now to the dam is paved all the way.

Henn stated that later, when the lake waters are kept at a constant top level, docks will be installed at Murphy.

## Dr. Anderson Returns After 43 year Absence

Here for the first visit in 43 years, Dr. B. C. Anderson, whose boyhood home was in Peachtree, came back to Murphy, Wednesday, and found it so different from his early recollections that he thought he must be in the wrong place. Dr. Anderson now is a practicing physician in Spartanburg, S. C., and came here on a vacation. His family moved in 1898.

Making a motor trip with his family, Dr. Anderson, who could easily pass for 40, stopped to look up boyhood friends. He also took out a subscription for the Scout, declaring his father had read the paper since the first issue.

## Scheduled Announced For Dog Vaccinations

The County Health department has announced a new schedule for vaccination of dogs. All who fail to comply are subject to prosecution. The schedule follows:

Saturday, Aug. 16, 1941: Bates Creek, Dockery's Store—9 A. M.; White Church, Grandview—10 A. M.; Grandview Post Office—10:30 A. M.; Boiling Springs—11:30 A. M.; and Ebenezer School—1 P. M.

## TVA "RAID" ROBS ELKINS OF BOTH LINEMAN AIDES

Electric Dept. Manager Works Day and Night; Storms Wreak Havoc

Harve Elkins, widely known popular manager of the Murphy Electrical Department had his duties vastly expanded this week when he became the entire department.

It was an unsought honor. It came as a result of a "raid" by the TVA which took away both Elkins' linemen. Wal Palmer, until last week he worked for the Government, Carl Bingham quit Monday.

A TVA official is said to have promised that the men would not be hired until Elkins could replace them. Both men are gone, however, leaving Manager Elkins to do not only the executive work, but also to don pole climbing spurs, and do all the line work in addition.

The result has been that Elkins has been working 16 or more hours a day all week long. A series of electrical storms played havoc with the town power, lightning struck in several places, mostly in the outlying sections. No fires were started, but in almost every case electrical service was disrupted. Elkins was kept hurrying from one end of town to the other, far into the night, both Monday and Tuesday.

Meanwhile, distress calls had been sent by the town to Atlanta, Asheville, Chattanooga and Knoxville, without result. Word came back that so far as was known, the men who could be recommended as competent and reliable were already employed. The few jobless electrical workers who were known to power officials were described as being too unreliable to justify their hiring.

Mayor Charles Mayfield told the

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## 45-Cent Robbery Sends Two To Pen For Three Years

Raymond Kimball and W. P. Picklesimer, two of four young men arrested about three weeks ago charged with highway robbery and assault on Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Patton, elderly couple visiting Murphy from Georgia, were sentenced to from three to five years each in the State Penitentiary Friday. Their loot consisted of a pair of pliers, a cheap pen-knife and 45 cents in cash.

Claude and H. B. Picklesimer, brothers of one of the convicted youths, were freed by order of Judge Bobbitt when Patton testified that he "believed" they took part in the hold-up but would not make his identification positive. Jesse Picklesimer, another brother, is being sought by police. He is said to have been the one who assaulted the victim.

Mr. Patton, a cattle buyer, and his wife, had come to Murphy to visit friends and relatives. Saturday evening, July 19, they went to a spring in Factorytown, on the outskirts of Murphy to eat a picnic supper. Afterwards Mr. Patton decided to take a nap, and soon his wife dozed too.

About one o'clock in the morning, they said, the Picklesimers and Kim-

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## Grid Practice Begins On Monday Afternoon

Early football practice will begin here Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, J. H. Pitzer, coach, has announced.

About 20 boys are expected to report for this practice, while a much larger squad will be gathered at the opening of school. Very few veterans of last year's squad are left to build on this season.