

## TVA MAN BEATEN, ROBBED, HE SAYS, IN COUNTY JAIL

### Attacked After "Trial" By "Kangaroo Court" In Cell, He Charges

A petition of protest is being circulated in Murphy as the result of charges by a TVA worker that he was robbed while in jail. He also charges that he was beaten so badly that it was necessary to call a doctor.

He blames the robbery and the beating on other prisoners in the county jail, following a "Kangaroo Court". The latter is a prison-born racket whereby old inmates "try" an incoming prisoner, usually on charges of "Breaking into jail". The verdict is always "guilty", and the unfortunate newcomer usually is fined everything he has that the others want. If he refuses to give up willingly, his possessions are taken by force.

That is what this victim says happened to him.

The TVA worker, who asked that his name not be printed lest it might cost his job, says he was taken from an automobile in which he was sleeping and locked up in the County Jail. He denies he was drunk, and says he was told that he had been arrested for being a "public nuisance".

Taken before the Mayor next day, however, he says he was charged with, and convicted of being drunk. He had called no witnesses, and he was fined.

Before that happened, however, the alleged victim says that when he was put in a cell with other prisoners, they asked him if he had any money. He told them that the officer who arrested him had taken all his cash but forty cents.

A "Kangaroo Court" was promptly convened by the prisoners, he says, and he was fined \$1. The 40 cents he offered was not satisfactory, and the other prisoners jumped on him, got him down, and searched him. They found \$5 hidden away.

The TVA worker says the others took this \$5, and then, angry because they said he had been "holding out", they attacked him with a broom stick, beating him over the head so severely that he required medical treatment.

Friends of the victim have told the Scout they intend taking the matter up with the Town Board.

## First Aid Classes

First aid classes are being held every Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the club room at the Library, with Dr. and Mrs. Birdsong in charge. All women are urged to attend.

## Blood To Flow And Bones To Crunch At High School Auditorium Friday Night

Those who love a good fight, or a "rassin' match"—and who doesn't?—will find dishes of each to their liking at the Murphy High School auditorium Friday night, Dec. 19, in a real sport carnival sponsored by Joe Miller Post of the American Legion. Doors will open at 7:15 P. M. and blood is expected to start flowing shortly thereafter.

The price is 50 cents for general admission, or 75 cents for a reserved seat. Tickets are going like the proverbial hotcakes and a packed house is likely. The promoters swear they have a couple of battlers with 60-to-sleep punches in either hand, and two sets of boze crushers for the rassin' matches.

The fighters are heavyweights. Ray Steele, of Graham County will pit his many art against Jack Devalt, a wicked-punching pro from Jacksonville, Fla.

There will be two rassin' matches. The feature event will be between two fine heavyweights: Chief Kirk-

## Mrs. Margaret Rowland, 89, Passes In Home Of Daughter In Peachtree

Death took one of the oldest residents of the County last Thursday when Mrs. Margaret Pace Rowland, of Marble, Route One, died after a brief illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Callie Morrison, of Peachtree. She was 89 years, five months and 17 days old.

Funeral services were held Saturday from the Morrison home in Peachtree, and burial was in the old family graveyard on Slow Creek, between Peachtree and Marble. Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Besides Mrs. Morrison, the deceased is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Robert Beavers, of Murphy and Mrs. Jim Jones, of Whittier, and four sons: Nick, Ed, Andrew and Ham. She also leaves a brother, James Pace, of Topton.

Forty nine grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers were Vernon Parker, Wadx, Hoyt, Gus and R. C. Johnson and George Rowland.

Mae and Diana Lee Johnson, Frankie Hyde, Pauline Nations and Louise Linn were flower girls.

The Rev. Robert Barker officiated.

## One Killed, Five Hurt In Head-On Crash Of Cars On No. 64

One man was killed and five others injured, in a head on collision on U. S. Highway No. 64, three miles east of Hayesville, Sunday night. Andrew Jackson Carter, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died on the way to Petrie Hospital.

In the car with Carter, was his brother, Guy and Harry Falls, also of Chattanooga. They were headed east. The other car was driven by Herbert Blanton, an iron worker on Chatuge Dam, who also is from Chattanooga. In the car with Blanton, were Roy Byers of Chattanooga and John Waters of Hayesville.

Blanton, Byers and Waters were all iron workers on the Chatuge dam and had just come off duty and were headed for Hayesville.

Andrew J. Carter, driver of the car in which he was killed, was carrying his brother, a Sergeant in the U. S. Army, back to Fort Jackson, S. C., to report for duty after a furlough.

Sergeant Carter, Harry Falls and John Waters were taken to Murphy General Hospital, where Waters was found to have suffered severe cuts and bruises, but was not seriously injured. Sergeant Carter and Falls both suffered broken legs, which were set by Dr. Bryan Whitfield.

land, a Cherokee Indian from the reservation who tips the beams at 196 pounds, and a cute little number named "Pug" Sloan, from Knoxville. Pug weighs only 194, but he says he is two pounds meaner than the Chief.

The second wrestling match is for the championship of Western North Carolina, which title is sought, strangely enough, by two members of the grunt and groan profession who don't live here. However, they say they're willing to take on any local who wants to argue.

One of these wrestlers is known as Bill "Little Demon" Hickson. He weighs 165 pounds and claims to be light-heavyweight champion of New Mexico, which he calls "home". The other is Jack Pitzer, 170 lbs., who says he is light-heavyweight champion of Tennessee. Mr. Pitzer hails from Knoxville.

All told, it looks like a large evening unless you have a reserved seat, you'd better get there early.

## SAM COVER HURT AS AUTO WRECKS ON VIRGINIA ROAD

### Both Legs Broken, Ribs Fractured, And May Be Internally Hurt

Mr. Sam Cover widely known retired industrialist, is in a hospital in Winchester, Va., seriously injured as a result of an automobile on the Skyland trail, in the Shenandoah Valley. Mrs. Cover, his wife, and Miss Frances Cover, his daughter are at his bedside.

Latest available news, by long distance phone, as the Scout went to press, was that Mr. Cover's condition remains grave. Also a letter from his daughter, Miss Frances, to a friend in Andrews, stated that her father had sustained a serious injury to one of his eyes, and might lose it.

Meager reports here are that both the victim's legs were broken in the wreck; that he also suffered several fractured ribs, and that he may have been internally injured. Because of his age, grave fears are entertained by his kinsmen and his host of friends.

Details as to the cause of the wreck are lacking. According to best available reports, it was the result of ice covered roads, which caused Mr. Cover's car to skid. The Skyland trail skirts deep valleys lying at the foot of precarious slopes. Whether the victim's car plunged down one of these slopes is not known.

The accident occurred last Saturday while Mr. Cover was returning home from a trip to Leesburg, Va. His wife and daughter left for his hospital bedside at once, after being informed of the accident.

## Patrols of Boy Scouts To Cover Entire Town Seeking Waste Paper

The Boy Scouts have started a "Save Waste Paper" drive. Town Clerk Christopher has donated a building for the storing of the paper and the Scouts will make weekly collections all over town.

The boys will visit homes on Saturday and will call at stores and places of business on Monday and Thursday afternoons. The Panther Patrol, led by Howard Holley, will cover territory east of Valley River Ave. and The Fox Patrol led by John Hodges will cover territory west of Valley River Ave. A contest is on between the two patrols to see which can gather the most paper. The loser will stand a treat to the winner.

All Scouts are urged to meet at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 when pictures will be made.

## Xmas Issue Of Scout Advanced To Reach Readers Wednesday

Believing that most of its readers will be too busy exchanging gifts and good wishes with friends on Christmas day—and also to give the editor and employees a Xmas holiday, the Scout will be printed earlier next week.

It is planned to go to press Tuesday night, instead of Thursday, and the readers should get their paper on Wednesday, the day before Xmas.

All correspondents of the Scout are requested, most earnestly, to get the news of their localities in the mails Sunday evening, and certainly not later than Monday.

Next week's issue will print the many, many letters to Santa Claus written by children all over the county. These letters will be printed exactly as written—and since the Scout will come out ahead of schedule, old Santa will be sure to see them in time.

## Harry Ward In Battle With Canadian Forces Defending Hongkong

News of the siege of Hongkong by the Japanese, with an unreported number of dead and wounded in the "crown settlement" strikes terror to the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Newell Ward of Andrews and their daughter, Mrs. Elmer Holt, of Murphy. Harry Ward, their son and brother, is one of the defenders of the Chinese city. He is in the Canadian army.

Harry, born and reared in Andrews, and for a long time editor of the Junaluska Journal enlisted in the Canadian Infantry several months ago, and was assigned to "The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles," a crack outfit. He has been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Several weeks ago Harry wrote to his sister, Mrs. Holt, that his outfit was sailing, next day, for guard duty, at Hongkong.

That "Guard duty" has since developed into battle, and no word has been received from him since his departure.

## Death Just Misses Party As Landslide Blocks Highway 19

A landslide on U. S. 19 Saturday afternoon directly opposite the Rhodo flag stop, five miles east of Andrews blocked traffic for seven hours on this much traveled route.

One way traffic was maintained. The slide closed the new road which had been finished late this fall. The big biway was piled with rock and earth for a depth of about seven feet over a distance of seventy-five feet. The Southern Railway tracks parallel to the road at this point, but only a few rocks reached the railway right-of-way, and they did no damage.

The earth and rock fell from a distance of seventy five feet leaving a sheer cliff.

Before the mountain gave way an automobile with several passengers had cleared that part of the highway by only a few seconds.

## School Music Classes Plan Pageant Friday

High school music classes are presenting an extensive pageant this year, composed of two choirs totaling 100 people. The "Story of Christ" will be presented with the aid of the dramatic classes.

The first and second graders also have their part in the pageant. Jacquetta Hill and Gloria Hendricks are featured soloists.

The pageant will be presented twice; at one P. M. and two P. M., Friday, Dec. 19. The public is invited.

## County Jail Inmates Forget Troubles As Visitors Make Cells Ring With Melody

The County Jail was full almost to overflowing last Sunday. A lot of the inmates were suffering from "hang-over" headaches and tortured stomachs—but even so, for a couple of hours, not one of them would have left if he could.

The reason was some lovely choral music by a group from Copperhill and Culberson, headed by the Rev. J. A. Tarpley, of the Church of God. The Rev. Tarpley also preached his text being from the words of John: "For God so Loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son". He spoke briefly, sincerely, tenderly, and he made a deep impression.

But it was the music that appealed most. The hymns were not the tunes with which members of other sects are familiar. The melodies were more modern. And they permitted grand harmony.

The prisoners didn't try to join in with the visitors; but it was plain that a lot of them would have liked

## FATAL SHOOTING FOLLOWS FIGHT OVER POLITICS

### Lawrence Bryson Dead; Bob Allen, a Neighbor Is Held As Slayer

A quarrel said to have started over politics resulted first in a fist fight and then in a killing, Saturday night, when Lawrence Lee Bryson, 52 year old Murphy carpenter, was fatally shot, allegedly by his neighbor, Bob Allen, 66 year old retired logger.

Bryson died in Murphy General Hospital Sunday afternoon. Before dying he is reported to have said that he was shot from behind, without a chance to defend himself.

First to reach the scene after the shooting was Town Clerk Christopher, who was in the kitchen of his home less than fifty feet distant, when the shots were fired. Mr. Christopher first thought the explosions were from firecrackers. A moment later, however, he heard Bryson groaning, and investigated.

Bryson was fully conscious. Allen, according to Christopher, was about 60 feet distant, and was walking slowly down the hill toward his home.

The Town Clerk says Bryson told him he had been running away from Allen when he was shot. Later in the hospital, Bryson declared he had been shot once after he had fallen.

Allen, arrested at his home shortly after the shooting, is held in the County Jail. Seen by a reporter, he refused to make any statement.

Bryson was shot three times; in the shoulder; in the neck, and in the hip. It was the last shot that proved fatal, an autopsy disclosed, the bullet ranging upward and piercing vital organs.

The shooting is said to have been the aftermath of a quarrel which came to blows near the Carnegie library. Bryson and Allen, of different political faiths, are said to have gotten in an argument over the merits of the Roosevelt administration. Lying on his death bed, Bryson said that Allen called him a liar, twice, and then after the second time, he "slapped" him.

Others, claiming to have seen the fight, said Allen was struck so hard he was staggered.

Bryson was arrested by Chief of Police, Fred Jhonson and was tried a short time later by Mayor Mayfield. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs. He asked and was given permission to go home and get the money.

Bryson later said that he had gotten the money and was on his way back to the Mayor's office when he was shot.

So far as can be learned by the Scout, there were no witnesses.

to do it. Instead paid the great tribute of absolute silence during the singing, followed immediately by clamorous demands for encores.

Jailer Patton Coleman came upstairs to listen—and remained. So did Sheriff Carl Townson, who had stopped at the jail for a brief visit. So, also, did Ernest Burnett, Fire District Fire Warden, who had called to see Jailer Coleman.

The singers who came with the Rev. Tarpley included:

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Forester; Estelle, Sadie and Lester Forester; Ella and Anna Belle Jenkins; Josie, Ruby and Matney Montgomery, and Wilma Wilcox.

Gordon Thomas, of Martins Creek and Newt Ledford, of Murphy came to the jail intending to hold services for the prisoners, but arrived after the others had started. They remained as interested listeners, and Ledford joined in some of the singing.