

## THIRD JAIL BREAK IS ATTEMPTED BY 4 FACING DEATH

### Beasley Boys, Cornwell And Cheatham Saw Two Bars of Cell

Less than a week after their second jail break and re-capture, Homer Cheatham, Clarence Cornwell and the two Beasley brothers tried it again Tuesday night. They were balked after sawing out two of the steel bars of their cell.

Failure of their third break was due to the keen ears of Jailer Patton Coleman. He heard the hack-saw as bits its way through the bars and investigated—just in time. The opening was too small to allow the bodies of the men to pass through, but sawing through one more bar would have been enough.

The men would have had considerable difficulty before winning to freedom. However, they had gotten out twice before, by climbing through a ventilator to the roof, and then letting themselves down to the ground, hand over hand, on a rope stolen from the jails dumb-waiter.

After investigating Tuesday night, Jailer Coleman summoned Carl Townson, State Highway Patrolman Smith also went to the jail, and the three searched the prisoners, and their cell. Two files, a hack-saw blade and a pair of pliers were found. It is said that Cornwell can take a pair of pliers, and a piece of wire, and pick most locks.

The prisoners insisted that they had found the saw and files in the cell, where they had been hidden by some former inmate. Cornwell admitted that the pliers were his. He said he had them hidden in the leg of one of his socks, where they escaped notice, when he was recaptured last week.

Jailer Coleman does not believe the story about the saw and blades. He believes they were smuggled in to the prisoners, and as a result he has ruled that no more visitors will be allowed to see the men under any circumstances, unless he or some other guard is present. The same rule will apply to all other prisoners, thus making it impossible for a confederate to smuggle in contraband by pretending to visit some one else.

Cheatham and the two Beasley boys, the latter escaped convicts from Georgia, are held on charges of armed robbery after nightfall, and with assault with intent to kill, following their hold-up and shooting of aged Alan Owenby at his home in Liberty. Cornwell is held for the armed robbery after dark of his aged uncle and aunt, the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Cornwell. All four of the prisoners face possible death sentences.

When the four escaped last week, Bass Davis, another prisoner went with them. Davis is still at large.

Because of the war situation it is doubtful whether the bars which the men sawed through can be replaced.

It takes 30,000 pounds of rag content bond to make enough blueprint paper to draw the plans for one battleship.

## Navy To Open Special Recruiting Stations In Andrews, Robbinsville, Next Week

Navy Recruiting Stations will be established in Andrews, on March 16, and at Robbinsville, on March 17. In both places there will be a special branch for Negroes.

For the Regular Navy the age limits are 17 to 31, and for the Reserve the limits are 17 to 50.

Men who enlist are given every opportunity to learn a trade, such as electrician, auto mechanic, radio man, boiler maker, carpenter, etc. Every man is given a series of tests

## Draft Takes Largest Group From Here Yet; Men Depart Tuesday

The largest group of draftees yet to be drawn from Cherokee County left Tuesday for an un-named camp, under the leadership of William Wallace Moore, of Andrews.

Censorship forbids giving the number in the group, or divulging their names. Draft Board Secretary Wayne Walker remarked, however, that each call that is received is for a larger number of men than the one before, and that the list of those classified as 1-A is nearly exhausted.

Those who signed up in the latest registration will be classified next Tuesday, St. Patrick's Day. Under present plans, no one in any classification in this list will be called to service until those in the same classification in previous registrations have been inducted. This plan, however, like present day prices, is "subject to change without notice."

## Youth Is Stabbed By His Brother In Quarrel Over Car

Two brothers, one armed with a knife, battled with each other in the fitful light outside a tavern in the outskirts of Murphy Wednesday night, until one of them was stabbed in the shoulder.

The wounded brother went to a hospital for treatment, and then left. He made no complaint to the police, but word of the fight had reached both Jailer Patton Coleman and Policeman Frank Crawford.

Coleman, who also is Sheriff Townson's Chief deputy, went to the road house, outside the town limits, to investigate. He was told that one of the brothers had loaned the other his car, and that the latter had failed to return it on time. The owner of the car located it at the tavern, and found his brother inside. There were harsh words, then blows, and finally the stab wound.

Returning to town Deputy Coleman saw Ed Graves and took him to jail for questioning. He said he had been stabbed, but that he "wasn't hurt bad."

A moment later, Policeman Crawford brought in Joe Graves.

The latter was locked up; but on Thursday he told police he would not appear against him.

## Rites Held on Sunday For Mrs. Callie Garren

Mrs. Callie Toterow Garrer, who died in Clover, S. C., last Friday, March 6th, was buried Sunday at 3 P. M. at the Wolf Creek Baptist Church, with the Rev. W. A. Heddin officiating. Interment was in the Church cemetery. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Garren is survived by six children; Elbert Totherow and Edgar Garren, of Murphy; Nath Toterow, of Clover, S. C.; Mrs. Alma Dorsey and Mrs. Ella King, of Gastonia, and Mrs. T. B. Stevens, of Washington, D. C.

Pall bearers were: Sam McKay, H. E. Bandy, B. R. Carroll, J. C. Bowman, J. C. Bandy and Roy Woody.

## PLAN IS REVIVED FOR COUNTY WIDE BOOSTER GROUP

### Newly Named Board of Murphy Chamber To Probe Possibilities

Newly elected Directors of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce will meet in special session within the next few days, for a discussion of future plans. There is a growing sentiment for merging the Murphy body into a County-wide organization.

It may be that the directors will decide to make contacts in Andrews, Marble and other communities to see whether a county-wide Chamber can be formed.

It has pointed out that what helps one part of the County helps all, and that unified support of every section is vital, if Cherokee County is to move ahead.

Whether Andrews, Marble and the other sections can yet be persuaded to cooperate is not known. If they can be it is likely that the Directors of the Murphy Chamber will not elect a president, but will work instead toward perfecting the county-wide organization.

The County wide group, if formed, would name its own officers. It has been suggested that one member of the Board of Directors be named from each participating community, and that these elect a president, vice president and secretary either from their own number, or from the membership at large.

With such an organization, membership should be large enough to make the dues reasonably small, and still have funds enough in the treasury to hire a full-time secretary. The latter would boost not one town, but the entire county. Headquarters could be wherever the Directors might decide.

The newly elected directors of the Murphy Chamber are:

Dr. W. A. Hoover, Peyton G. Ivie, Prof. H. Bueck, K. C. Wright, J. B. Gray, W. A. Sherrill, Noah Lovingood, H. A. Mattox, Jim Gibbs, F. O. Christopher, John Donley, E. L. Holt, and Joe E. Ray.

Messrs. Bueck, Wright, Gray, Lovingood and Christopher are Directors. The others were re-elected.

## Movie Star Besieged By Fans At Regal Hotel

"Cherokee County is a grand place," in the opinion of "Wild Bill" Elliott, movie star, who made a personal appearance at the Chic Theater in Murphy last Tuesday. With Wild Bill was comedian "Cannonball" Taylor, and the Rodik twins, singing, dancing and hard riding film "cow girls."

The visitors shook hands with more than 1,000 people at the theater, and they were literally besieged by movie fans: who jammed the lobby of the Regal Hotel, where the visitors stopped. Nearly everybody wanted autographs, and all who asked got them.

## Donley To License Sale And Use of Explosives

John W. Donley, clerk of the Superior Court has been appointed Federal Licensing Agent in charge of the sale and use of explosives in Cherokee County. Anyone planning to sell, buy, or use explosives of any sort must get a permit, and failure to do so may be punished with a fine, or imprisonment, or both.

A nominal fee of 25 cents will be charged for each permit.

Mr. Donley received his appointment from the Secretary of Interior Washington, D. C.

A new board-like building material is made of fexcelson, water silicate of soda, soybean protein and quicklime. It is strong, heat-insulating and can be sawn, planed or nailed.

# County Draft Board Threatens to Quit In Row Over Ruling

## Murphy Conducts "Business As Usual" Without Any Mayor

For more than a week the town of Murphy has actually been without an official head. Since the death of the late Mayor Mayfield, Mr. Noah W. Lovingood, Mayor pro-tem, has been carrying on; but it is claimed that he lacks legal authority.

"The charter of the Town authorizes the Mayor pro-tem to function during the temporary absence of the Mayor," a lawyer explained to the Scout. "It does not, however, qualify him to function in case the Mayor dies. There is vast difference between being Mayor Pro-tem and being Vice-Mayor."

"Under the charter the town will be without a Mayor until the Board meets and elects one. Also, they cannot elect the man who has been Mayor Pro-tem, or any other member of the Board to the post until the electee has resigned from the Board. On the other hand, the Board can, if it wishes, elect some one from private life."

Several attempts have been made during the past week to have a Board meeting and election, but as the Scout goes to press, it has been impossible to get all the members together. First one was out of town. Then another found it impossible to attend. Meanwhile the town affairs have been going along as usual.

General opinion is that Mr. Lovingood, in due time, will resign, and be formally elected Mayor. Then, of course, some one will have to be elected from private life, to fill the vacancy thus caused in the Board. There are no announced candidates.

## Contracts For Canning Ready For Farmers

Farmer-contracts are ready at the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning Association, and J. B. Shields, general manager, says prices this year will be considerably higher than usual. Beans, for instance, will run to \$1.05 per bushel.

Contracts may be obtained from Mr. Shields, at the cannery, in East Murphy.

## Singers To Meet With Calvary Baptist Church

Cherokee County 3rd Sunday evening Convention will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Murphy. Several out of town singers have been invited and a good singing is expected.

ROY HELTON, Pres.

## Coming Week For Forest Protection Proclamation By Broughton Sets Aside

A special proclamation by Gov. Broughton proclaims the week of March 15-21 as "Forest Protection Week," throughout North Carolina. The week includes Arbor Day, which falls on March 20.

Especially emphasized during the week will be the necessity of protecting the forest lands of the State against fires, their worst enemy, which burned over some 728,947 acres of privately owned lands last year.

Had the timber represented by fire waste been saved, a sufficient

## Order Sending Draftee To Camp Nullified By Officer In Raleigh

Angered at being arbitrarily overruled in the classification of a draftee, the County Draft Board on Wednesday sent an ultimatum to Raleigh, announcing that their decision in the case must be accepted, or they will resign in a body.

The draftee in question was classified by the Board as 1-A, and this finding was backed up by the Board of Appeals. The army medical examiners in Asheville pronounced the man fit, and he was supposed to have gone to camp Tuesday.

At the eleventh hour, however, a telegram was received from Mayor Thomas A. Upton, assistant to Gen. Van B. Metts, State Draft Director, in Raleigh, ordering that the man be deferred.

The draftee is still here, and Chairman W. S. Dickey and Sec. and members Walter Witt and H. M. Whitaker, of the County Draft Board are demanding a "show-down" to see whether the draft is to be managed at home or "by long distance."

This is not the first clash with Major Upton, who is a former officer in the State National Guard. A few weeks ago a Cherokee county boy who had served in the Army and been honorably discharged, was drafted for new service. He applied to the Board for indefinite deferment so that he could go to Hawaii to accept a fine paying job as a steam fitter's assistant.

When his request was refused, he appealed, and lost again.

Then he went to Raleigh, and Major Upton is said to have sent a telegram ordering that the ruling of the local Draft Board be disregarded.

In the present "show-down" case, the draftee is said to have been successfully fighting induction into the service for nearly a year.

"This man claims exemption on the grounds that he must support his mother," one of the Board members explained. "The record doesn't bear that claim out."

The original county draft board, J. W. Lovingood, W. S. Dickey and Dr. Parker placed this man in class 1-A, he appealed and lost, but the medical examiners put him in class 1-B.

"Then the present Board was named, and checked up on all cases. They put this man back in Class 1-A. Again he appealed, and once more he lost. This time, too, the medical examiners found that he was entirely fit."

"This man then took his case to Raleigh, and we got a letter from Major Upton demanding an explanation."

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