

## Dockery Gets New Trial Set For November Court

A new trial was ordered last week by the North Carolina Supreme Court for Noah Dockery 45, of Hanging Dog, who was sentenced here April 18 to death in the gas chamber. The sentence followed his conviction in Cherokee County Superior Court of the shotgun slaying of Sheriff Frank Crawford.

The new trial is set for the November term of Cherokee County Superior Court, which opens Nov. 9 here.

Dockery was said to have shot Crawford as the sheriff attempted to serve a warrant charging Dockery with arson of a sawmill.

The court, in ordering the new trial for Dockery, said that arguments made to the jury by a lawyer for the private prosecution were improper.

The lawyer, in arguing against recommendation of mercy by the jury, had asserted "there is no such thing as life imprisonment in North Carolina today."

If the jury had recommended mercy Dockery's sentence would have been life imprisonment.

The court said the argument "was an appeal calculated and intended to induce the jury not to exercise the 'unbridled discretionary right' given to them by law. Furthermore, in support of his appeal, counsel traveled outside the record and argued facts which were not in evidence."

Dockery's lawyer did not take exception to the argument. But Judge Allen H. Gwyn, who presided at the Superior Court trial, called it to the attention of the Supreme Court. The high court said that where lawyers do not take exception, it will not grant new trials for improper arguments except in death cases.

## McGuire, Hit By Lightning, Dies

Fred McGuire of Alcoa, World War 11 fighter pilot, died at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn. Sept. 22 from burns inflicted by a lightning bolt on Norris Lake while he and a companion were on a hunting trip Sept. 11. He was 32.

Mr. McGuire has a number of relatives in Andrews. The funeral was held Thursday, Sept. 24.

Mr. McGuire suffered head, hand and shoulder burns when struck by the bolt. He never regained consciousness. He and his companion, Harley Lyons, of Alcoa a grocer, were in a small boat at the time. Mr. McGuire was unloading his shotgun. A thunder-shower broke, and the lightning bolt struck the boat, splintering it. Mr. Lyons was injured less seriously.

The former pilot of a P-47 fighter plane flew several missions over Germany during World War 11. He was a member of Alcoa Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Queen McGuire; two daughters, Darla Jean, 8 and Carol Ann, 4, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady McGuire of Maryville; a brother, Gwynn, of Maryville; two sisters, Mrs. Faye M. Gilbert, Maryville; and Mrs. James R. Mull, Chattanooga.

## J. W. Jones Buried In Andrews

John Williams Jones 64, a former resident of Andrews, died at his home Stanley, Route 1, at 11:15 p. m. Sunday, Sept. 20. He had been ill since January.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p. m. Wednesday in the Valley Town Baptist Church, near Andrews. Burial was in the Andrews Cemetery.

The body lay in state in the church one hour prior to the service.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mrs. Aggie Anderson; two daughters, Mrs. Louise Curtis and Mrs. Dorothy Bradley of Stanley and Cpl. Boyd Jones of the Marine Corps in California; three brothers, R. T. and Lavador Jones, both of Blairsville, Ga. and Theodore Jones of Andrews; one sister, Mrs. Hattie Taylor of Canton and 11 grandchildren.

Carothers Funeral Home of Gastonia was in charge.

## Meeting Called To Organize C Of C

The organizational meeting of Murphy's new Chamber of Commerce will be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Courthouse, Frank Forsyth, temporary chairman, said today.

Enough pledges to fill an estimated \$6,000 budget have already been received for the new organization, it was reported.

The first meeting to elect temporary officers was held August 4 in the Courthouse. At the first meeting it was decided to hire a full time secretary and a membership committee, headed by Merl Davis, was appointed.

Those merchants who have not been contacted and who wish to join the organization are asked to attend the meeting.

All business and professional men interested in the new organization are invited to attend the meeting and assist in the organization of the Chamber.

## Murphy Council Will Hire Firm For Water Study

Murphy Councilmen this week heard representatives from three consulting engineering firms discuss proposed reports on the town's water system.

The panel was expected to decide late this week which engineering firm is to be awarded the contract to investigate the system.

The consulting firm will be hired to study the water system and submit a report on what is to be done to relieve the heavy load on the Murphy filter plant.

## Andrews Downs Hayesville On Rain-Soaked Field

By Evelyn Baker  
The Andrews Wildcats kept in the win column Friday Night by trouncing a stubborn Hayesville team 18-6 on a rain soaked field.

Jimmy Holland provided thrills for the crowd as he scampered 70 yards with a punt return in the first period and brought the fans to their toes again in the second period with a pass interception good for 75 yards and a touch-

down. Another touchdown was scored by a pass from Jerry Gilbert to Charles Thomas.

Hayesville scored its only touchdown in the third quarter.

Coach Hamilton lauded all members of the team for their fine play.

Friday Night the team travels to Bryson City for a game with undefeated Swain High.

## Mrs. McKown Represents Home Demonstration Council

Mrs. Dallas McKown of Oak Park will represent the Cherokee County Home Demonstration Council as delegate on a special six day educational tour to Washington, D. C., New York City and the United Nations Headquarters next week, with other North Carolina Home Demonstration Club members.

Mrs. McKown, a member of the Suit Home Demonstration Club, is also secretary of the County Home Demonstration Council and county citizenship project leader. On her return, Mrs. McKown will give an account of the educational tour at home demonstration club meetings in the county.

The tour leaves from Raleigh and travels via Richmond, Mt. Vernon, Arlington and other points of interest in Washington. A night tour of the Capitol Plaza and the Congressional Library will be conducted and time will be left for a stage and screen show.

The second day, the group will visit the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, White House, National Art Gallery and will leave Washington in the early afternoon for New York, via the Delaware Memorial Bridge and the New Jersey



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Turnpike. An evening tour of the National Broadcasting and Television Studios will be conducted and the group will go to Radio City Music Hall for a stage and screen show.

The third and fourth days of the tour are reserved for sessions and conferences at the United Nations Headquarters. The fifth day will be New York Day.

## Hire Handicapped Week To Be Observed Here Soon

Mayor L. L. Mason of Murphy has ordered by proclamation that the week of October 4-10 be set aside for local observance as "Hire The Physically Handicapped Week" in conjunction with the national observance.

Mayor Mason has appointed a citizens' committee to take charge of plans for city-wide observance of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.

The committee chairman is Vernon Ayers, County Welfare Department. Other members are John Davidson, Veterans Service Officer Dr. Bryan Whitfield; Rev. Asmond Maxwell, Pastor First Methodist Church; Emily Costello, co-publisher herokee Scout; Jack Burrus, Manager of Murphy State Employ-

ment Office; S. S. Williams, President of Civitan Club.

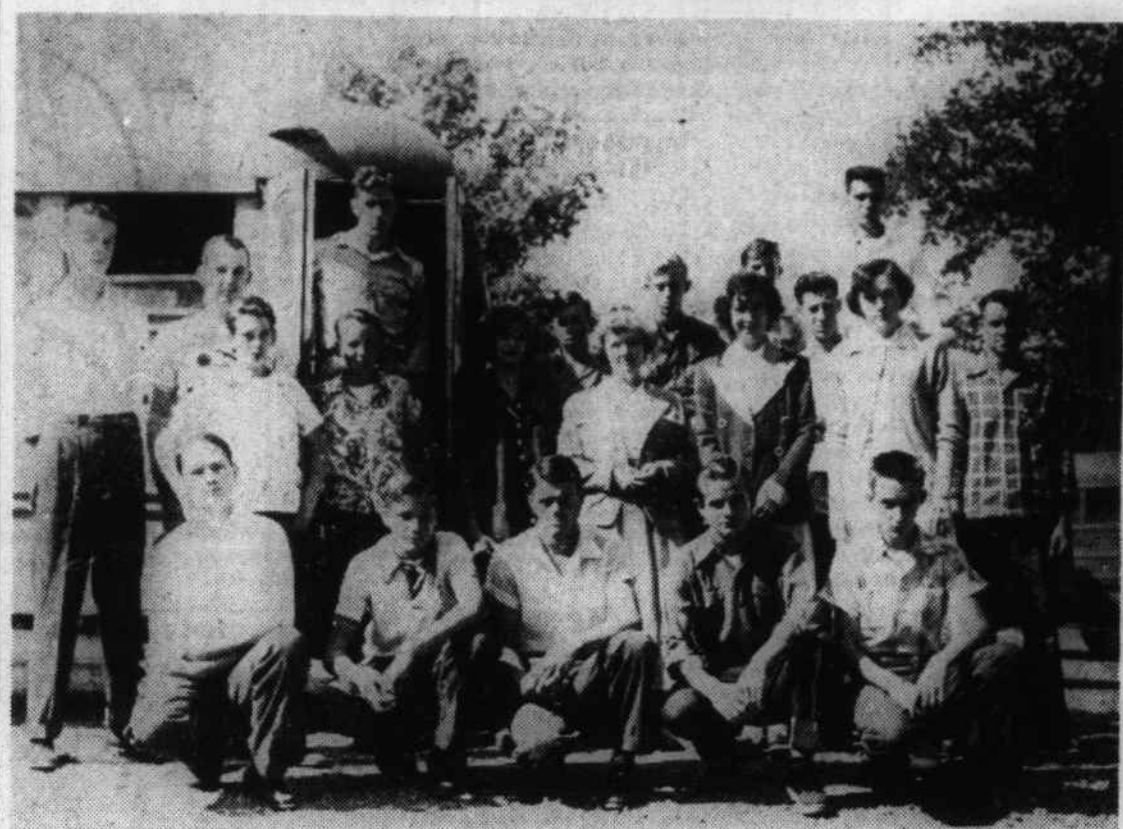
The mayor said prospects for exceeding last year's fine placement record are excellent in view of the general good employment conditions.

The mayor said the slogan of the week locally will be "Ability, not disability, counts". Every employer should "put this slogan to work in his hiring program," the Mayor asserted.

The local office of the State Employment Service will cooperate closely with the committee by supplying the committee with information from its files concerning the kinds of jobs handicapped workers can perform.

## School Bond Would Mean \$179,000 To County; Strong Vote Sought

### SCHOOL BUS PATROL ORGANIZED



22 MURPHY SCHOOL students are serving on the School Bus Patrol, to load and seat students, and help them across the highway at stops and generally promote safety to and from school. The patrolmen, and ladies, have been outfitted with official badges and Sam Brown belts. The patrol, pictured above, includes, front row, left to right, Howard Killian, Jr., Mack Ledford, Roy Barnett, Dale Price and Marvin Hall. Second row, standing, are Max Arms, James Crisp, Zelda Kephart, Ruby Radford, Virginia Millsaps, Christine Dockery and Harold Chambers. Third row Joe Anderson, Jimmy McCombs, Dallas Hall, Bobby Stalcup, Paul Luther, Caste Gunter, Ralph Bradshaw and Herbert O'Dell, chief of patrol. Rudine Simonds and Don Hancock were absent when the picture was made. (Scout Photo)

Cherokee County voters Saturday will express themselves "for" or "against" better school buildings when they vote on the 50 million dollar mental hospitals bond.

North Carolina Schools as a whole need 7,783 classrooms. Cherokee County is short 54 classrooms and 10 special type classrooms (auditorium, lunchrooms, etc.) Passage of the bond issue, it was said, will assure meeting at least one fifth of Cherokee County's school needs.

In the Murphy school alone, lack of space has put classes meeting in the halls of the new high school building and primary building. A class is also meeting in the old green building on the fairgrounds.

The school bond issue, if carried, will mean no increase in taxes, as payment and interest will be taken from the general fund of taxes of the state over a 20 year period.

Cherokee County will receive at least \$179,000 from the bond, and additional allotment on basis of "need and ability to pay".

It has been stated that the size of the vote turned out in a county will express need, and interest in the need and may encourage further allotment for the county.

Cherokee County Commissioners, school officials clubs, and other interested individuals are backing the vote locally and seek a large turnout to the polls October 3 here.

Voting will be sunup to sundown at the regular polling places and all persons now registered on the books are eligible to vote.

State Treasurer Edwin Gill calls the vote for the school and mental institutions bonds "a wise investment in North Carolina's future."

## Three Youths Injured In Two Wrecks Here

Friday's rains were a boon to area farmers, but proved disastrous for at least two autos on Cherokee County highways Friday night.

Two Atlanta girls received slight injuries at 10 p. m. when the car in which they were riding ran off the pavement, onto soft shoulders and into a cornfield on U. S. 60 about two miles out on the Culberson road.

Sheriff M. G. Crawford, who investigated the accident with Patrolman C. H. Long said the women, Mrs. Frances Fain, driving, and Miss Dottie Alexander, a passenger, were motoring toward Murphy from Atlanta. They were, he said, apparently blinded by the rain, and ran off the road. Damage to the car, a 1952 Plymouth, was estimated at \$300 to \$400.

The girls were treated, but not admitted at a local hospital.

About one hour and a half after the U. S. 60 accident, three Murphy youths were injured, one seriously, when the car in which they were riding overturned down an embankment on U. S. 64 at the intersection with Highway 294 (turn off to Hiwassee Dam).

The youths were traveling toward Murphy in a 1953 Chevrolet, when, Sheriff Crawford said, apparently the driver lost control of the car, and overturned. The top of the car was flattened, and other

## Hornbuckle Goes To Andrews Church

The Rev. J. O. Hornbuckle Jr. last week was appointed pastor of the First Methodist Church of Andrews, at the 15th annual session of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Church meeting in High Point.

Hornbuckle replaces the Rev. E. L. Kirk who has gone to an Albermarle pastorate.

The Rev. A. L. Maxwell Jr. was reappointed to the Murphy First Methodist Church and the Rev. C. A. Smith, to the Murphy Circuit. Maxwell is also district director of evangelism.

damage was extensive. Patrolman Long was investigating officer.

Fred Brendle, a student at Western Carolina College, and son of Thomas Fred Brendle, Sr., of Gastonia and Mrs. Pauline Brendle of Atlanta, is reported improving at a local hospital after being seriously injured. The two girls in the car, are also improving from injuries, though all are still patients at a local hospital. Ann Carringer, employed in Murphy, is the daughter of Mrs. Jack Piercy and Sue Ferguson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Ferguson.



The top of this 1953 Chevrolet was completely flattened last week when it overturned with three Murphy youths at the intersection of U. S. 64 and the Hiwassee Dam cutoff. The three youths are still hospitalized but are reported improving. (Scout Photo)

## Lovingood Reunion, Hanging Dog Homecoming Set Here



HANGING DOG BAPTIST CHURCH  
Organized Saturday, March 5, 1844

## Mrs. Millsaps Dies After Illness

Mrs. Martha Wilson Millsaps, 89 died at 6 a. m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Frank Amos, Route 1, Murphy following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday in Peachtree Baptist Church.

The Rev. Weldon West and the Rev. Lester Stowe officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Grandsons were pallbearers and granddaughters were flower bearers.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Amos, Mrs. Mary Palmer of Maryville, Tenn. Mrs. Alice Palmer and Mrs. Doshia Carroll of Murphy, and Mrs. Ada Ledford of Murphy Route 2.

Also four sons, Earl of Tomotia, Neil and Fred of Murphy and Ray of Gastonia; 25 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Ranger PTA Meal

The PTA of Ranger School will sponsor a supper Saturday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p. m. at the school. Proceeds will go to the school.

The 13th annual Lovingood Reunion and Home Coming of the Hanging Dog Baptist Church will be held Sunday, Oct. 4 with the Rev. Paul Lovingood chairman of Fairview presiding.

Church pastor, the Rev. Fred Stiles, will give the welcome address. The morning sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Sheridan Lovingood of Athens, Tenn. Music at the morning and afternoon sessions will be sung by the Gospel Trio of Maryville, Tenn.

The morning session begins at 9:45 and lunch will be from noon until 1:30 p. m. The afternoon session beginning at 1:30, will be a program of sacred music by the Gospel Trio and other visiting singers.

The Hanging Dog Church, now a modern brick structure, had its organization Saturday, March 6, 1844, and is the mother church of several other churches in the community.

Church officers are Quinton V. Lovingood, clerk, Loftin Lovingood, treasurer, and A. E. Palmer, Sunday School Superintendent.

Trustees are Carl Gentry, Dewey Kephart, Ross Hensley, Carl Gentry, Burt Gentry, W. A. Adams and Z. B. Odell.