

World Watches Tragic Drama In Murphy

Editor's Note-Book

Worldwide coverage of the mine disaster here this week-end provided by all three major radio - TV networks and both United Press International and Associated Press.

AP set up a portable picture transmitter at the Scout office and used the Scout darkroom to turn out pictures.

Scout photographer Freddie Davis furnished pictures to AP that were transmitted around the world.

Both local radio stations

answered dozens of inquiries and provided coverage for their wire services.

Paul Ridenhour of WKRC made some 18 coast-to-coast voice broadcasts, both live and taped.

-TR-
Farmers voting in the ASC election should have ballots postmarked by Friday, Sept. 13.

-TR-
The Claud Amos Fund Day is set for Friday, with the drive gaining momentum every day. Donations are coming in, and with both local radio stations co-operating all day Friday, the luck of this family is changing.

-TR-
A billfold belonging to Billy Cornwell of Andrews was found at the Fair and turned over to the Scout office. Come and get it, Billy.

-TR-
That Cherokee County picnic held every year in Akron, Ohio, for all the home folks living in that state is set for Sept. 15, Metro Park.

-TR-
Powell Bill Funds for local street paving are due this month, with Murphy slated to get some \$10,000.

-TR-
A class for teachers will be held in Murphy beginning today. A WCC extension course, Language Arts in The Elementary School, will be taught by Dr. Morris B. Morrill in the Elementary School Building.

-TR-
Mrs. Earl Van Horn and Miss Wanda Morris of Murphy, who were injured in a car wreck Saturday in Walhalla, S. C., are back home and are reported improving.

-TR-
Murphy Seniors will wash cars Saturday from 8:00 to 5:00 at White's Sinclair Station to raise money for their annual and senior trip.

-TR-
Interest in the Poultry School coming up in this county is rising. A. Q. Kemer is in Asheville this week at the Dixie Poultry Exposition to line up more specialists to assist with the school.

-TR-
Wildlife Protector Kenneth W. Beam, who served his nine year period in Cherokee County from August of 1960 to April of 1961, is featured in the September issue of "WILDLIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA" as Protector of the Month. Mr. Beam is stationed in Cabarrus County.

Jack Craig Killed In Highway Crash Monday

MURPHY - Jack Russell Craig, 42, distributor for Gordon Food Products for this area, died at 2:00 a.m. Tuesday morning from injuries suffered about 8:15 p.m. Monday in a highway accident two miles west of Andrews, near the airport.

Mr. Craig's 1955 model Gordon's panel truck was rammed from behind by a tractor-trailer rig driven by Thomas McCracken, 28, of 718 Leflore Avenue, Clarkesdale, Miss. Both vehicles were traveling South on U. S. 19.

McCracken's Ryder Truck Rental rig was hauling foam rubber and mattress covers for the Waywood Mattress Co. of Hazelwood. McCracken gave this account of the wreck: "I had been following the panel truck from above Andrews, I drive this route every week and I knew there was a straight just past that little rise below the airport driveway. I pulled up to within 30 or 40 feet of the panel truck so I could pass when we topped the rise. I was only doing about 40. When we topped the rise, two highway patrolmen were there beside the road putting out a timing device. The panel truck slowed suddenly, and I couldn't get stopped in time to keep from hitting it."

Highway Patrolmen E. N. Hooper and C. W. N. McDonald, who were installing the timing device, were eyewitnesses of the accident. They narrowly escaped injury themselves, when the vehicles crashed in front of them.

Mr. Craig's truck was knocked off the road, overturning several times and throwing him out.

The tractor-trailer rig jack-knifed in the middle of the highway.

Mr. Craig's truck traveled some 120 feet after impact, and the tractor-trailer about 50 feet.

Mr. Craig was listed as having 26 years driving ex-

perience and the tractor-trailer driver as having eight years experience by the Patrolman's report.

Both vehicles were heavily damaged.

McCracken was charged with involuntary manslaughter and released on bond, pending an appearance next Monday here in Recorder's Court. He was not injured.

Mr. Craig was a native of Cherokee County, the son of Sam and Bessie Welch Craig. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

During his service overseas he was wounded in action and was awarded the Purple Heart. For the past several years he had worked as a distributor for Gordon Food Products.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Murphy, and of Cherokee Lodge No. 146, AF and AM.

Surviving in addition to the parents are the widow, Mrs. Ruby Crawford Craig; two sons, Jackie and David of the home; a son and a daughter by a former marriage, Joseph Russell Craig, a student at Western Carolina College, and Ruth Evangeline Craig, a recent graduate of Mission Memorial Hospital School of Nursing; one sister, Mrs. Dorothy Elrod of Waynesboro, Tenn.; one half-brother, J. C. Welch of Princeton, La.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. William Thompson officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Cemetery with Masonic Rites by the Cherokee Lodge.

Honorary pallbearers were B. J. Fish, Alden Coward, Joe Ray, Vincent Stiles, Martin Palmer, Don Ramsey, Kenneth Godfrey, Dr. William R. Gossett and members of the Progressive Sunday School Class.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



RESCUE WORKERS AND members of the County Rescue Squad brought the body of miner Carl Dockery to the surface around 5:00 Sunday.

Sheriff Improving After Shooting Here Saturday

MURPHY - Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson was reported "much improved and doing remarkably well" in Murphy Providence Hospital Wednesday, after being shot five times at close range Saturday morning in the hall of the County Courthouse.

Milton Anderson, 69, a cousin of the sheriff, who surrendered to officers here Sat-

urday afternoon and confessed to the shooting, is being held in the county jail, temporarily charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury not resulting in death, pending the outcome of the sheriff's condition.

The shooting occurred about 10:40 Saturday morning, after the sheriff had placed Milt Anderson under arrest for

being disorderly in the courthouse.

A massive manhunt involving local deputies, the highway patrol, prison authorities, and state and federal officers, was staged for Milt Anderson all day Saturday prior to his surrender.

Cherokee County Tax Supervisor John Donley was a witness to the shooting. His account revealed that Milt Anderson was at the Courthouse to try and get a court case postponed for a friend, Mr. Donley told him that he couldn't help him, and said "about that time the sheriff came out of his office and spoke to Milt."

The sheriff told Milt that he wasn't connected with the case and an argument followed.

The sheriff placed Milt under arrest, Mr. Donley said, and that Milt offered resistance.

"The sheriff took out his blackjack, and Milt quieted down," Mr. Donley said. Sheriff Anderson was not wearing a gun at the time.

When the Sheriff began to lead Milt down the hall, Mr. Donley reported that he saw Milt reach into his right pants pocket and pull out a pistol.

"I hollered to the sheriff, 'he's got a gun!'"

Milt Anderson fired five shots at the sheriff with the 38 calibre pistol. All of the shots hit the sheriff, wounding him from the waist to the neck.

The sheriff staggered into Mr. Donley's office and fell. Milt walked out of the courthouse, and on down main street reloading his pistol.

An ambulance was summoned and Mr. Donley ran to the jail where he met deputy Rob Harness and Patrolman Don Reavis, and told them what had happened.

Milt Anderson made his getaway by taxi. Murphy taxi driver Jake Stiles said "Milt was hiding in my stand when I returned from a trip, and he hired me to take him out of town. I didn't know he had shot the sheriff until we were headed out of town. He still had the gun, and I asked him if he would shoot me. He said 'no, if you take me on out of town.'"

Milt left the taxi at a wooded spot on Dickey Road, some 12 miles west of Murphy, near where he was raised.

The manhunt began there and the trail led to the home of Garlee Rich, where Milt stopped and ate dinner. Mr. Rich said he had heard that Milt had shot the sheriff, but that he did not try to stop him when he left.

Officers combed the area all afternoon, asking relatives and neighbors if they had seen Milt.

Later in the day, Milt's grandson and another relative promised to get him to surrender if he was guaranteed safety.

A cousin, Jim Anderson, brought Milt to the County jail about 5:00 p.m.

Mine Disaster Fatal For Two

MURPHY - The tragic drama of a mine cave-in focused the sympathy of the world in Murphy this week.

The cave-in hit talc mine number three at The Hitchcock Corporation here about 3:30 Saturday, resulting in the death of two miners, and injuring three others.

The dead are: Lewis L. Pope, 49, who died early Sunday morning after being brought up from the shaft shortly after the cave-in; and Carl H. Dockery, a foreman at the mine whose body was not discovered until 11:45 a.m. Sunday.

The injured men include: Wilford Beavers, who was released from Providence Hospital Wednesday; Beauford Bryant, whose condition was listed as "much improved" on Wednesday; and Ray Stewart, who was brought out of the mine some three hours after the accident, and whose condition was listed as "fair" Wednesday by a spokesman at Providence Hospital.

Rescue workers, led by Francis C. Bourne, Sr., owner of the mine, continued the search some 26 hours before Mr. Dockery's body was freed from the jagged pile of timbers and rocks some 225 feet down.

All three shifts at the mine were aiding in the search for the trapped miner.

Surviving Mr. Dockery are the father, Thomas Dockery; the widow, Mrs. Bessie Palmer Dockery; two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Owenby of Clinton, Tenn. and Mrs. Mary Jo Evans of Murphy; two sons, Edward of Murphy and R. V. of Memphis, Tenn.; four sisters, Mrs. Delphia Thompson of Florence, Ala., Mrs. Jane Ellis of Andrews, Miss. Alice Bradshaw of Gastonia, and Mrs. Lelah Johnson of Murphy; two brothers, Jim of Gainesville, Ga. and Ernest of Dallas, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the home. The Rev. Ernie Young and the Rev. Marvin Hampton officiated and burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Willard Beaver, Lewis Hogsd, Paul Brendle, Leonard Moore, Ellis Guthrie and L. J. Townson.

Services for Mr. Pope were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Tomotia Baptist Church.

The Rev. Marvin Hampton and the Rev. Jack Palmer officiated and burial was in Moss Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Scott Hall, Paul Brendle, Ed De-weese, John Harper, Bill Palmer and Lawson Clark.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Wilma Neal Pope; the mother, Mrs. Estle Turner Pope of Murphy; five daughters, Mrs. Louise Edwards of Marble and the Misses Jackie, Linda, Jo Ann and Betty Pope of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Hughes and Mrs. Gaynell Keasler of Murphy; and a brother, Lake Pope of Ducktown, Tenn.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Lewis L. Pope

Town Board Votes 'Yes' On Paving

MURPHY - Murphy's Board of Commissioners voted Monday night to pave two local streets: 905 feet of Cherry Street, from Blumenthal to 10th Streets and a 356 foot strip of Dickey Street, a temporary name given to the street that runs close to the Baptist Parsonage.

The vote to pave Dickey Street hinged on the provision that the Town can get a right of way agreement through adjoining property owned by Hadley Dickey to continue the street on to 5th Street at a later date.

Both these paving jobs adhere to the policy whereby property owners on both sides pay two thirds of the cost of the paving.

In other action the Board: Approved a 10 per cent pay raise for the policemen who work the 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. night shift.

Voted to adopt a resolution backing Southern Railway's bid to decrease rates on grain shipments coming from the Midwest into the south. Robert Courtney and Claude Begley of Southern appeared before the Board, asking for the resolution and explaining the case now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Present at the meeting were Board members Kenneth Godfrey, Jerry Hatchett, W. A. Singleton, Francis C. Bourne, Jr., John Jordan and Mayor L. L. Mason, and Town Clerk Charlie Johnson.



Carl H. Dockery

Hayesville Receives Large APW Grant

HAYESVILLE - An Accelerated Public Works grant of \$24,900 has been approved to aid construction of sewage treatment facilities for Hayesville.

The grant was announced this week. The town must provide matching funds to receive the grant.

WEATHER

Date	High	Low	Perc.
Sept. 5	79	63	0.03
6	81	55	0.00
7	79	57	0.00
8	80	55	0.00
9	81	52	0.00
10	84	51	0.00
11	85	56	0.00

Forecast: Wednesday and Thursday, scattered to broken cloudiness with widely scattered thundershowers; Friday, partly cloudy with scattered thundershowers; Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy, mild.

About That Extra...

First, a note of thanks for all the kind words about the Scout's Extra published Sunday. The events warranted the Extra. We at the Scout are sorry that all readers did not receive a copy of the Extra, and to answer literally hundreds of requests, additional copies of the Extra will be printed this week, even though time has removed much of the news value. Readers who desire a copy of the Extra can get one at the Scout office. Copies of the Extra will be mailed to anyone sending ten cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Scout office.



MURPHY'S HALF-BACK Tony Hembree, 33, with the ball, scampered for a third period score Friday night, as Paul Green, 40, moved in to block Randy Hensley, 20, of Copper Basin.

Sewage Plant, Water Works Improvement Grants Approved

MURPHY - Accelerated Public Works grant for a sewage disposal plant and water works improvements were approved for Murphy this week.

The town will receive a grant of \$191,500 to aid in construction of the new sewage treatment plant, and \$78,000 to assist in improvements and additions to the town water system.

Total cost of the sewage plant is estimated at \$383,000 and the new water system will cost a total of \$160,000.

Attorney Herman Edwards, who is handling the legal aspects for the town, said this week that applications for the grants were made about a year ago, and that the grants were for the full amounts the town is eligible to receive.

Murphy will have to provide matching funds through a bond election to be eligible to get the grants.

Mr. Edwards and Town Clerk C. E. Johnson will meet in Raleigh with W. E. East-erling of the Local Government Commission Monday to make arrangements for the

bond election.

Mr. Johnson pointed out this week that plans call for the sewage treatment plant to be built about one fourth mile below Murphy on the Hiwassee River, below the old quarry.

Land for the treatment plant site is being acquired from the U. S. Forest Service, as well as the land through which the pipeline to it must pass.

The Water Works Grant will be used to replace and improve existing systems, install new lines and do away with dead end lines by hooking the system together throughout.

Mr. Johnson explained that all these improvements will improve water flow and pressure throughout the system, to provide more pressure for home and commercial use and better fire protection.

A new storage reservoir near the site of Fort Butler is also included in the improvement plans.

W. K. Dickens and Co., a Charlotte engineering firm, will handle construction of both projects.