

Scoutlets

We hate to say we told you so, but Seth Gibson was caught on Thursday morning on a rural road near Martin's Creek School. Must have been waiting for the mail carrier to come by with a Scout.

If you have been down to the fair, sponsored by the Murphy Lions Club, you'll have to admit it's the cleanest that has been here. No gambling, no girlie shows, just good clean fun. We think a word of congratulations should go to the Murphy Lions.

Talk about hard luck, well, I'm overrun with it. I couldn't even win a game at the Lions Bingo Stand, and I played by myself. Everyone knows that bingo is a game you play until someone wins. I was the only one there, but I didn't win. Normally a game is won after about fifteen numbers are called, but Lion Larry Black allowed as how he would give me twenty-five calls and bet I couldn't win. Why, he even made me pay double, since I was the only one playing. We concede.

Jerry Williams, fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Williams, tried in vain to get his 21-month old sister, Kelly, onto a kiddie car ride. Seeing that his son was not succeeding, the old pro, Wally, sweet-talked her into climbing aboard the machine. However, when the ride stopped, little Kelly refused to get off. While Wally was coaxing, John Carringer started yelling, "Hey, folks, look at this mean old man. He won't let his little girl ride." Boy, you should have seen Wally hustle back over to the ticket booth, get a fistfull of tickets, and when I left, Kelly was still riding.

Wish I'd had my camera. Best show I saw at the fair was John Gill, vice-president of Citizens Bank, in a cage. Not what you think, tho, he was selling tickets to the merry-go-round.

Two old business friends got together Monday to do some more business. Dave Bruce came to work this week as a new voice for WCVF radio. He had worked for the Blakemores in Erwin, Tenn., from 1956 to 1960, and had served the past four years working in armed services broadcasting. Welcome to Murphy, Dave.

Maude Williams, chief cashier at the B & T Supermarket in Hayesville, was overheard answering the company phone the other day as such: "B & T Supermarket... (no answer)... B & T Supermarket... (no answer)... Ready to hang up, Maude said, "Beans & Taters". Know what? Somebody started talking to her.

To show you how efficient our Post Office is, Attorney Hobart McKeever, chairman of the recreational committee whose responsibilities include the swimming pool, ball park, tennis courts, and kiddie park, received a letter addressed to Attorney Park Kiddie, Murphy, N. C. Those tilt - em - up, sit - em - down stools at the Post Office sure make their work more efficient.

The editor of the COPPER CITY ADVANCE notified us that it was true that 'cast la vie' means 'this is life'. However, the kindly do-wager who writes the column is named Virginia. So she signs it 'cast la V', or 'this is Virginia'. Clever, wouldn't you say? We understand this week the column will simply be tagged 'V'.

No picture of the watermelon vine like we promised. 'Cause Fast Freddy, our staff photographer, is out sick with a virus. Maybe he'll perk up by next week.

Peace Corps Tests To Be Given Sept. 12

SYLVIA, N.C. - A placement test for prospective Peace Corps volunteers will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, in Room 4, Jackson County Courthouse, in Sylva, N. C.

Anyone wishing to take this test should contact Joe C. Fisher, Civil Service Examiner, at the Sylva Post Office, for an application or any information about the Peace Corps.

Applicants taking this test will be considered for placement in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Letter To The Editor

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are letters written to George Randall, Director of Prisons for the State of North Carolina, in Raleigh, by Senator Frank Forsyth, and Mrs. Mary Faye Brumby, Senator Forsyth's letter was written prior to Gibson's capture. Mrs. Brumby's was written after his capture.)

Dear Mr. Randall: This is in regard to a prisoner, Seth Gibson, convicted rapist who on Saturday walked off from his work with the prison department, raped two Cherokee County women, and attempted to rape a third. I request a full investigation in this matter, particularly directed to the person or persons responsible for recommending and placing this prisoner in a trustee grade. This character should never have been turned loose. The persons responsible for this should be fired.

I further recommend and suggest that your department make a thorough study of all prisoners of this type and if you have any more that are running around in North Carolina they should be returned to close security prisons. The people of this county are very unsafe. The guards and prison department are doing a very good job in trying to apprehend this dangerous criminal. All law enforcement agents are working closely together, but the fact remains that he is loose and this section is very disturbed. Please advise me of your action in this matter.

W. Frank Forsyth, Senator Thirty-Third District

Dear Sir: As a citizen and as the Democratic candidate for representative from Cherokee County, I want to express my shock and deep concern that a criminal with a record such as Seth Gibson's should have been sent into our community as an honor prisoner. The crimes which he is alleged to have committed here against two of our women and an attempt on a third one, have thrown our people into a state of fear and panic. We feel that a criminal with this type record should always be held in a prison of maximum security.

Our local prison department and all law enforcement officers in this area worked hard to capture this prisoner. We are thankful that he has been caught and removed to Raleigh where he should have been all the time. I want to call upon you in the name of justice to look into this case thoroughly, to see who is responsible for Seth Gibson's being sent here as an honor prisoner, to see where the blame belongs and then to see that those who are to blame are punished.

Our citizens are used to living with unlocked doors, in peace and security, and we trust that you will help us to make our homes safe once again.

Mary Faye Brumby, Democratic Candidate For Representative of Cherokee County

7 Communities In Area Development Program

Cherokee County has seven clubs participating in the Community Development program. Communities taking part in the program are: Unaka, Wolf Creek, Bellview, Peachtree, Martin's Creek, Violet, and Tomotia.

This is a program of community improvement designed to improve and provide local facilities, assist in developing youth activities, investigating possible income sources and provide the frame work for other community improvement. Helping to guide the local program is the Cherokee County Community Development Council. The officers for this council are: Troy Simonds, President, Randall Shields, Vice-President, and Don Carter, Secretary.

The judging for these communities is scheduled for the last week in October. The awards scheduled for participants in the County Development Program include: \$75 first prize, \$50 second, \$25 third and \$5 for each club that is judged.

Some of the high lights in the 1964 community work include: fund raising for community buildings, sponsorship of youth programs like baseball teams, talent shows and camping. Also, clean up and paint up, building recreational facilities and community suppers are included in this project work.



Atkinson Resigns To Attend UT

MURPHY - It was announced today by the Agricultural Extension office in Murphy that Ronnie Atkinson, Assistant Agricultural Agent, has resigned to attend the University of Tennessee this fall.

Atkinson is a 1962 graduate of Berea College, where his major was agriculture. He began his work with the North Carolina Extension Service in June, 1962.

While working here, Mr. Atkinson has worked mainly with 4-H'ers.

He plans to attend the University of Tennessee to work toward his master's degree in Agricultural Economics, with specialization in Farm Management and Production of Economics.

Mr. Atkinson and his wife, the former Julia Erdman, have one son, Alan, who is nine months old.

Cato's Opens Today, Sept. 10

MURPHY-- Cato's ladies ready-to-wear store, the newest addition to the business district of Murphy, will open its doors Thursday morning, September 10.

The grand opening of Cato's on Thursday morning is the result of months of planning and preparation by the company to bring to the people of Murphy shopping area fashions in ladies and childrens wear.

The new Cato's store is located on Peachtree Street, on the lot formerly occupied by Quality Market.

W. H. Cato, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., and president of Cato Stores, Inc., said, "Our company is very pleased and happy to be coming to Murphy. It is always a source of pride and satisfaction to become a part of such a progressive and friendly area as Cherokee County. The store's interior layout was designed by Cato's architects. It is completely fluorescent-lighted with modern facilities and attractive decor planned to provide pleasant surroundings which will appeal to customers. The merchandise at Cato's, smartly styled in the latest fashions, brings to its customers the largest selections of quality merchandise at the lowest possible competitive prices."

Mr. Cato went on to say that the new Cato's in Murphy will be completely staffed by local people, including manager, cashier, and sales ladies.

The Cato organization, which was founded by W. H. Cato, Sr., in 1946, has its central offices in Charlotte. The company operates stores in the southeast, with warehouse facilities in Charlotte.

Burch-Boling Complete Advanced Selling Course

MURPHY - Doyle C. Burch and J. N. Boling of Burch Motors, Murphy, have been certified as graduates of the advanced retail selling course conducted in Chattanooga recently by a staff instructor of Ford Motor Company's Atlanta Marketing Institute.

Certification of course completion was announced by L. C. Brock, director of the Ford Institute.

The three day course was taught by R. E. Busch, institute instructor. Subjects range from management and merchandising courses for dealers to salesmanship and specialized workshops for staff members.

The Atlanta Marketing Institute annually enrolls more than 2,500 sales specialists of Ford Motor Company products from a ten-state area.

Two Cherokee County Men Tell Of Capturing Escaped Rapist

MURPHY - In an exclusive interview with Jack Owens, SCOUT Editor and Harry Bagley, author of Cuz's Corner, Robert D. Kephart and Robert Furman Anderson, both of Route 2, Murphy, told how they captured the escaped rapist, Seth Gibson.

Gibson, 39, escaped from the Cherokee Prison Camp, in the Peachtree section of Cherokee County, Saturday, August 29, and allegedly raped two women and attempted to rape a third. The capture of Gibson by Kephart and Anderson climaxed an intensive five day search in the rugged mountains of Cherokee County.

Mr. Kephart and his wife, Verna Lee, planning a trip Wednesday evening to visit friends in McMinnville, Tennessee, cancelled the trip due to Gibson's being at large and reportedly in the area. The Kephart children were to be left with their grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. Kephart didn't want to leave them alone.

Leaving on their trip at 9:00 Thursday morning, the Kepharts saw a man dressed in green prison type pants and T-shirt approximately 300 yards in front of their home on the Brasstown Road. As they passed, the man threw his hand as if to speak. Mr. Kephart noticed that he had a 4 or 5 day growth of beard and his pants were wet from the knees down.

Becoming suspicious, Mr. Kephart turned his car around and went back for a closer look to find the man had disappeared. The Kepharts then stopped at the home of Lewis Ogle to ask Mr. Ogle's father-in-law, John Raper who was

working on the front porch, if he had seen the man pass by. Mr. Raper informed them that he had seen no one pass by.

Realizing that a man on foot should still be near by, Mr. and Mrs. Kephart decided to check back by their home.

Upon entering their home they saw the man in green clothing walking West along the Brasstown Road, towards the Martins Creek School. By this time Mrs. Kephart felt sure that the man was Seth Gibson and told her husband to drive around and get Mr. Anderson. Meanwhile, she took a short-cut across a field some 200 feet to the Anderson home and gave the alarm.

Mr. Anderson was working in a field near by and saw Mrs. Kephart running toward his home. Sensing something was wrong, he started home himself.

Mrs. Anderson had also seen the man in green and had started out to call her husband when Mrs. Kephart came into the yard. Mrs. Anderson called to her husband to hurry and she ran inside to get his shotgun.

By this time, Mr. Kephart arrived. Both men got into the car and drove around a back road in order to circle Gibson. They drove by the man slowly. Satisfied that he was Gibson, they went around a curve to avoid being seen turning around and approached Gibson from the front.

Pair Could Face Charges In Clay

HAYESVILLE - A Florida couple arrested in Murphy on Monday, August 31, for the illegal possession of narcotics, could possibly face similar charges in Clay County.

SBI Agent M. G. Crawford, assisting in the investigation, found that the couple, who had been camped at the Lake Hiwassee Campground prior to their arrest, had moved their camp site to Clay County on Friday, August 28.

Crawford stated that he had found additional hypodermic needles, syringes, and several unlabeled bottles of tablets in their tent there. The unlabeled tablets have been sent to a lab for analysis.

Jess Walls, 45, has been returned to Miami, Fla., to face charges of skipping a \$3,500 bond. Mrs. Ruby Walls, now free on a \$1,500 bond, is scheduled to appear in the November term of Superior Court to face charges of illegal possession of narcotics.

B&PW Club To Hold Meeting

MURPHY--The Murphy Business & Professional Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting Monday evening Sept. 14.

All members will meet at the home of Ruth Cheney at 5:45 P. M. from there they will go to Earls Steak House in Blue Ridge Georgia for a dinner meeting.

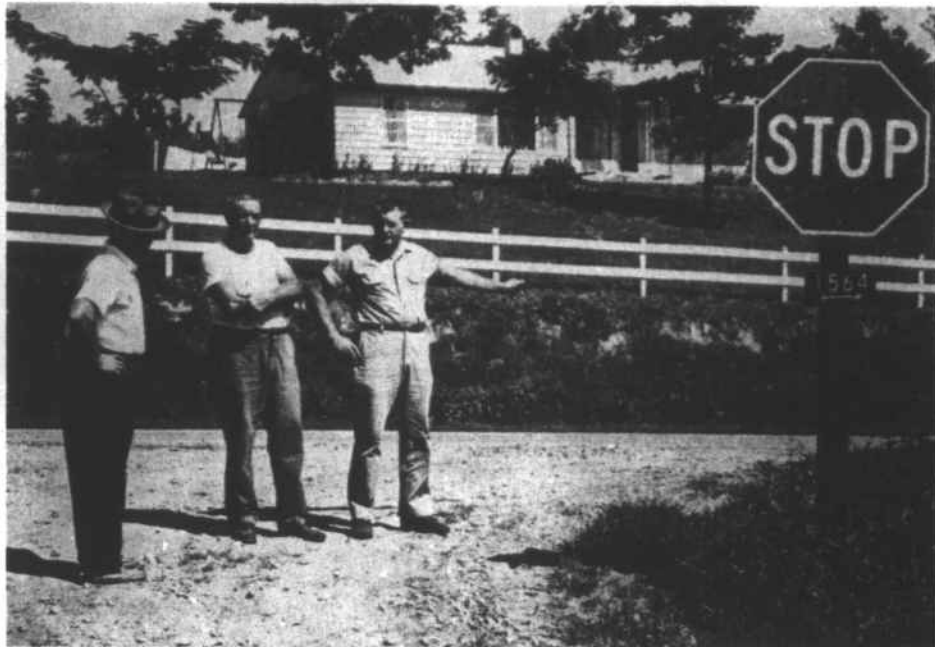
Former Murphy Resident Dies In Sarasota, Fla.

SARASOTA, FLA. - James Arthur Lovinood, Sr., age 77, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Murphy and Sweetwater, Tenn., died early Monday morning.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Trudy Millsaps Lovinood; five sons, James A., Jr., of Whiteburg, Tenn., Joe and Fred of Sarasota; Clyde of Dallas, Texas; Charles of Knoxville, Tenn.; and one daughter, Mrs. Walter R. Weeks of Venus, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. Edna Herman, Clairmont, N. C.; Mrs. Ollie Burnett of Cleveland, Tenn., and Mrs. Blaine Richardson of Madisonville, Tenn.

The body will arrive in Sweetwater Thursday, Sept. 10, and will be taken to Kyker Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in Sweetwater First Baptist Church. The Rev. Anderson McCulley will officiate. Burial will be in Westview Cemetery.



ANDERSON AND KEPHART show Harry Bagley where they made the citizens arrest on State Highway 1564 (Brasstown Road) in front of Dallas Stalcup's home.

Kephart, driving, stopped the car beside the man and Anderson said, "What's your name." The man replied, "Gibson."

"Consider yourself under arrest and put your hands behind your head," Mr. Anderson said. A search of Gibson revealed cigarettes, some change, and a small knife but no weapons.

The citizens arrest was made approximately seven miles from the prison camp on the Brasstown Road one mile east of the Martins Creek School.

Mr. Anderson got in the back seat of the car, Gibson was put in the front and Mr. Kephart drove. On the way to the prison camp, Seth Gibson only spoke one time and that was to ask, "Do you fellows have anything to eat?"

"We'll soon have you where you can get something to eat," Mr. Kephart answered.

When the trio neared the populated section of Brasstown, Anderson was afraid that someone might mistakenly think that Gibson was still at large and that He and Kephart were aiding his escape. So he told Gibson to put his head between his knees and stay out of sight.

"We don't want you to get hurt and we don't want to get hurt ourselves," Mr. Anderson said.

Anderson and Kephart both stated that Gibson was very cooperative did exactly as they said and offered no resistance.

Upon arrival at the prison camp, they took Gibson into the office and said, "Here's your man."

Gibson, suffering from malnutrition and exposure, was taken to a local hospital, then rushed out of Cherokee County.

At first, both Anderson and Kephart asked that their names be withheld. Asked why they didn't want their names revealed, Mr. Kephart said, "We only did what any other citizen would have done and we didn't see any point in publicity."

They both agreed however, that with so many different stories circulating, it wouldn't hurt to tell the story as it actually happened.

This was the tenth escapee that Mr. Anderson had helped to catch.

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Bulletin

MURPHY - It was reported today by SBI Agent M. G. Crawford that Seth Gibson was positively identified by two Cherokee County women as the man who attacked them Saturday, August 29.

Gibson, wearing the standard green prison clothing and clean-shaven, was placed in a line-up with several other prisoners at the Haywood County Prison Camp in Waynesville Friday, Sept. 4. The two women, whom Gibson had allegedly raped, identified him immediately, Crawford stated.

The escapee will be returned to Murphy for a preliminary hearing, however, the date has not been set. In case Gibson waives preliminary hearing, he will be tried in the November term of Superior Court here in Murphy.



ROBERT FURMAN ANDERSON AND ROBERT D. KEPHART tell how they captured convicted rapist, Seth Gibson, Thursday morning, September 4.



EXTRA POINT means the difference as Halfback Jimmy Cole plunges over for the PAT in Murphy's opener with Copper Basin to win with a score of 14-13.

Murphy Nips Copper Basin 14 - 13 In Season Opener

COPPERHILL, TENN. - The Murphy Bulldogs opened their 1964 football season by squeaking the determined Copper Basin Cougars with a score of 14-13.

Copper Basin won the toss and took the opening kickoff. The kickoff was returned the ball to Copper Basin's twelve yards and put in play on the Cougar's thirty-one yard line. In four plays Copper Basin moved the ball to Murphy's forty-six yard line, but on the next play, the Cougars fumbled and the Bulldogs recovered.

Murphy picked up two quick first downs before they lost the ball on their own twenty-seven yard line.

After picking up one first down, the Cougars were forced to punt.

The Bulldogs next put the ball in play on their own twenty yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Wayne Watson broke into the

open and went 45 yards to the Copper Basin thirty-five. At this point, the big Copper Basin line stiffened and Murphy was forced to punt.

Several plays later Murphy regained the ball on their forty. A first down moved the ball to Copper Basin's thirty-five. Donnie Stiles took a handoff from Watson and raced 35 yards for the first TD of the game. Watson sneaked over center for the PAT.

Copper Basin returned the kickoff to their own 43 yard line and drove 57 yards for their TD. Ledford carried the ball 3 yards for the score. The kick for the extra point was no good.

The first half ended with Murphy 7 to Copper Basin's 6.

The kickoff to open the second half rolled into the end

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