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## HICKMAN AND STILL FOUND BY OFFICERS

### Aged Man Had Secret Chamber Cleverly Hidden in Ditch Filled With Brush

Deputy Sheriffs Lee Crisp and B. D. Morrow last Saturday discovered and destroyed one of the most cleverly hidden distilling outfits found in the county in several years and caught Charlie Hickman, said to be between 55 and 60 years old, and brought him and the still to Murphy.

Hickman was working in the secreted chamber where the still was located, and at a preliminary hearing his bond was fixed at \$500, which he was unable to make, and is now in the Cherokee county jail awaiting trial.

The still was located near the Shady Grove school house, about a quarter of a mile from Highway No. 28, in a large dry ditch or hillside gully. A room about twelve feet wide by thirty feet long had been dug out, with steps leading down into it. This room was covered over, with brush taken from a new-ground close by of about five acres. The brush were piled high, up and down the ditch for a considerable distance, and the entrance to the secret chamber was so cleverly concealed that the officers had difficulty finding it, even when they placed a foot down within an inch or so of it.

A man and boy were grubbing up in the newground a short distance away, and when they saw the officers going toward the big ditch filled with brush, they slipped away quickly. When the officers descended into the secret chamber, they found Charlie Hickman and a complete outfit for making liquor. The large room also contained four 60 gallon barrels of pure grain beer, and two 60-gallon barrels of sugar beer; two bushels of sprouted corn malt; plenty of wood and kindling stacked up; and a gallon and a half of light wine. They estimated that the stock on hand would have turned out about forty gallons of whiskey.

In the center of the Chamber a large hole or cistern had been excavated so that when it rained it filled with the water flowing down the ditch, which was used in the condensing process. Poles had been cut and placed crossways of the ditch down below, brush piled over these so that the refuse from the still could be dumped there and would flow off without being detected.

Hickman was taken into custody, everything poured out, demolished and set on fire, and the officers and their victim left as the outfit was going up in flames. It was estimated that the destruction set the bootlegger business back between \$250.00 and \$300.00. The still was brought to Murphy and placed in the official museum in the jail building with the collection of other relics and antiques.

About sixty steps from the site of the still, officers found a dozen half-gallon fruit jars in a sack, which they demolished by throwing against rocks. This made the thirtieth outfit taken by officers during the last fifteen months, which have ranged from 10 to 40 gallons in capacity. Quite a number of operators have been taken also.

### Program Of The Pastor's Conference

To be held with the Union Church, Saturday and Sunday, March 29th and 30, 1930, at 10 o'clock A. M. Devotional by Rev. E. A. Beaver, followed by a permanent organization for the ensuing year.

## To Consider Timber Sawing at Tellico Plains

The Kitchen Lumber Company of North Carolina, is considering bringing 175,000,000 feet of lumber over the government road in the Cherokee National Forest.

Kitchen Lumber Company officials of North Carolina made their second trip up the Tellico River drive Tuesday afternoon accompanied by A. Johnson, road supervisor for the Government, to look over the road for future use in regard to moving lumber over the Government road. If this project is put over it means that one hundred and seventy-five million feet of lumber will be brought through Tellico or probably saved here, which would mean from a 6 to 10 year job in this community. The big belt of timber that this company is interested in is known as the Whitener tract on the North Carolina side commencing at Haw Knob, where the Babcock Lumber Company finished their job. This lumber could be sawed in the mountains and trucked out by the way of Tellico, or it may be that steel rails will be laid and the logs hauled out and sawed here.—Exchange.

## BEAN ACREAGE OF THE CANNERY OVER SUBSCRIBED

### Gillaspie Says Don't Contract For Any More Beans, But Take All Tomatoes Possible

The bean acreage for the Murphy cannery is already over-subscribed and a telegram last week from J. W. Gillaspie, the operator, to W. M. Fain, declared that no more contracts for beans could be taken under any circumstances. However, Mr. Gillaspie said to take all the tomato acreage that could be secured.

The acreage subscribed for beans is approximately 135, while only about sixty acres of tomatoes have been subscribed.

The telegram sent by Mr. Gillaspie was in response to a letter sent him by Mr. Fain reporting the condition of the acreage of the Murphy cannery plant, and is as follows:

"W. M. Fain, care W. M. Fain Grocery Co., Murphy N. Car. Your letter received. Don't contract any more beans under any circumstances. Too many now. Take all tomatoes you can get. Signed, J. W. Gillaspie."

Mr. Fain stated that the farmers are thoroughly sold on beans, but it seemed to be a hard proposition to call them on tomatoes. Last year, due to the dry season and the late start, the tomatoes of this section did not do so well. However, some of the farmers made an unusual success with tomatoes, and the beans were more successful.

—"The Whole Town's Talking"—

## THOS. JEFFERSON TO BE THEME OF RADIO SPEAKER

The Birthday of Thomas Jefferson came on Sunday, April 13, and on Monday evening, April 14th, at 10:30 P. M. eastern standard time, Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, will discuss over a nation-wide hook-up of the National Broadcasting system the notable career of this outstanding statesman, according to a letter received this week by C. B. Hill from J. J. Shouse, chairman of the Democratic National Executive Committee.

It seems particularly fitting, the letter to Mr. Hill continued, that the speaker should be the brilliant president of the great university which Jefferson founded. Dr. Alderman is recognized as among the ablest educators of the country, and what he says will be well worth hearing.

## THIS BOY HAS SCHOOL RECORD

James Morrow, the 9 year old son of ex-Sheriff B. E. Morrow, has the school record on some of the boys of Cherokee County, if not all of them. He has gone to two six months school, and one nine month term, and has only lost one day, and that was on account of sickness, and tardy once and that was the day he was sick.

If there is anyone in the county who can beat this record, they are going some.

## PLANS MADE TO OPEN SILVER-GRAY MARBLE QUARRY IN CHEROKEE CO.

### MURPHY BOY FINISHES AT UNIVERSITY

#### Robert Wells Completes Required Courses and Is Now Instructor At Winston-Salem

Robert Wells, son of Mrs. R. V. Wells, of Murphy, has completed the required number of courses for graduation at the University of North Carolina, and has accepted a position as instructor in the social science department of Winston-Salem High School for the remainder of the school year. He will return to Chapel Hill to receive his degree from the University with the regular graduation class when the school year closes, this spring.

Roberts many friends are glad to know that he has finished at the University, and his record and studiousness was so great that he finished three months ahead of his class. He is well known here and not only is his mother and family proud of him but the whole community feels a just pride in his accomplishments. When he receives his degree at regular graduation time, he will return to Murphy to spend his vacation.

## TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF MURPHY

My second administration is now drawing to a close and another election is near, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the citizens of Murphy for having honored me so signally since I have been back home.

I have done my best to serve the best interests of our community without fear or favor and look with pride back over the accomplishments that have taken place during the two terms that I have been your Chief Executive.

During the past two years we have seen our sewerage system extended, our water mains extended, and practically all our streets surfaced in such manner that they may be driven over at all seasons of the year. I met some opposition in this matter, but with the knowledge and confidence that all our people were entitled to every modern comfort we could provide for them, as all paid an equal tax rate, we overcame that opposition and the job was completed.

We also stopped the unsightly sitting on the park wall in the public square, stopped the jay walking, and at the same time erected four drinking fountains in the corners of the Public Square, which in my opinion has been the means of saving injury and possibly death to our children who once crossed the streets at will to drink from the fountains that were then located on the walls of the little park.

We also made a contract with The Craig P. Gilbert Company, of Washington, D. C., Nationally known Industrial Engineers, which is a permanent one and not subject to renewal from time to time, and it is our hope that this great organization will be successful in locating industries in our midst.

I have just cited a few of the many matters that we have put through in our efforts to promote the growth and wealth of our town.

I also wish to make this public expression of thanks and appreciation of the cooperation and support of members of my official Board of Aldermen. It has been a pleasure to have been associated with these gentlemen and nothing could have been accomplished without their unselfish efforts and sympathy toward the betterment of the Town.

None of us are perfect, and as for me personally, I have made a good many mistakes, stumbled my toe a few times, but have tried hard to serve the best interests of all concerned, and will continue to fight that which is my greatest weakness, and trust in remaining among you that I will be able to be an influence for all that is good and purifying.

There are many things that I would like to say but time and space forbid me doing that, however, I do want to make this statement. I understand that the rumor is going around that I will again be a candidate for Mayor of Murphy, and I want to take this means of telling you good people that I am not and will not be a candidate at the next election.

I was the first candidate to announce for the Solicitorship of the District in the coming primary, and

### FINISHING PLANT WILL BE BUILT BY THOSE IN CHARGE

#### Over-Burden Stripped From 250 Square Feet Of Silver-Gray Marble

Raleigh, March 12. (AP)—A new type of building stone will be added to the already long list produced in North Carolina under plans made to open a quarry to produce silver-gray marble near the town of Marble, in Cherokee county, State Geologist H. J. Bryson, said today.

The geologist has been informed, he said, by Raymond Harris, former operator of the regal quarries near Murphy, that he has stripped the over-burden from 250 square feet of the silver-gray marble and is preparing to open a new quarry for the production of that type of stone.

#### Assured of Financing

The developer, according to Mr. Bryson, is assured of financing through either one of two large marble companies.

Along with the new quarry development will be a finishing plant equipped to produce all types of stone from the larger building stones through the crushed and ornamental stones.

Mr. Harris, Mr. Bryson said, is well pleased with the quality of the stone and also with the extent of the deposits. He has drilled extensively through the deposits, and said that enough stone has been blocked out already to last over a period of 25 years with a large scale production.

#### Orders Received

Orders are already in hand, Mr. Harris said, for a large amount of the silver-gray marble.

The property which will be developed is within a few miles of the quarries that have been operated by the Carolina Marble Company of Andrews. The type of stone in those quarries, however, is of quite a different color from that at Marble.

Silver-gray marble, Mr. Bryson said, is seldom found in quantities in the Southeastern states. The proposed quarry will be the first of this type in North Carolina.

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## MURPHY GIRL ONE OF WINNERS IN BIG CONTEST

### Miss Dorothy Heighway Is Awarded \$5.00 For Letter of Advice To Marian By Constitution

Miss Dorothy Heighway, popular Murphy girl, was awarded \$5.00 by the Atlanta Constitution for her letter of advice to Marian in her quest for a husband which came to a close recently.

The majority of Marian's advisers told her to marry Jim, the sturdy son of the soil, and so Marian marched down the aisle with Jim.

The constitution stated: Marian's problem brought to the Sunday Constitution letters from 12 states and from the big cities and the little crossroads villages. One of the cleverest letters, a burlesque on the mountain lassie, came from Miss Dorothy Heighway, of Murphy, N. C. and was awarded \$5.

Jerry, the young doctor just starting, played a strong hand but she thought of the late hours when he would be out on calls and she would be home alone. A little mountain girl, though, strongly urged Marian to marry Jerry and in her native brogue she said:

"You'ens better be fer marryin' thet doctor feller fer bout midnight, when the young un's begin fer to commence to come down with them hives, chicken poxes and ketchin diseases, you'ens won't want to ride a mule ten miles crost the mountain arter a pill redler.

"I seed in thet Atlanta paper," the mountain lass wrote, "last gone sunday how you'ens is wintin' to git married. Beings how I slipped down thet road when I was a gal I'll be for givin you'ens a little advice. Don't be ferrittin you'ens hitched to none er them high-flyin' aviator fellers er crooked bankers."

shall devote all my time to that campaign, and want to clarify any confusion over my candidacy for the Mayorality of the Town of Murphy by making this statement at this time so you may choose other candidates for Mayor.

If there is ever any service that I can be to any individual or the Town of Murphy, I want you to be free to call me, and again thanking you one and all for the honors, support and

## FILM FEATURES ACTIVITIES OF MURPHY LIONS

### Local Club Selected As One Of Sixty Clubs To Participate in Publicity Stunt

The activities of the Murphy Lions Club will be featured in a film being produced by the Lions International publicity department, and which will be shown all over the country.

The Murphy club was selected to participate in the film because of its activities in behalf of the community and the numerous projects that the club has successfully sponsored, or, in other words, because the Murphy Lions have been doing things in a big way. Only sixty clubs were selected to participate in this film from a total of 2100 in the United States and Canada.

The things the Murphy lions have been doing since the organization of the club have not only attracted the attention of State Lions officials, as well. The Murphy Club missed by a hair's breadth last year the loving cup for successful activities at the State Convention in Durham, the cup being awarded to Durham only on the strength that Durham had gone Murphy one better in that they were then entertaining the State convention.

This news and signal honor of the local Lions was announced at the last meeting in the Regal Hotel Tuesday night, March 11th. At this meeting President Fain also announced that Lion Ormsbee, of International headquarters, was in this section and that efforts were being made to revive the Club at Bryson City. Lion Ormsbee also spent several days in Murphy in behalf of a larger membership of the local club, and it is understood that several new members secured.

In a letter to President W. M. Fain Gerore B. Anderson, assistant secretary of Lions International, department of extension, stated:

"We are contemplating getting out a film, depicting the growth of the Association and many of the activities of our Lions Clubs, to be shown in this country, as well as in foreign countries. In picking out some outstanding activities of our clubs, our attention is called to your recent report, telling of the securing of a cannery for Murphy, through the efforts of the Lions Club. We are very anxious to use that activity in our film and are wondering if you or some member of your club could get a real good picture of this plant, rushing it to us as quickly as possible. We want to get this film under way within the next ten days and therefore, need some quick work to get it in. This incidentally, Lion Fain, will give the Lions of Murphy and your own community plenty of publicity, nationally as well as internationally. Will you kindly wire me on receipt of this letter, sending your wire collect, telling us what you can do for us and if you can get a picture, when we may expect it? Your cooperation to that extent will certainly be greatly appreciated."

## LIST OF JURORS FOR MARCH-APRIL TERM OF COURT

Following is a list of Jurors drawn for the March-April term of Cherokee County Superior Court:

#### First Week

J. M. Simonds, Elisha Lovingood, Pearley Arrowood, C. F. Martin, C. W. Dockery, J. B. Harris, J. W. Stiles, Martin Garrett, Jerry Sosebee, John Brittain, J. K. Bryant, R. C. Rich, A. McD. Harshaw, F. H. Abernathy, D. M. Carringer, A. V. Ingle, W. E. Cox, J. V. Barnett, Drew Davis, T. T. Angle, G. C. Mauney, H. M. Carringer, W. H. Almond, Z. B. Tweed, T. T. Johnson, A. N. Kephart, Harve Zimmerman, W. M. Garrett, G. W. Barton, J. F. Bristol, Geo. Cooper, E. P. Cantrell, A. Z. Roberts, Richard Wilson, J. A. Bettis, A. M. Howell, E. M. Earwood, J. H. Dockery, Fred Ballew, J. W. Cornwell, H. W. Gibson, J. W. Stalcup.

#### Second Week

J. S. Stratton, James Burgess, J. R. Morow, J. N. Brockman, Paul Martin, L. L. Johnson, S. M. Graves, J. C. Bradshaw, Noland Wells, John Carroll, Isaac Taylor, John Barker, C. A. Hunsucker, J. M. Garrett, J. B. Carringer, Mack Carringer, C. W. Shields, Ira Allen, G. H. Collett, W. E. Howell, H. J. Barton, Stanley Clayton, G. W. Ellis, S. M. Capps.

cooperation that you have given me, I am,

Yours very truly,  
HARRY P. COOPER,  
Mayor.