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## 2 ARE BOUND OVER IN KIDD DEATH CASE

Willis Johnson and Marcus Kidd Held For Grandjury, While Bob Johnson Is Freed

Willis Johnson, 20 and Marcus Kidd, 19, were bound over to Superior court Tuesday afternoon by C. B. Hill, Justice of the Peace, in connection with the killing of David Kidd, 67 year old farmer, 11 miles west of Murphy early Saturday night. Bob Johnson, 65, who was also arrested in connection with the case, was dismissed for lack of evidence against him.

Kidd was killed in a fight with Willis Johnson Saturday night, about dark as the result of a family row over what is said to have been the failure of Mrs. Kidd, wife of Marcus Kidd, to water or feed the hogs for the night. Following the death of the elder Kidd, young Kidd and the two Johnsons were arrested by Sheriff L. L. Mason, after an inquest by Dr. S. C. Heighway coroner.

The preliminary hearing was held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the judge's chamber of the court house and was attended by a large crowd of people. Six witnesses for the state were examined, and at the conclusion of presentation of the evidence, Gray & Christopher, attorneys for the defendants moved the case against Bob Johnson and Marcus Kidd be dismissed for lack of evidence. Moody and Moody, attorneys for the prosecution, contended that sufficient evidence was available to warrant the holding of all three men to the grand jury. However, Magistrate Hill heeded the motion of counsel for the defense, and dismissed the charges against the elder Johnson.

**Highway Testifies**  
Dr. S. C. Heighway, coroner, was the first witness. He testified that he found but one wound on the side of the victim's head, just above the left ear, which, in his opinion was made with a small round instrument. He said the skull was fractured by the blow which made the wound and caused death.

A poker about a half inch in diameter, 3 feet long and weighing about 6 pounds, was then introduced as the instrument of death. The fire end was bent round in a hook, and Dr. Heighway testified that this end of the poker fitted into the wound perfectly. He admitted, however, on cross examination, that a round smooth rock the size of the end of poker would have caused a like wound as that on the dead man's head.

The poker was identified by Dr. Heighway and several other witnesses as having been found 3 or 4 feet from the spot where the victim fell, and Jim Rose, who accompanied the officers when they went to the scene of the tragedy, said he noticed blood on the end of the instrument later at Murphy.

Sheriff L. L. Mason was the second witness to take the stand. He told of going to the scene and examining the spot where the scuffle took place. He said that Willis Johnson told him about the same story of the affair that his grandfather did. It was substantially to the effect that Johnson heard a commotion and loud cursing down at the Kidd residence and he and his grandfather went down to investigate. The younger Johnson ran on ahead of his grandfather and met Marcus Kidd, his wife and her sister, coming from the Kidd home.

Dave Kidd, Marcus told Willis, had driven them away from home, and Marcus asked Willis to go back with him to get his furniture. Willis went back to the house with Marcus but refused to enter.

Dave Kidd then came to the door with a knife in his hand and ordered Willis off the premises. The elder Kidd then is said to have taken out after young Johnson with his knife but closed it and put it in his pocket when he overtook Johnson. Kidd and Johnson then locked in combat.

Bob Johnson and Willis Johnson both told him, the sheriff said, that the elder Johnson did not take any part in the row or scuffle, but was coming up about ten feet away when the fracas ended.

Other witnesses were Zeb Whiteaker and John Clark, neighbors of the Kidds and Johnsons, who were on the scene shortly after the occurrence; Walter Kidd, son of the slain man; Jim Rose, of Unaka, and Jim Hemler, of Murphy, who accompanied the sheriff and coroner to the scene of the tragedy. The defense offered no evidence in rebuttal.

**Was Not Drinking**  
Witnesses testified that the slain

## Hedrick Raises Largest Potato

W. S. Hedrick, of the Persimmon Creek section, last week brought to the Scout Office the largest sweet potato yet brought, forward in the county. The potato weighed 5 lbs and 6 ozs, and was of the Nancy Hall variety. Another one weighed 3 lbs and 12 ozs, of the Porto Rico variety. Mr. Hedrick said they had been dug for about six weeks and had lain up on the mantle above the fireplace ever since and were consequently thoroughly dried.

To Mrs. Arthur Akin, of Murphey goes the honor of raising the biggest freak sweet potato of the season. It is grown through a small circular piece of bone, with each end somewhat larger than an egg and is on display at the Akin Hardware company store.

## 8.1 PERCENT OF POPULATION ON RELIEF ROLLS

Cherokee County Shows 8.9 Of Total Inhabitants For Month Of October

According to statistics released today by the office of Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State Emergency Relief Administration, 8.1 per cent of North Carolina's population was on the emergency relief rolls of the various counties in the State during the month of October. This is a slight increase over corresponding figures for September.

When considered from a State-wide viewpoint, this increase would appear insignificant. However, when taken county by county, the conditions of unemployment and destitution among our people takes on a more serious aspect. We find that Stanley, the county which has almost always stood at the head of the list of counties, still holds first rank with only 1.5 per cent of its citizens being supported by public relief funds, and Tyrrell again ranks lowest with 53.2 per cent, or more than half its people unable to provide the bare necessities of life for themselves.

Many counties have made noticeable changes in their position of rank when considered on the percentage basis, some showing considerable improvement and others losing much of the ground gained during the summer months.

Currituck, which held first place in September, dropped to fifty-fifth place in October. Caswell twenty-second from the bottom of the list in September, slipped down to sixth position from the bottom in October. Jones County climbs from ninety-first position in September to sixty-second place in October, while Irwell was slipping from the forty-fourth to the eighty-seventh place. Pender climbs twenty-three rungs up the ladder while Hertford and Brunswick are climbing down through thirty-six and forty-four spaces respectively, the latter landing on the nineteenth rung.

The percentages of population given two months, September and October, by counties, follow:

Cherokee in October 8.9; in September 5.1. Clay in October 17.3; in September 9.7. Graham county in October 20.4; in September 13.7.

## Petrie Hospital Open To Public December 14

Dr. R. W. Petrie announced this week that the new Petrie Hospital would be open for public inspection on Thursday, December 14th, from 2 to 4 p. m., and everybody is cordially invited to visit during these hours on this day.

man was not drinking, that they smelled of his mouth after the affair but could not discern the scent of whiskey. Marcus Kidd is a brother-in-law of Willis Johnson and a grandson of the slain man.

Gray and Christopher, attorneys for the defendants, indicated that it would probably be several days before any definite information concerning bonds for the two men could be given out.

Funeral services for David Kidd were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at Ogreeta and interment was in the churchyard. The Rev. Robert Peek officiated. He is survived by 3 sons, Walter and Luther Kidd, of Ogreeta and Richard Kidd, of Pharr, Texas.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### BASKET BALL SEASON OPENS

The Murphy basketball team began its practice Tuesday, December 5th in the Burns Building with a squad of approximately 40 girls and 50 boys.

The first day began with a reduction of players and will be further reduced to about 18 girls and 15 boys within the next week.

This year's team will be equipped with black and gold sweat-suits.

Since Coach Deaton is trying to arrange games with the best teams in Western North Carolina the schedule has not yet been completed, but on December 14th the first game of the season will be played with Copperhill on the local court.

### HOLIDAY DANCE AT BUCK CREEK RANCH

Among the Thanksgiving festivities was an officer's Dance, sponsored by the officers of the Buck Creek C. C. Camp, and given in the ball room of the Buck Creek Ranch House near Rainbow Springs.

The dance was a formal affair with the music furnished by the Blue Bell Orchestra of Asheville. Fifty couples were in attendance.

### MURPHY CLOSES A SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL SEASON

Murphy ended the most successful season in their history, Thanksgiving with a 13-0 victory over their bitter rivals, Andrews.

Murphy played 9 games this season winning 3 and losing 6. The 1933 team amassed a total of 85 points during the season while holding the opposition to 74 points.

Of the 9 games played 5 were played on the local court while the remaining 4 were played away from home. Murphy journeyed to Sylva to play the Sylva Bulldogs for their longest trip. Murphy played Andrews Thanksgiving before the largest crowd that has ever attended a ball game in Murphy. A total of \$59.00 was taken in.

Approximately 30 boys went out for football all this year, about half of these will be given letters.

As has been stated above Murphy scored 85 points during the season, of these 85 Troy Millsaps, fullback scored 24 and "Slim" Hensley was second with 21. The remaining 40 were scored by various members of the team.

Murphy will lose only three players by graduation this year, namely Kermit Davenport, quarter back, Hoyt Phillips, tackle and Frank Hensley end. This is the first year of football for several of the players and with the added experience next year's team ought to be the best Murphy has ever had.

### MURPHY ALL STARS DEFEATED BY ANDREWS

The Murphy All Stars were defeated Friday afternoon on the local field by a score of 13-7.

Murphy scored their only touchdown near the end of the second quarter when Derreberry passed over the goal line to E. Hensley.

Derreberry drop-kicked the extra point.

### MURPHY WINS 13-0

Murphy defeated Andrews 13-0 Thanksgiving before the year's largest crowd.

Murphy scored early, marching 60 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. T. Millsaps went over for the score. Davenport passed to A. Millsaps for the extra point.

Murphy scored their final touchdown in the second quarter, Davenport and the Millsaps brothers carrying the ball to Andrews 11 yard line where T. Millsaps went over on a plunge over right tackle. The point after failed when Wise fumbled the pass from center. The half ended a few plays later.

Andrews failed to offer a serious threat until the final quarter when they made a first down on Murphys 1 yard line. On the first play Henshaw broke through and threw Parker for a loss. Henshaw again threw Parker for a down and still it was 3rd down and still goal to go. Gouge on an attempted end run was thrown for a 5 yard loss by Sneed. Hensley and Davenport dragged Parker down and the ball went over to Murphy on their own 10 yard line. After two line plays had failed to gain Davenport punted to Parker in mid field where Sneed tackled him. Andrews trying desperately to score threw 4 passes which were knocked down by Murphy. Murphy took the ball on the 50 yard line and as the game ended they had a first down on Andrews 30 yard line.

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## Four Hurt When School Bus Overturns

Mary Lou Coleman received several cuts on the leg, Parmales Stalcup suffered a leg bruise and Ruth Ledford was bruised on the arm, and Ezra Price, driver, was cut on the hand and head when the Peachtree and Brasstown school bus overturned on Patterson Hill Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Mr. Price said the road machine or grader was stopped in the middle of the road on a blind curve and before he could bring the bus to a stop after seeing the road machine, he collided with it and the bus turned over on its side. The loose gravel rock rendered his brakes ineffective, he said.

No one was hurt seriously and those suffering bruises and cuts are recovering rapidly, it was said.

## TRAINING FOR TEACHERS WHO TEACH ADULTS

Course At Cullowhee Under CWA For Unemployed Teachers Of Western N. C.

CULLOWHEE, Dec. 5. (Special)—

A one-week training course for those who will soon conduct adult schools throughout Western North Carolina under the auspices of the Civil Works Administration will begin at Western Carolina Teachers College here on December 11.

The project that will follow the training school here will give employment to approximately 50 unemployed teachers of the mountain section. The adult schools will last over a period of four months and will be organized in the home counties of the teachers. Adults will be taught in the academic subjects as well as in Vocational and homemaking courses. The teachers will be paid \$13.50 a week for their work.

The teachers will also be paid \$13.50 for the week that they are attending the training school at Western Carolina Teachers College. The training course here will be in methods of teaching adults and in methods to be used in teaching home economics and vocational subjects. The college has agreed to furnish room and board to the students of the training school for \$1.00 per day.

President H. T. Hunter of Western Carolina Teachers College will be general director of the Cullowhee training school. Miss Pearl Weaver of Asheville is in charge of the project. Among the teachers during the training school will be Mrs. J. M. Day, Director of Buncombe County night schools, and Miss Susan M. Burson, state supervisor of home economics.

C. H. Allen is head of the faculty committee here that is making local arrangements for the training school. He is being assisted by J. S. Seymour, Mary Elizabeth Maddux, Alice Benton, and members of the music faculty. Lectures will be given during the school by faculty members.

The unemployed teachers, in order to be eligible for this work, must be selected and approved by county or city superintendents of education and by local directors of welfare. The teachers must be eligible for relief. Soon as selections for the training school have been made, school superintendents are asked to notify Mrs. Day, Asheville, or President Hunter, Cullowhee.

## Woman's Club To Meet Wednesday, Dec. 13th

The Murphy Woman's Club will meet on Wednesday, December 13th, at 2:30 o'clock at the club room in the library, it was announced this week by officers. All members are asked to note change in time, and to be present promptly. Mrs. E. B. Norvell will have charge of the program, the topic of which will be Education. Mr. T. F. Higgins, pastor of the Methodist church, has been asked to address the club along the same general topic.

Mrs. Garland Posey, Mrs. Mercer Fain and Miss Hattie Palmer will act as hostesses for the afternoon.

## 'Possum Supper

An enjoyable event of the week was the annual 'possum supper at which Dr. J. N. Hill entertained a number of friends Tuesday night. Covers were laid for 16, and Mrs. Hill was assisted in serving by her

## MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION COMPLETED

By Laws Adopted and Directors Named At Meeting On Tuesday Night

Organization of the Merchants Association was completed at a meeting Tuesday night in the private dining room of the Murphey Cafe with about 12 merchants present.

Following a sumptuous repast Dutch style, the meeting was called to order by Noah Lovingood, temporary president, and minutes of the last meeting were read by D. M. Reese, temporary secretary-treasurer, and were then approved. By laws were then presented and adopted after some discussion and amendments.

A board of seven directors was named as follows: Noah Lovingood, R. F. Williamson, D. V. Carringer, E. C. Moore, Dr. E. L. Holt, G. W. Candler, and J. W. King.

The board of directors are empowered to elect officers and at a call meeting Wednesday morning, the following temporary officers were elected permanently, as follows: Noah Lovingood, president; G. W. Candler, vice-president, and D. M. Reese, secretary-treasurer.

The association now embraces in its membership twenty-three of the leading business men and firms of the town, and officials plan to continue the membership drive until every eligible business and professional firm and individual in Murphey is a member of the association.

The charter members of the organization are as follows: Murphy Supply Co., Davidson & Carringer, Candler's Department Store, Murphy Cafe, Murphy Service Station, Mauney Drug Co., E. C. Moore, Murphy Hardware Co., Akin Hwde. Co., E. L. Townsend, J. W. King, L. M. Shields, Cherokee Hwde. Co., W. M. Fain Gro. Co., Cherokee Scout, W. B. Dickey & Sons, Parker Drug Store, Dr. E. L. Holt, Petrie Hospital, Walter Coleman, Cherokee Mfg. Co., J. B. Mulkey, and A. & P. Tea Co.

## Has Turkey And No Turkey For Thanksgiving

B. L. Padgett, Register of Deeds, said he had turkey and no turkey for dinner on Thanksgiving Day. He bought a turkey, the day before, carried it home and put it in the coop to await execution. Thanksgiving morning, Mrs. Padgett went out to kill the bird. She found an egg in the coop and couldn't muster courage enough to kill it. The next morning, Mr. Padgett said he found another egg in the coop. They plan to keep the bird until it quits laying.

## Civil Service Exam For Auto Mechanic

The United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examination for the position of Automotive Mechanic.

Applications for this position must be on file with the Manager, Fourth U. S. Civil Service District, Washington, D. C., not later than December 21, 1933.

The examination is being held to fill vacancies in the in the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, in the Nantahala National Forest, George Washington National Forest, Pisgah National Forest, and Monongahala National Forest, and vacancies which may occur in positions requiring similar qualifications at approximately the same rate of pay.

The entrance salary for this position is \$1.10 per hour.

Competitors will not be required to report for written examination but will be rated on their experience. Full information may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, Murphey, N. C.

daughter, Miss Anne Hill. Following the repast, singing of old time hymns and folk songs was enjoyed with Mrs. J. W. Davidson at the piano. Those present were Prof. H. Bueck, Dr. J. N. Hill and Messrs. W. W. Hyde, Fred Christopher, Charlie Cahoun, Albert Millhouse, Perlie Mauney, Tom Axley, Walter Mauney, Carl Bailey, Quay Ketner, John O'Dell, Efton Christopher, Harve Elkins, Weaver Gray, and Bill Brandon.