

JURY SELECTED TO TRY GADDIS AND 2 OTHERS

Ducktown Crowded As Trial Of Alleged Slay- er Is Begun

Ducktown, Tenn., Jan. 21—A jury of twelve men Tuesday was selected to try Emmett Gaddis, former Polk county deputy sheriff and two others, on charges of first degree murder, growing out of the fatal shooting of David W. McFadden, Asheville contractor, here on May 17.

The entire day was spent in the selection of the jury and 63 men from a venire of 300 were examined before the box was filled. Immediately afterwards, Gaddis, Lloyd Parton and Clarence Brooks were arraigned on murder charges. All three pleaded not guilty.

Four state highway patrolmen were on duty at the courthouse, two in the yard and two in the courtroom. No one could say why they had been sent here.

Ducktown Crowded

Ducktown was packed and jammed as the trial of McFadden's alleged slayers was begun. Hotel accommodations were unavailable and streets were packed with people and their automobiles. Most of them had come from all sections of Polk county.

The trial opened at 9 o'clock with Judge Sue K. Hicks, of Madisonville, presiding. The courtroom was crowded and a long line of people extended out into the yard where scores of others stood in the rain, hoping to get a seat.

The courthouse is a two-story frame structure, situated on top of a hill at the edge of town. Its windows look out upon red, eroded, denuded hills, the result of more than 40 years of smelting in plants here and in Copperhill by the Tennessee Copper company.

Unsafe For Large Crowd

Judge Hicks announced he had been informed the structure was unsafe for a large crowd and ordered the veniremen to go downstairs and wait to be called. The downstairs accommodates a two-cell jail now empty and the sheriff's office.

As each prospective juror was called, his name was relayed about the courthouse. Attorney General R. Beacher Witt, also of Madisonville, examined the jurors for the state, laying particular stress on whether they had been questioned or in any way influenced after they had been summoned.

Many were excused for their scruples about capital punishment and a large number for having formed opinions. All who had read accounts of the preliminary hearing for the three men were excused.

Presiding as court officer at the trial was Sheriff Broughton Biggs, 32-year-old son of Burch Biggs, who was sheriff when McFadden was slain. Tall, good looking and well dressed, the young sheriff handled the business of the court in an authoritative manner.

Mrs. McFadden Present

Mrs. McFadden, widow of the contractor, tired by an all-night trip from Asheville to Ducktown, sat with her son, David S. McFadden, her lawyer, John S. Wrinkle, of Chattanooga, and the attorney general at the table reserved for the prosecution.

Gaddis, dressed in a gray suit, sat
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Weather Vane

Following are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week, compared with temperatures for the same period last year:

Date	1937		1936	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
12	59	55	66	23
13	66	52	58	28
14	71	58	61	20
15	68	51	55	45
16	60	30	64	27
17	58	41	72	31
18	66	54	62	46

Rainfall:

	1937	1936
Since Jan. 1	7.02 inches	9.06 inches

PLEMMONS SAYS ROAD TO DAM TO BE PAVED SOON

An all-paved road into the Hiwassee dam site by way of the Shoal Creek community is expected to be finished by this time next year, according to Roy Plemmons, of Andrews, member of the North Carolina highway department.

He said the highway board appeared in favor of paving the Shoal Creek road from a point where it connects with No. 28 to Copperhill and where it connects with the principal access road from Turtletown, Tenn., into the dam.

The highway commission will build roads as the work on the dam progresses, Mr. Plemmons added.

COUNTY FAIR DATES SET FOR SEPT. 27-OCT. 2

New And Larger Show Will Be Present This Fall, Fain Says.

The Twelfth Annual Cherokee County Fair will be held in Murphy Sept. 27 to Oct. 2, W. M. Fain, president of the fair association, announced Tuesday.

A contract has been signed with the Keystone Shows to furnish the midway attraction for those dates, he stated, but pointed out that this was a totally different show from the Keystone Exposition shows which held the concession here last fall. They will also be present at the Haywood county and Cherokee Indian fairs, he said.

A meeting of fair officials will be held within the next few weeks to lay plans for the affair this fall, he indicated.

Last year the largest crowd to ever pass through the gates of a fair here were present, but with a larger show and more extensive plans being laid an even more popular fair is anticipated this year.

The new show, according to the contract, is composed of eight rides, six shows, 35 concessions and two free acts. Indicative of its size is the 100 k. w. of electricity that will be required to completely light it.

Following a practice begun last year the fair will again last five days—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the grounds open each day and night.

Few changes in arrangements, practices and premiums are anticipated.

Medical Society Holds Meeting, Elects Officers

Dr. N. B. Adams was re-elected president.

Dr. G. M. Young was elected vice-president.

Dr. Edw. E. Adams was re-elected as secretary.

Dr. B. W. Whitfield was elected to represent our Society at the State Medical meeting, with Dr. J. N. Hill as Alternate.

Dr. Edw. E. Adams was elected to represent the Society at the Tenth District Medical meeting, Alternate, Dr. W. C. Morrow.

The Cherokee County Medical Society passed a resolution approving Dr. J. N. Hill, County Health Officer's decision not to sign some certificate releasing privately owned hospitals from taxation. A resolution to this effect will appear in the next Scout, and a copy sent to each privately owned hospital in the county.

Edw. E. Adams, Sec.
Cherokee County Medical Society.

BUEL ADAMS LEAVES

Mr. Buel Adams left Tuesday for Pasadena, Texas, where he will be employed shortly by the branch of the Champion Fibre company located there.

POOL ROOM AND PRIZE FIGHTING BILLS APPROVED

Cooper's Measurers Are Passed By House And Sent To Senate

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—Representative Harry P. Cooper's bills to permit operation of pool rooms and the staging of prize fights in Cherokee county were passed by the House Tuesday and ordered sent to the Senate. The first bill also permitted pool rooms in Clay county.

Representative Cooper's two bills to permit fishing and hunting in Cherokee county without license are still before the house committee on game, and it is probable they will remain there until forced out. The state department of conservation and development is opposed to them.

Other bills introduced by the Cherokee county representative are:

HB 22, requiring every owner of a motor vehicle to secure liability insurance with a minimum of \$5,000 liability and property damage. Before house committee on judiciary one where it has been referred to a subcommittee for study.

HB 25, reduce license fees for private passenger cars to following: purchase price \$1,000 or less, \$4; over \$1,000, under \$3,000, \$7; over \$3,000 \$10; motorcycles \$5. Before house committee on roads.

HB 27, place the clerk of superior court of Cherokee county on salary of \$3,000 annually, such salary to include any compensation paid assistance. Passed house and before senate committee on judiciary one.

HB 13, to allow Sunday baseball, and HB 14, to allow Sunday movies in Cherokee county. Passed house and before senate committee on judiciary one.

HB 16, to fix certain fees for Cherokee county sheriff, including five per cent on tax collections for first \$50,000; 2 1/2 per cent on balance and \$1 fee for each tax sale. Passed house and before senate committee on judiciary one.

Murphy Teams To Meet Indians Saturday Night

The Murphy basketball teams have two games scheduled for the next seven-day period, according to Coach O. W. Deaton.

The locals will meet the fast Cherokee Indians boys and girls teams on the local court Saturday night. The game was originally scheduled for Friday night. On Tuesday night the boys and girls will start a four-game series away from home. They will meet the Blairsville, Ga., teams at Blairsville on that date.

SHERRILL RETURNS

W. A. Sherrill, local filling station operator, returned Thursday from a week's business trip to Ardmore, Okla., and other points.

Lady Dickey's Record To Be Challenged Here

When the ladies of the Methodist church here prepare the annual Cherokee County dinner for the local Lions club Tuesday night, Feb. 23, they are going to have quite a record to beat.

As the banquet is yearly composed of every edible product to be found in Cherokee county, it is recalled that the largest array of products ever assembled for a dinner here was in 1935 when Lady Dickey, who died last May, prepared 132 different dishes for a delectable feast at the Dickey hotel.

Seven Lions committees have been appointed by President G. W. Ellis to make arrangements for the affair.

Through their unique custom of preparing a dinner of this type every year, the local Lions club has won nation-wide attention by other organizations from the far corners of the states which have become interested in the plan.

LOCAL HARDWARE FIRM OFFICIALS ELECT OFFICERS

A directors meeting and election of officers of the Cherokee Hardware company were held here Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock.

The officers re-elected were: J. A. Richardson, president; M. W. Bell, vice-president, and E. C. Moore, secretary and treasurer.

Directors of the organization were appointed as follows: C. S. Hasson, president of the House-Hasson Hardware company, of Knoxville, Tenn., J. D. Mallonee, Fred Moore and T. S. Evans. These men will serve on the board along with the officers.

Mr. Mallonee replaces John McGuire, of Peachtree, on the group.

URGE GROWERS TO SIGN 1937 CONTRACTS NOW

Local Cannery wants 300 Acres of Vegetables, Thompson Says

The Mountain Valley Associated Cooperative cannery in Murphy has contracts covering approximately 300 acres of vegetables to let to farmers of this section, E. R. Thompson, manager, announced Tuesday.

He said they wanted about 200 acres of beans (Tendergreen variety) 50 acres of tomatoes; 10 acres of turnips; 15 acres of spinach, and eight acres of okra.

The Tendergreen variety of bean was grown with unusual success in this section last year, Thompson explained.

"Advances paid at time of delivery will be generally somewhat higher than in past years. All vegetables will be sold fresh when the price justifies it and the growers will be paid the selling price less a small marketing fee," he added.

The vegetables will be canned when the price drops to a point where it is more profitable to do so, Thompson said.

Cannery officials, members of the Land O' Sky Mutual Canning association, are asking all farmers who intend to grow acreage under the cannery contracts to sign them as early as possible so they can become members of the association and be eligible to vote in the election of directors at an early date in February.

Sixty-Three At Agoga Sunday School Class

By K. C. WRIGHT

The Agoga Bible Class at the First Baptist church continues to enjoy regular and substantial gains in membership, as evidenced by the fact that sixty-three men were present at the service last Sunday morning.

The recent purchase of a piano has added much to the devotional exercises by making possible class singing. At last Sunday's evening worship service the class was in charge of the music.

The Building Committee is at present working on the seating for the class, which has become a pressing problem within the past sixty days due to the large number of new members. It is hoped that at least part of the new seats will be installed this week.

The class officers and teachers extend to all young men of Murphy and vicinity a most cordial invitation to meet with the class every Sunday morning at 9:45 at the Church.

OYSTER SUPPER FRIDAY NIGHT

The Women's Class of the Methodist church will serve at an Oyster Supper in the church basement Friday evening of this week beginning at 6:00. The supper is being served for the benefit of the Young Men's Class for the purpose of beautifying their class room.

ROOSEVELT BALL WILL BE HELD IN ANDREWS JAN. 29

Three Womens Clubs, Walter Mauney Ar- ranging Affair

Tickets will go on sale this week for the President's Ball to be held in Andrews Friday night, Jan. 29. One woman's club in Andrews and two in Murphy will be in charge of sales.

This will mark the fourth annual President's ball to be held in Cherokee county for the purpose of raising funds for infantile paralysis. Seventy per cent of the proceeds of the dance are kept locally each year and thirty per cent are forwarded to headquarters where a national drive for prevention and cure of the scourge has been instituted.

Walter Mauney, popular Murphy druggist, is the general chairman of the ball in this county this year, while the Konnaheeta club of Andrews and the Junior Woman's club and the Charity League in Murphy will take care of the arrangements.

All three clubs are expected to name committees to be in charge of the work this week-end when tickets will go on sale. Miss Josephine Bradley, of the Konnaheeta club, who has made arrangements for the orchestra, said that club will meet Thursday to select its committee. It in turn will confer with the two Murphy clubs in preparing the decorations and advertising of the event.

Jimmy Cinciolo and his orchestra, of Gainesville, Ga., always popular favorites with the Murphy contingent, have agreed to play for the event.

The Andrews gymnasium was selected as the most logical place to have the dance this year as it is more spacious than any other dancing place to be found in the county and will amply care conveniently for a large crowd. Decorations appropriate to the occasion will be arranged by the clubs.

The date of the dance was moved up from Saturday night, Jan. 30th, date of the President's birthday, to Friday night, as it is generally considered "a better dancing night" and arrangements could be more easily facilitated.

Proceeds from the dance will go to the Andrews club, and Miss Bradley said they will be used toward two needy cases in the Andrews area.

Mr. Mauney has appointed Abe Hembree, of Murphy, to make arrangements for a square dance in the gymnasium at Murphy for the same purpose on Saturday night. Arrangements have not yet been made for this affair but it is expected, as in the past, to prove as delightful and entertaining as the round dance in Andrews.

The dances here will be two of the 50,000 being held all over the nation for the prevention and cure of paralysis. Each year President Franklin D. Roosevelt himself a victim of the malady has been lending his name and his birth date for the cause.

As no other President's ball will be held within 75 miles of this section, indications are a large number of dancers, young and old, will be present at the season's most brilliant social affair.

Fifteen Cherokee Boys Enrolled In CCC camps

Fifteen boys from Cherokee county were enrolled in CCC camp through the County Department of Welfare on Jan. 15. Mrs. Margaret LeMay Mauney, head of the department, has announced.

North Carolina's quota for enrollment at this period was 875 white juniors and 228 colored juniors. As result of the employment furnished boys in CCC camps, the families of the fifteen boys sent from Cherokee will receive the sum total of \$375.00 a month.

Alumni and friends of Western Carolina Teachers College are invited to listen to the radio broadcast from Nashville Friday night 9:30 CST.