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# CHEROKEE COUNTY FAIR IS IN FULL SWING

## Three Killed, 40 Iniured in Highway Wreck Sunday

### Truck Load of Warne People Were Returning From Singing Meet

Three persons were killed, several are in a serious condition and more than a score received medical aid following one of this section's worst highway fatalities last Sunday when an open-bed truck carrying 50 people from an all-day singing meeting at Hayesville overturned three miles this side of the Clay county seat.

The dead are: Mrs. W. E. Brown and her daughter, Clara Bell, 18, and Ethel Carter, 12, all of Warne.

Mrs. Clarence Fleming, Mrs. Elbert Reid, Miss Olive Reese and Guy Carter were still in the Petrie hospital here Wednesday suffering painful injuries.

All the people on the truck involved in the accident were from the Warne section of Clay county.

Tom Ledford, of Brasstown, driver of the truck, is under $2500 bond pending further investigation into the cause of the accident. Patrolmen E. B. Quinn, Jr., who investigated following the wreck and issued the warrant charging manslaughter, said a hearing would be held for Ledford as soon as most of the witnesses survived the shock of the tragedy.

W. E. Brown, husband, of the deceased woman, was given first aid following the wreck. Tuesday he was readmitted to the hospital, but returned home Wednesday to attend joint funeral services for his wife and daughter. Miss Carter, daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, of Warne, was buried Tuesday.

Following the accident at least 40 persons riding in the truck were brought to Murphy where treatment was administered in both hospitals, in various doctor's offices in town.

The facilities of all were crowded during the night.

According to several of those riding on the truck, the accident occured about three and one-half miles this side of Hayesville about 4 p. m. The truck, belonging to Bob Anderson, pulled over to pass a truck coming in the opposite direction when it suddenly turned over an embankment and landed in a creek bed. Screaming

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## SPEAKING, MUSIC TO FEATURE FIRST CANNERY PICNIC

A speaking and music program has been arranged by J. B. Shields, manager of the Mountain Valley Mutual Canning association here, to feature the first annual picnic of the cannery to be held at the cannery on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Games will be played by the young people. All persons are invited to bring a basket of lunch and attend.

In case of rain the picnic will be held in the Fair Building, Mr. Shields stated.

The cannery has just completed its most successful year here.

## Weather Vane

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year.

TEMPERATURES

| Date | 1938 Max. | 1938 Min. | 1937 Max. | 1937 Min. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 66 | 37 | 85 | 56 |
| 23 | 72 | 40 | 80 | 53 |
| 24 | 81 | 44 | 81 | 45 |
| 25 | 83 | 43 | 80 | 45 |
| 26 | 86 | 47 | 71 | 57 |
| 27 | 84 | 53 | 72 | 48 |
| 28 | 96 | 50 | 73 | 48 |

| RAINFALL INCHES | 1938 | 1937 |
|---|---|---|
| Since Sept. 1 | 1.44 | 2.73 |
| Since Jan. 1 | 50.93 | 44.71 |

## Young Democrats To Holds Meetings

The Young Democratic club of Cherokee county has scheduled a series of meetings to be held in the county during the coming week.

The meetings are as follows: Andrews, Monday night, Oct. 3, 8 o'clock (EST; Marble, Tuesday night, Oct. 4 8 o'clock (EST); Peachtree, Wednesday night, Oct. 5 7 o'cloel (CST); Murphy, Thursday night, Oct. 6, 7 o'clock (CST); and Walker School House, Friday night, Oct. 7 at 7 o'clock (CST).

E. C. Mallonee, chairman of the Cherokee County Democratic Executive committee, announced that young Democrats would accompany party candidates on a series of county-wide meetings to be held later.

## Man Electrocuted At Fair Grounds

Earl White, 36, of Cumberland, Md, was killed instantly at the Fair grounds here Monday night when he came in contact with a 2200-volt wire in the Keystone show's portable power plant. He had been employed by the show company, holders of the Cherokee Fair concession this year, for a number of years as their chief electrician.

Immediately following the accident he was conveyed to the Petrie hospital where all efforts to resuscitate him were of no avail.

His wife, who was living with him at the Fair grounds, told Chief of Police Fred Johnson Tuesday that $450,' 'a year's savings that he always carried in his shirt pocket", was missing. Mr. Johnon questioned several persons connected with the new show but has been unable to shed any light on the matter.

White was in the rear of the power truck when his right thumb touched the wire about 8:30 o'clock. The only marks on the body when viewed by Coroner Dr. Fred L. Herbert, of Andrews, were a slight burn on the right thumb and a dark spot on each heel. Dr. Herbert, after viewing the body at the Ivie funeral home, said no inquest would be held.

The body was shipped to Cumberland, Md., Wednesday morning.

Surviving besides the wife are White's step-mother, of Pittsburg, Pa., and several brothers and sisters, of Cumberland.

## Local TVA Offices Change Location

The Murphy offices of the Tennessee Valley Authority were moved Tuesday to the Regal Hotel building here.

Two compartments of the building formerly used as a department store and a bank have been remodelled and now house the legal division, highway division, engineering and engineering data divisions, the geology division, the rehabilitation, training division and electrical offices.

## Dr. Heighway Observes His 82nd Birthay Here

Dr. S. C. Heighway, one of this entire section's oldest practicing physicians from the standpoint of service, quietly celebrated his 82nd birthday at his home here Wednesday.

Last Sunday while calling on a patient. Dr. Heighwoy received several minor injuries in an automobile accident but they have not been enough to keep him from attending his patients.

## CONVENTION IS HELD WEDNESDAY BY FOXHUNTERS

### Seventh Annual Meet Said To Be One of Best Ever Held

The Tri-County Foxhunters seventh annual convention, one of the best ever held, conducted a business session and a bench show adjoining the Murphy Fair grounds Wednesday afternoon and later retired to Granny Squirrel Gap where the annual chase was held.

The exhibition of dogs was declared to be the best ever shown at any previous convention. People from as far away ss Ocoee, Tenn., attended to enter more than 60 fine-looking hounds in the bench show.

Opening the meeting officers were elected. Those named were: John Donley, president; Wayne Battles, Bryson City, vice president, and C. I. Calhoun, Murphy, secretary and treasurer. Dr. W. O. Tallant, of Copperhill, Tenn., and Fred Moore, of Murphy, are the retiring president and vice president. Mr. Calhoun was reelected.

Directors of the association as named at the meeting are: A. M. McAfee, G. C. Mauney, J. E. Stiles, W. C. Witt and W. B. Wiggins.

More than 150 people attended the bench show and business session and several hundred took part in the night's chase.

The chase began at 7 o'clock near Granny Squirrel Gap, two and one-half miles east of Andrews on the Asheville highway.

Prizes for the best dogs went to their owners as follows: Mrs. J. N. Arthur, Ocoee, Tenn., first; Ed Barnett, Murphy, second; A. M. McAfee, Blairsville, Ga., third, and Wayne Battles, Bryson City, fourth. The first prize was a 20-inch blowing horn; the second prize, an 18-inch blowing horn, and third and fourth prizes, a set of belt, lead and collar.

For the best pups, the following owners were given prizes; J. E. Stiles, Ducktown, Tenn., first and third; A. M. McAfee, second, and William P. Payne, fourth. Prizes were also a set of belt, lead and collar.

Ribbons were awarded to all winners.

The judges were: H. C. Cantrell, Fike, Ga.; M. T. Stiles, Ducktown, Tenn., and George Kanittel, Murphy.

## JAMES B. WARD IS DISCUSSION GROUP SPEAKER HERE

James B. Ward, TVA geologist of Murphy, was the speaker at the meeting of the Library Discussion group at the Murphy Carnegie library last Thursday night.

Fifteen persons attended and heard Mr. Ward's talk on "The Mineral Resources of Western North Carolina." Following the address a lively discussion was held.

Mr. Ward's personal collection of minerals were displayed at the meeting.

The program lasted only an hour, but the group discussed the subject for another hour following the meeting.

Miss Ida Bell Entrekin, Regional librarian, arranged the program. It was another in the series being held semi-monthly here.

## Lunch Rooms Open In 6 County Schools

Mrs. Walter C. Witt, womens WPA supervisor of Cherokee county, has announced that lunch rooms have been opened in the following schools in Cherokee county: Andrews, Marble, Peachtree, Tomotla, Martins Creek and Postell.

Lunch rooms will be opened in other schools at a later dates, she stated.

## Murphy High To Play At Ducktown Friday

Murphy will play the Ducktown high school football at the new Ducktown field Friday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. as the highlight of an afternoon of festivities at Kimsey-Guinn college which will include the dedication of the new field.

This will be the second game of the season for the Boomers and the third for the Ducks. Murphy won 20 to 6 over Cherokee in the opener here last Friday. Previously Ducktown and Copperhill played a scoreless tie.

It is reported that Hob Taylor and Junior Johnson have been added to the Murphy line-up and will probably see action in the game.

## Clay County's Last Civil War Veteran Dead

Funeral services for Clay county's last veteran of the War Between the States, W. Benjamin (Uncle Ben) Fleming, 95 years of age, of Brasstown, were conducted from the Green Cove church near his home Tuesday afternoon. Interment was in the church cemetery. Peyton G. Ivie, of Murphy, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Fleming died Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock of an illness he had suffered for two months. Born in Yadkin county, he moved to the Brasstown section as a youth with his mother. Following the War Between the States, he returned to his home where he became one of the section's most outstanding citizens.

Pallbearers were: Loy Payne, Paul Ledford, Aud Wilson, Jim Wilson, Will Mason and Jim Mason.

Surviving are: his widow, Mrs. Susie Stamey Fleming; a daughter, Mrs. Lillie Adams, who resides in Oklahoma, and three sons, R. F. (Bob), of Brasstown, R. E., of Martin's Creek, and D. Fleming, of Post, Texas.

## FOUR CHARGED WTH ATTACK ON LOCAL CONSTABLE

Three men were placed under bond Wednesday and a warrant has been issued for another on charges growing out of an attack on B. C. Walker Murphy township constable, at a tourist camp near Murphy last Saturday night.

Those arrested and amount of bond are: Oliver Gregory, $1000; Otto Newman, $500; Al Roberts, $200, and Mote Anderson, who has not yet been arrested.

They will be tried before Justice of the Peace D. M. Reese here Saturday morning.

The warrants list a number of charges growing out of the affair. Mr. Walker said he started to arrest two of the men when he was hit over the head with an automobile crank.

## Local Lions Attend Canton Charter Night

Three Murphy Lions and two Lionesses from Murphy attended the Charter night meeting of the Canton Lions club Tuesday night.

Those going from here were: Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Adams, Mrs. H. G. Elkins, Park Fisher and W. A. Sherrill.

Speakers on the program included V. H. Duckett, president of the newly-formed club; Wesley Brown, of Asheville, toastmaster; Mayor Paul Murray, of Canton; Dan Stewart, of Asheville; Carl W. Greene, deputy district governor, of Asheville, and Robert H. Cooke, district governor, of Shelby.

A number of local Lions are expected to attend a similar meeting at Waynesville next Thursday night.

## FINE DISPLAYS BEING SHOWN AT EXPOSITION

### Huge Midway Attracting Many People From This Area

A number of unusually fine exhibits and large attendance marked the opening of the thirteenth annual Cherokee County Fair in Murphy Tuesday. It will close Saturday night.

Wednesday judges in all fourteen departments of the Fair covering exhibits of all farm, home and field products and livestock, were busy making awards of more than $1200 in premiums.

Only results of unusual exhibits could be learned by Thursday morning.

Excellent weather greeted the grand opening Tuesday, but Wednesday the skies clouded. In spite of the apparent inclement weather, fair officials are anticipating a record-breaking crowd during the remainder of the fair.

The Keystone shows, holders of the concession for the midway, arrived over the week-end with the largest array of rides, side shows and concesions that has ever been seen at a previous fair.

Two free aerial acts are given nightly.

**Fine Displays Made**

During the early part of the week a number of unusual booths were arranged by various county agencies Of unusual interest were a miniature ideal poultry farm and a farm management project arranged by R. B. Wooten, assistant county agent, and displays by the John C. Campbell Folk School, the Regional library, Murphy and Andrews schools, Cherokee and Clay county 4-H Clubs, the Cherokee county Health department, hand-made pewter and copper work by Miss Helen Warner, various Cherokee county home demonstration clubs, the Nantahala National forest and H. A. Whitman, who is here in the interest of white pine blister rust control.

Murphy's new information booth, which was constructed through local

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## Shotgun Wound Proves Fatal To Graham Boy

George Collins, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins, of Santeetlah, Graham county died in Petrie hospital in Murphy at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning of shotgun wounds in the stomach.

Graham county officers are holding Ed Carver, 23 of Santeetlah, without bond in the jail at Robbinsville pending a hearing on charges preferred in connection with the shooting, it is understood.

Officers said that young Collins, Carver, and a young man by the name of Orr were returning last Wednesday from a squirrel hunt when the shooting occurred. They said Carver and Orr engaged in a dispute over the driving of a car and that during the scuffle the shotgun held by Carver, was discharged. The load struck young Collins, who was not a participant in the quarrel, officers said.

The accident happened in the Yellow Creek section of the county.

The body of young Collins was taken Tuesday to Santeetlah. The funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Lone Oak Baptist church in the Santeetlah section.

W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

The body is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.