

LOYD PARTON, 4 OTHERS IN COUNTY JAIL

Arrest Follows Raid On Still By Sheriff's Department

Lloyd Parton, of Ducktown, Tenn., who was one of four indicted and later acquitted in the alleged murder of D. W. McFadden, Asheville contractor who was shot to death in the Ducktown basin several years ago, is one of five men being held in Cherokee county jail here on an illegal liquor manufacturing charge.

Sheriff Carl Townson said Parton held a gun on High Deputy Patton Coleman during the raid on the still near the Tennessee state line Tuesday.

The others in jail charged with making whiskey are: Floyd Parton, a brother; A. L. Loudermilk, Jess Roberts and his son, Albert.

The sheriff's department said Lewis Roberts, another son, escaped.

The raid was made by Sheriff Townson, Deputy Coleman and Constable Sheridan Stiles, who was specially deputized for the occasion.

As the three surrounded the house where the illegal distilling operations were going on, Parton is alleged to have held a rifle on Deputy Coleman until he was told to "drop that gun" three times.

A 60-gallon copper still was captured and 600 gallons of beer were destroyed.

The sheriff said as the officers approached the house, a woman who lived nearby ran ahead and warned the men. Three rifles and a .38 calibre special pistol, which Deputy Coleman described as "mighty heavy and mean-looking artillery", were also taken.

Sheriff Townson said the men would be held for federal authorities. Jess Roberts, the father, was jailed Wednesday when he came to visit the others.

The sheriff said he believed whiskey had been made in the hide-out for at least two years. He added that a lake had been built near the house to supply the still.

Herman Akin Named Page In Legislature

Herman Akin received word this week of his appointment as page in the Legislature which convened in Raleigh Tuesday. Herman is 16 years old and a member of the Junior Class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Akin. Herman's appointment came through State Senator Jack Morphew of Robbinsville.

Can't Use Old Tag To Go Get New One

While a record number of auto tags have been sold locally this year and practically all persons driving cars have purchased them, Patrolman E. B. Quinn, Jr., has reported several arrests.

"You can't drive over to get your new tag with the old tag on the car," the patrolman stated. "You've got to have the new tag on the vehicle before you drive it anywhere."

Use Snuff To Keep Bloodhounds Off Trail

The Cherokee county bloodhounds—efficient as they are—would have gotten their sniffers full of snuff Saturday night if they had been turned loose on thieves in Murphy who stole a quantity of cigarettes from the Murphy Supply Company.

During the night someone tore the bars out of a rear window in the building and entered it. After helping themselves to the cigarettes, they left not only foot-prints in the sands of time but a trail of lip snuff as well.

The purpose of course, was to keep the bloodhounds off the trail. Which it did.



Fred and Bob Fain Bag Three Large Boars

Fred and Bob Fain returned from a very successful wild boar hunt in the Tellico River Basin this week. The hunt began December 21 and lasted a part of one day.

During this time three Prussian hogs were tracked by the hunters in the snow and killed. The largest hog weighed 318 pounds, the second 178 and the third 136. They returned to Murphy on December 29 bringing with them a large supply of meat and a number of their friends have been remembered with sufficient meat for chops and roasts, and the hunters have

a large amount left on hand for curing.

This is one of the most successful hunts ever known for this species of game, especially so in view of the fact that no dogs were used.

Fred Fain was attacked by one of the hogs, after shooting his gun empty at it, and Bob Fain seeing the position in which he was placed, ran to his aid and succeeded in killing the attacking hog.

The boars were killed on the headwater of Peckerwood Creek.

Second Son Born On Holiday To Couple

When a fine son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dockery, of the Unaka section of Cherokee county, on Christmas Day, an unusual event was created which can go down in the "believe it or not" annals.

The lad made the second son born to the prominent couple.

The other was born oddly enough, two years before—on New Year's Day.

So a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is readily their slogan from now on.

Ruth Ramsey, Age 3, Laid To Rest Monday

Funeral services for Ruth Ramsey, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Ramsey, of Cherokee county, were conducted from the White Church near Grandview Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. J. W. Truett officiating. Interment was in the church graveyard. W. D. Townson, of Murphy was in charge of funeral arrangements.

The child died of pneumonia the day before.

Surviving besides the parents are: two small brothers, the paternal grandfather, Zack Ramsey, and two maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Mills.

Townson Gives Address Before Funeral Group

W. D. Townson, Murphy undertaking establishment owner, was honored last Thursday evening when he attended the Tennessee Funeral directors association meeting in Knoxville and made an address before the group.

The meeting was held in the Andrew Jackson hotel.

Robert Heaton Has Story In "Archive"

An excellent short story entitled, "Four Hours", written by Robert Heaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Heaton of Andrews and a Duke University student, appears in the most recent issue of "The Archive" college literary publication.

The lively yarn is a dramatic incident in the life of a taxi driver.

RANGER CHILD DIES

Funeral services for five-year-old Callie Ruth Elliott, of Ranger were conducted at Snow Hill last Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock with Norman Kilpatrick officiating. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements. The child died Dec. 28.

CHILD BREAKS ARM IN FALL

Little Billy Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Savage, broke his arm in a fall while playing this week.

Centennial Celebration Of County Is Planned

Public Exercises To Be Held In Murphy Court House On January 23

The one-hundredth anniversary of the establishment and organization of Cherokee county will be celebrated with exercises in the Murphy court house on Monday, Jan. 23, according to plans announced by Col. Edmund B. Norvell, distinguished Murphy attorney, Wednesday.

As per following statement: "As Cherokee county was established by the General Assembly of North Carolina on January 4, 1839, and political organization of the county was had March 17, 1841, we deem it but proper that public exercises should be had celebrating these events. Therefore we take the liberty of calling upon all citizens of Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties, especially the older citizens to meet at the court house in Murphy at 12:30 p. m. (Central Standard Time), January

23, for the purpose of celebrating these events. We hope that there will be large attendance at these exercises.

T. P. Calhoun, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; J. W. Donley, clerk of the superior court; J. C. Townson, sheriff; L. L. Mason, tax collector; B. L. Padgett, register of deeds; J. B. Gray, Mayor of Murphy; P. M. Reagan, Mayor of Andrews; W. B. Mulkey, Mayor of Marble; P. A. Mauney, chairman of the board of education; A. L. Martin, supt. of public schools; Edmund B. Norvell, W. A. Adams, D. Wither- spoon, J. D. Mallonee, G. W. Candler, F. O. Christopher, J. W. Lovin- good, M. W. Bell, J. N. Moody, C. E. Hyde, W. M. Axley."

Mr. Norvell said in making the announcement that no definite program had yet been arranged but that a number of prominent citizens would speak on different phases of the founding and growth of the state's westernmost county.

Case Against Three Held For Murder Is Dismissed

Town Clock Will Be Repaired, Board Says

The old town clock on top of the court house will undergo an overhauling "up to and including \$25", it was ordered by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners in a busy session here on Monday.

The decree to renovate the "poor man's watch" was one of many minor orders passed by the board at its second sitting.

Two Plants To Be Moved From Basin Property

Two Cherokee manufacturing plants will be moved to new sites near here soon as the result of the TVA's Hiwassee Basin removal decree, it has been learned here.

The firms moving are the Crown Veneer Plant located in the Bealtown section of Murphy and the Hayse Dockery Mill three miles west of here on the Hiwassee river.

Property has been purchased by Sam Coffin, owner of the veneer plant, and Mr. Dockery from Allen Ramsey. The new structures will be located just beyond the town limits on the Asheville highway.

These are two of the last structures to move from the Basin before clearance begins for water which will be impounded from the \$22,000,000 dam site 22 miles below here up the Hiwassee, Nolichucky and Valley rivers.

The veneer plant has been located here for ten years while Mr. Dockery's mill has been located at its present site about eight years.

A great deal of machinery and space is housed in both plants. The intricate task of moving them is expected to begin soon.

Ministerial Group To Resume Meetings

The Cherokee-Clay county ministerial conference which has held regular monthly meetings for nearly five years, except for the past few months, will resume its meetings Monday at the First Baptist church in Murphy at 10 a. m.

The Rev. J. C. Annotts will open the meeting with a devotional service. Following reorganization and election of officers a round-table discussion of a suggested subject will complete the meeting.

All pastors and church workers are invited to be present. A special invitation is extended new pastors who have recently taken work in the two counties.

Former Cherokee Lady Buried In Etowah

Mr. H. C. Tilson was called Wednesday to Etowah, Tenn., to attend the funeral of his step-mother, Mrs. I. S. Wishan.

Mrs. Wishan was a former resident of Cherokee county. She was widely-known in this section and will be kindly remembered by her many friends here.

Large Sum Paid To Unemployed In 1938

In North Carolina close to 7,000 employing units, operating nearly 9,000 establishments and employing about 500,000 workers, are under the Unemployment Compensation Law. Benefit payments to totally and partially unemployed workers in North Carolina reached and passed the \$8,000,000 mark on December 15.

State Declines To Offer Evidence; 750 Hear Judge Reese's Decision

Case was dismissed against three persons charged in a warrant with the murder of Wayne Zimmerman, 34-year-old Brasstown farmer, at a preliminary hearing in magistrate's court in Murphy Friday morning.

Those freed by Justice of the Peace D. M. Reese's decree were: Mrs. Zimmerman, wife of the dead man, Roy Scroggs and Aud Wilson, all of the Brasstown section.

No evidence was offered by either state or defendants.

Zimmerman's partly-clad skeleton was found on a secluded mountain top three miles from Murphy on the old Hitchcock property by Allen James, a hunter, December 17.

The state declined to present its evidence in the case at the hearing and Mr. Reese ordered dismissal.

The trio had been held in jail and questioned a week by Sheriff Carl Townson who arrested them December 23.

About 750 people—said to be the largest crowd to ever attend a preliminary hearing in the county—milled around the court room as the trial opened.

T. C. Gray, of Hayesville, attorney for the state, opened the hearing by asking for a continuation of the case on the grounds that all the state's evidence had not been obtained.

He said there were two prominent witnesses who could not be obtained for the hearing. One, he said, "is a man in Florida" and the other, Thurman Painter, of the Brasstown section, "who is ill and can not attend". He added "there are several other matters that need more complete investigation" before the evidence could be properly offered.

Painter lost both arms recently when a full box of dynamite caps he was carrying in his home accidentally exploded.

Attorneys for the defendants then asked for dismissal of the case on grounds that the state did not have evidence enough to hold the trio. They demanded that the state "present its evidence if it has any." The state's evidence was referred to by the defending attorneys as "a flock of wild rumors."

Defense attorneys were the firm of Gray and Christopher, of Murphy, and C. E. Hyde, of Murphy.

Certain evidence was then presented to Judge Reese in the presence of only attorneys for both sides, and he then ordered the dismissal of the case.

The corpse was found in a lonely spot close to the road that leads to the Southern States Power Company's dam. Following a coroner's inquest at the scene of the body on December 18, members of Zimmerman's family claimed the remains, and burial was held.

Zimmerman was last reported seen on Saturday, July 2, in Murphy. Identification was made by his clothing, stature and teeth.

Three pint wine bottles containing a white sediment were found near the body by Sheridan Stiles, an investigating officer. Coroner Dr. Harry Miller said the contents of the bottles would not be analyzed unless ordered by a grand jury.

Weather Vane

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

TEMPERATURES				
Date	1939	1938	1939	1938
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
28	51	30	63	45
29	43	27	64	36
30	51	33	62	23
31	51	25	56	28
1	59	15	54	40
2	62	16	54	30
3	68	20	58	18
RAINFALL INCHES				
Total for December	3.31	3.26		
Total for year	56.50	51.84		
Since January 1	0.00	1.23		