

## HEAVY DOCKET AWAITS TRIAL IN COURT HERE

**Keener Says 179  
Cases Already On  
Criminal Docket**

With a large number of recent preliminary hearings resulting in orders for court trials, Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, will have his hands full when Superior court convenes in Murphy on Monday, April 3, for a two weeks session of civil and criminal trials.

J. E. Keener, assistant clerk of the court here, said Wednesday there were 179 cases on the criminal docket scheduled for trial with the opening of court more than five weeks away.

While this is not the largest number of cases that have ever been scheduled for trial in Superior court here, a number of them are of a serious nature.

### Negro Trial Highlight

Headlining the session will be the trial of Charley Fain, 26-year-old Negro of Murphy, who is being held in the Asheville jail charged with criminal assault on a nurse here and the robbery of \$90 from a mother of just a few hours at Whitfield hospital here the night of January 28.

Judge Nettles will appoint a counsel for Fain when court opens.

During the past few days at least a half dozen persons have either been bound over to court or waived preliminary hearing on various liquor charges.

Harry Maiser, 36, of Case county, Mich., and Luther Bolen, 29, of Appalachie, Va., were bound over to court by Mayor J. B. Gray, of Murphy.

Maiser is charged with attempt to rob Mrs. Dave Townson, wife of a Murphy undertaker Friday night, Feb. 17. Officers reported he entered the undertaking establishment and, holding his hand in his coat, demanded that Mrs. Townson "give me the price of a meal".

### Held On Suspicion

Bolen, his alleged companion, was also arrested in a Murphy rooming house on various charges of suspicion. Both are being held in lieu of \$500 bond. Maiser was arrested by policemen Neil Sneed and Fred Johnson and Constable Sheridan Stiles. Officer Sneed arrested Bolen.

Fingerprints of the pair have been sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Payne of Copperhill, Tenn., are in jail here on a forgery charge. They were arrested by High Deputy Sheriff Patton Coleman after Payne had allegedly tried to pass a bogus check for \$15 on a local taxi driver. Coleman arrested Mrs. Stiles at a home near Murphy February 15 after an all night chase of the pair with bloodhounds. Payne was arrested the following day when he came to the house to seek his wife and found Coleman waiting for him.

### Frazier Under Bond

Also scheduled for trial is Charley Frazier, of Andrews, a former Valleytown township constable, who shot Night Policeman Kinsey Wyke, also of Andrews, in the chest with a shotgun blast on the night of February 3, resulting in Officer's Wyke's death.

Frazier has also waived preliminary hearing and is free under \$7,500 bond set by Solicitor John M. Queen, of the 20th judicial district.

Deputy Sheriff Coleman said Wednesday there were 28 confined in the Cherokee county jail.

## TAKING ORDER IS FILED HERE WITH REGISTER OF DEEDS

A declaration of taking of approximately 11,000 acres of land from the Southern States Power company in Cherokee county by the TVA for use in its Hiwassee Dam construction project, was filed in the office of Register of Deeds B. L. Padgett here Wednesday.

He said the final decree on the property would be filed later.

No decision has been rendered as to the price to be paid for the property. The condemnation proceedings were held in United States District court in Asheville last October before a three-man commission. The hearing required about three weeks.

## WEAVER SEEKS TO REWARD OFFICERS

Another attempt to obtain federal rewards for the police officers who figured in the capture of a group of fugitive hold-up men at Murphy, N. C., Oct. 7, 1931, has been made with the introduction of a series of private bills by Representative Zeb Weaver (D., N. C.).

Largest amount called for \$10,000, would go to Thelma Carringer, widow of Chief of Police A. M. Carringer, who was killed in the apprehension of the hold-up band. Other awards asked in the Weaver bills are, former Policeman Frank Fain, \$2,000; Burt Savage, \$2,000; J. A. Cearley, \$2,000; and L. M. Brendle \$2,000.

The gang composed of J. S. McPherson, Walter Bryson and Carey fleeing from the scene of a successful Bryson, was captured at Murphy after a brief gun battle. They were held-up of the post office at Coker Creek, Tenn. One was killed and the others were given life terms in the penitentiary.

## COAN APPROVES 6 WPA PROJECTS

George W. Coan, Jr., state Works Progress administrator, has announced approval of 17 WPA projects to cost \$437,454 and put 2,511 persons at work.

The list includes: Transylvania county, \$13,735 for school lunches; Clay county, \$9,079 street improvements in Hayesville; Avery, \$2,714 for sewer system in Newland; Avery county, \$17,233 for roads; Cherokee county, \$52,941 for roads.

Swain county, \$45,768 for roads; and McDowell county, \$52,496 for recreational facilities.

## Ketner Asks Farmers To Request Crop, Seed Loans Early

County Agent A. Q. Ketner is requesting all Cherokee county farmers desiring federal crop and seed loans to make application early.

"We are filling out applications for these loans each Saturday Morning and all day each Monday", Mr. Ketner said. "We can not take applications at any other time. I advise those who want the loans to make their application early".

The applications are taken at Mr. Ketner's office in the Cherokee county courthouse at Murphy.

## Shows Forestry Film To Speaking Group

As a feature of the weekly Speakers club meeting held here, Jim Kitchens, of the TVA forestry service, showed moving pictures of actual scenes taken in America's forests at a meeting Wednesday night.

Mr. Kitchens has been showing the pictures throughout Cherokee and Graham counties for the past two months.

## BAPTIST PASTORS TO CONVENE IN MURPHY FEB. 28

Mr. M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has arranged for a Pastors Conference to be held at the Murphy Baptist Church Feb. 28, to meet at 10 o'clock. All pastors in this extreme Western Section of our state are urged to attend. It is very important.

Four important matters are to be discussed and plans formulated: 1. Ministers Retirement Plan; 2. State-wide Revival; 3. Biblical Recorder; 4. Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

The Ministers Retirement Plan will be explained to the pastors. This plan is to go into operation July 1, 1939. Every Baptist pastor is urged to be present.

## Farm Management Specialist Here

W. B. Collins, who was recently appointed farm management specialist in the Western North Carolina counties served by TVA, concluded a three-day official visit in Cherokee county Wednesday.

Mr. Collins, accompanied by County Agent A. Q. Ketner, conducted a survey of some of the demonstration farms in this county. He plans to pay regular visits in this capacity in the future.

## TOWN LEASES PROPERTY TO CANNERY HERE

**New Building To  
Be Erected Near  
Gulf Plant**

The board of aldermen of the Town of Murphy have leased property near the Gulf Refining plant here to the Mountain Valley Mutual canning association for the erection of a new building, it was announced here Wednesday.

The cannery will only have to pay \$1 a year for the property, according to the agreement.

With the flooding of the Hiwassee Dam basin, it became necessary for the cannery to move to new quarters as the old building, owned by W. M. Fain, chairman of the board of directors of the cannery, will be impounded by the water backed up by the dam.

The erection of a new building has been an important problem facing the management of the cannery since the order of removal from the former site.

J. B. Shields, manager of the cannery, has announced that 1939 contracts for vegetables will be available about March 1.

He is advising farmers who are planning to sign up spinach crops for the cannery to lime their acreage and get it in preparation for planting the crop by March 15.

He states that the acreage this year will be limited to 230 acres of vegetables and is advising farmers who plan to contract with the cannery to make arrangements for their acreage. John E. Barr, head of the Land O' now.

The Sky Mutual Association of Waynesville, of which the local cannery is a unit, has been in Murphy on numerous occasions recently in connection with proposed cannery operations.

## DAVIS PURCHASES MURPHY-FRANKLIN BUS FRANCHISE

C. L. Davis has purchased the franchise to operate a bus line on the road from Murphy to Franklin via Hayesville and will run a bus two round trips daily.

This line was formerly owned and operated by the Dayton bus lines which has gone out of business.

The schedule which Mr. Davis is operating on at present follows: Leave Murphy 7:45 a. m. (E.S.T.) through Hayesville at 8:25 and arrive at Franklin at 10 o'clock; leave Franklin 10:30 through Hayesville at 11:45 and arrive at Murphy at 12:40 p. m.

Second trip leave Murphy 3:30, through Hayesville at 4:15, and arrive at Franklin at 5:50 p. m.; leave Franklin at 6:30; through Hayesville at 8 o'clock, and arrive at Murphy at 8:45.

## Temperature Drops 65 Degrees In 36 Hours This Week

With a drop in temperature of some 65 degrees recorded in 36 hours here, some sort of a record is believed to have been established in Murphy Wednesday.

The official TVA report Monday was a high temperature of 73 degrees. On Sunday it was officially reported at 75 degrees.

Tuesday it rained, and Wednesday dawned cold and clear with a temperature of less than 10 degrees unofficially reported in some sections of the county.

It may be the sudden change, but many residents declared here Wednesday the "cold snap" was one of the worst of the winter.

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

TEMPERATURES			
	1939		1938
15	65	37	62
16	58	33	64
17	59	29	57
18	71	34	66
19	75	49	64
20	71	46	43
21	68	34	55

RAINFALL INCHES		
	1939	1938
Since Feb. ....	7.20	1.09
Since Jan. ....	12.82	4.77

## Judge Frank Hill Is Still Critically Ill

Judge Frank Hill, of Murphy, was reported Wednesday night to still be in a critical condition.

His condition had improved slightly during the day, but he is said to be very ill. He is at Richmond, Va.

Judge Hill, a native of Murphy, has been on the Superior court bench of the state since 1932.

## Mexican Exhibit Drawing Interest

An exhibit of Mexican wares and phases of Mexican life is drawing wide-spread interest here.

A total of 66 persons Wednesday had viewed the sixth in the series of such exhibits being made by the Murphy Womens club in the Murphy-Carnegie library.

Of particular interest in the exhibit is a belt woven of beads and a hat band woven of horse hair displayed by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall W. Bell. Water-tight reed baskets and bread trays obtained by Mrs. John H. Dillard are also on display. Other articles include tapestry, Mexican patterns, literature, pictures, coins and miscellaneous articles.

Other contributors are: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Leo and Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck, who made an extended visit to Mexico three years ago and visited Josephus Daniels, Mexican ambassador; Mrs. J. E. Pryor, Mrs. J. C. Ammons and Mrs. Neil Sneed.

The committee in charge is composed of: Chairman Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Mrs. Ammons, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Tom Case and Mrs. Bell.

"This is a particularly interesting exhibit as all of the articles displayed were obtained by Murphy people during actual visits to Mexico", Mrs. Davidson said.

## POWER FOR CITY OF 120,000 COULD BE GENERATED

Engineers of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., have estimated that the new 4,000 Kva. hydro-generator they are building for the Tennessee Valley authority dam on the Hiwassee river in Western North Carolina could produce enough power to supply the electrical needs of a city of 120,000 people, if it were operating continuously at its maximum capacity.

At its normal operating speed, 120 revolutions a minute, the outside edge of the generator's 250-ton steel rotor will whirl faster than 113 miles an hour to generate this tremendous power of 64,000 kilovolt-amperes, the equivalent of 57,700,000 watts. This is enough electrical power to supply the needs of a city of 120,000 people.

To provide for emergencies, engineers have designed this 500-ton machine to operate safely at an over-speed of 240 revolutions a minute, which would send the outer edge of the rotor racing at 227 miles an hour.

When completed at the East Pittsburgh Westinghouse works, the generator will contain approximately 450 tons of steel and more than 50 tons of copper.

It will be mounted outdoors in a concrete circular pit which will form the housing for the generator's air coolers.

## J. T. Dobbs Salesman For Evans Motor Co.

Mr. J. T. Dobbs, a well-known automobile salesman of North Georgia and Tennessee, is now connected with the Evans Ford Motor company in Murphy; it was announced this week by Mr. Tom Evans, owner of the company.

Mr. Dobbs has been selling cars for the past 16 years and cordially invites those who are seeking the new Ford car or a bargain in a good used car to see him.

## Infant Moore Buried

Funeral services were conducted for the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Moore at the Hampton Memorial grave yard Sunday afternoon with the Rev. Mr. Barker officiating.

Surviving besides the parents are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, of Tomotla, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dyer, of Murphy.

Her nineteenth child, a daughter, was born recently to Mrs. Ethel Anderson, 41, of Wildwood, N. J.

## BILL SEEKS TVA POWER FOR MURPHY

**Representative Jarrett  
Introduces Measure  
In House**

Representative Clyde H. Jarrett Saturday sponsored a house bill enabling the town of Murphy to issue bonds for acquisition of its electrical distribution system and to purchase power from the Tennessee Valley authority.

The measure, introduced by the Cherokee county representative at the request of town officials, would amend the revenue bond act of the special session of 1938 in that "it shall not be necessary for the town of Murphy to apply for and obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity from the public utilities commissioner."

This section is the real issue as other municipal and private plants are now required by the 1938 statute and previous statutes to secure a certificate of convenience and necessity from the commissioner before being permitted to go into the power business.

### Text Of Bill

The bill follows:  
WHEREAS, The Tennessee Valley authority is engaged in the construction of a flood control and power development on Hiwassee river in Cherokee county, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the reservoir for said development extends into and through the town of Murphy along both Hiwassee and Valley rivers, necessitating the relocation of water and sewer lines; the installation of pumps for sewage disposal; and the constant use of electrical power for the operation of such pumps; and

WHEREAS, such reservoir also affects the filter plant and pumping station from which the town of Murphy acquires a large part of its water supply; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary for the Tennessee Valley authority to provide electrical energy for the operation of the aforesaid pumps and to bring its lines for electrical energy into the town of Murphy; and

WHEREAS, the town of Murphy has received many benefits from the Tennessee Valley authority and desires to have the co-operation of the authority and to use the electrical energy provided by the authority and to acquire and operate its own electrical distribution system and to contract with the authority for the purchase of electrical energy; and

### Necessary To Issue Bonds

WHEREAS, in order to do so it is necessary for the town of Murphy to have authority to issue revenue bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary for the town of Murphy to have the authority of issuing revenue bonds for the purpose of replacing its filter plant; Now, therefore the general assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section nine of house bill number three special session of 1938 be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows: That in the carrying out of any undertaking as defined in said original act and especially in the acquiring or construction of an electrical distribution system and filter plant as recited in the preamble of this act it shall not be necessary for the town of Murphy to apply for and obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity from the public utilities commissioner.

Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

## TVA Forest Trees To Arrive Here Friday

Between 50,000 and 60,000 forest trees are scheduled to arrive at the county agent's office here Friday morning for free distribution to Cherokee county farmers.

The trees are supplied free by the Tennessee Valley authority as part of its reforestry and soil erosion prevention program.

Practically all the trees have been asked for, County Agent A. Q. Ketner, who is in charge of distribution, said.

A similar shipment was disposed of here several weeks ago.