

ILLNESS BRINGS COURT TO ABRUPT END ON TUESDAY

Many Cases Left On Docket To Be Tried In August

Illness on the part of many officers, lawyers and witnesses brought an abrupt end to one of the heaviest criminal dockets ever tried in Cherokee county Superior court here this week, and Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, decided to call everything off on Tuesday afternoon until next August.

With many cases—including two murder trials—still hanging on the docket, the judge conducted a bunch of fast trials Monday and Tuesday, "clearing" the jail, and dismissed court until the regular August term, barring unforeseen circumstances, of course.

On Monday afternoon Judge Nettles ordered continued the trial of cases charging murder against Charlie Frazier, 34, of Andrews, and Charles Lunsford, 34, of Peachtree.

Frazier, a former Valleytown township constable, shot and fatally wounded Night Policeman Kinsey Wyke, of Andrews, the night of February 3. Frazier, who claimed he shot in self-defense following a quarrel in front of his house and gave himself up to officers soon after he had sent the fatal shot-gun blast in Wyke's shoulder, was charged with murder in a true bill returned by the grand jury last Friday.

Trial was scheduled for Tuesday morning, but due to the illness of officers, attorneys and witnesses, the judge ordered the case continued.

Lunsford's case, likewise, was scheduled to go on trial during this second week of trials of criminal offenses.

Lunsford shot and killed his brother-in-law, Lawrence Spivey, 25, of the same community, October 30, 1938, at Lunsford's home following a quarrel between the two. Lunsford said Spivey had used sharp words in speaking to his (Lunsford's) sister.

Following the shooting Lunsford gave himself up to Policeman Neil Sneed in Murphy.

The court will continue to try the criminal cases on the docket this week instead of devoting the second week of court to the trial of civil cases as is customary.

In Monday's session Judge Nettles ordered Bradley's Cave Dwelling located near Andrews pad-locked for a period of six months.

The judge issued the order after a jury had acquitted Doc Shuler, of Graham county, on a charge of selling liquor at the place. George, a son of Shuler, was given six months in the prison camps and a suspended sentence of 18 months as the result of being found with liquor on his person at the place during the time of the raid.

The raid was made by Sheriff Carl Townson, High Deputy Patton Coleman and Patrolman E. B. Quinn, Jr.

Several girls, who were locked up in the Murphy jail following the raid nine weeks ago, were put on the stand as witnesses.

Following the jury's report of "not guilty", Judge Nettles reprimanded them by terming their decision "a mistake" and ordered the tourist camps padlocked.

Edwin Hyde was the defense attorney while Solicitor John M. Queen prosecuted.

Opening of Duchess Beauty Shop Delayed

Due to an unexpected delay in transportation, equipment for the Duchess Beauty Shop failed to arrive in time to be assembled for the previously announced opening date.

Weather Vane

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall for the past week compared with similar data for last year.

TEMPERATURES			
	1939	1938	
6	67	37	72
7	56	32	66
8	49	25	75
9	55	33	60
10	71	38	46
11	75	52	58
12	68	32	64
RAINFALL INCHES 1939 1938			
Total since April 1	1.91	7.30	
Total since Jan. 1	23.45	19.22	

2 GROUPS FILE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION MAY 2

The first ticket to file for Murphy's municipal elections on May 2 was certified and announced here on Wednesday night.

The ticket is composed of: for mayor, J. B. Gray; for commissioners, E. C. Moore, C. D. Mayfield, Walter Mauney, Noah Lovingood, T. W. Axley, and W. F. Odom.

Mr. Gray, local attorney, has served as mayor for Murphy since 1932. Moore, Mayfield and Lovingood are present members of the town board.

A second ticket was announced in Murphy's municipal election Thursday morning.

It will be composed of: for mayor, J. D. Mallon; commissioners, J. W. McMillan, E. L. Townson, R. S. Parker, Hayes Dockery, Frank Dickey and Marian Simmonds.

April 22 has been set as the closing date for filing of candidates.

Local municipal elections are run on the non-partisan basis.

WORLD'S FAIR GROUP VISITS HERE THURSDAY

North Carolina's sponsors to the 1939 World's Fair in New York were brief visitors in Murphy Thursday morning.

The eight young men and young women selected by the Fair commission were enroute from Bryson City, where they spent Wednesday night, to Hayesville, Franklin, Highlands, Brevard and Hendersonville.

They were greeted at the Regal Hotel here by a local delegation consisting of Mayor J. B. Gray, C. W. Savage, Miss Ida Belle Entekin, T. T. Lindsey, E. O. Christopher and J. B. Bailey.

The group is making a 2,000 mile tour of the state to get first-hand information for World's Fair visitors where they will act as the state's official hosts. They expressed their regret at being unable to include Hiwassee Dam in their itinerary.

Included in the group is Paul Lamber, of Cherokee, a son-in-law of Lee Shields, of Murphy. Miss Miriam Johnson, of Aberdeen, is the official hostess.

Others in the party were: Miss Anna Jones, Nashville; Miss Frances Roughton, Old Fort; Miss Anna Williamson, Wilmington; George Courtney, Jr., Lenoir; Voit Gilmore, Winston-Salem; and J. B. Blalock, Jr., of Wadesboro.

New Filling Station To Open On Friday

Mr. Ben Palmer, of Murphy, announces that everything is in readiness for the opening of the new Sinclair filling station adjoining the Henn Theater in Murphy on Friday of this week.

Finishing touches were being put on the structure this week, and a complete line of equipment for servicing all makes of cars and trucks was being installed.

During the opening day, Mr. Palmer will give a grease job with a purchase of five gallons of gasoline.

Goodyear tires and Exide batteries will be handled along with the regular Sinclair products at the new station.

DOG VACCINATION CAMPAIGN IS BEGUN; HEALTH OFFICER DESIGNATES WORKMEN

Dr. P. M. Whichard, health officer, will put on a campaign for the vaccination of dogs against rabies in Cherokee county beginning about May 1.

The following named men will conduct this work: Henry Dills, Valleytown Township; Lester Cole, Hot House Township; Bass Walker, Murphy Township; Sebe Moss, Beaverdam Township; John Floyd, Shoal Creek Township, and Gus Helton, Notla Township.

In accordance with Article 15, Section 4895, North Carolina Code, it shall be the duty of all owners of dogs to have them vaccinated annually against rabies. Ant it shall be the further duty of the owner of all dogs to properly restrain same so as to assist the rabies inspector in administering the vaccine.

Senior Graduation Ceremony Begins With Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday

Loyd Hendrix Named Head Of County Schools

Loyd Hendrix of Peachtree, was elected superintendent of the Cherokee County Board of Education at a meeting held in Murphy on Saturday.

Mr. Hendrix succeeds Mr. A. L. Martin, of Murphy, into the office.

Mrs. G. W. Cover, of Andrews, was chosen chairman of the board at the meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 22.

Mr. Hendrix, a native of Cherokee county, was graduated from Murphy High School in the class of 1927, and was graduated from Appalachian Teachers college, Boone, with a B. S. degree in 1931. For six years he served as principal of the Mt. Pleasant High school in Wilkes county.

Other members of the board are: J. T. Hayes, B. M. Harbin, E. L. Shields, B. B. Palmer, E. B. King and Lawson Lunsford.

Lions Hold Regular Meet Tuesday Night

Members of the Murphy Lions club were asked at a regular semi-monthly meeting here Tuesday night to meet sponsors of North Carolina's Day at World's Fair when they passed through here Thursday morning and assist them in obtaining data concerning the county.

Discussion of various civic projects was held, and it was agreed to vote on "Murphy's Outstanding Citizen" for the past year at the meeting. The club annually gives a trophy to the person thus designated.

A number of Lions plan to attend a joint meeting with the Rotary club in Andrews Thursday noon, and a district Lions meeting in Sylva next Wednesday night.

President Harve Elkins presided over the meeting.

Little Girl Is Injured When She Falls From Travelling Automobile

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Black, of Murphy, was seriously injured while travelling to Tennessee Monday.

While passing through Cleveland with its mother and other persons the child accidentally opened the back door of the car, tumbled out and suffered a concussion of the brain.

The child is confined in a Cleveland hospital.

Radio Stars Will Be In Marble April 15

The "Vaughn Four" of Radio Station, WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn., will give a program at the Marble school auditorium, Saturday night, April 15, at 8 o'clock.

The program will be sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association of the Marble school.

The admission price will be 15 and 25 cents.

Head of W. C. T. C. English Department To Deliver Address To Students

Baccalaureate exercises at Murphy high school will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. H. Bueck, superintendent of the schools of the Murphy unit, announced the complete program Wednesday night.

Graduation exercises will be held for the 72 Seniors Friday evening, April 21, at 7:30 p. m.

Professor P. L. Elliott, head of the English department at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, and a native of neighboring Graham county, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon.

The exercises will be held in the Murphy school auditorium.

New Cannery Here Under Construction

Work is progressing rapidly on a new building for the Mountain Valley Mutual cannery here.

The new building is situated in East Murphy. It was moved from its former location near the Hiwassee river in Murphy when the TVA bought the property recently.

However, it is necessary that \$1,500 be raised to insure the complete construction of the new building and the operation of the cannery here during the coming season.

John E. Barr, head of the Land O' Sky Mutual association, of Waynesville, of which the local cannery is a unit, announced recently that the Tennessee Valley Associated cooperatives will supplement the local \$1,500 if raised, with an equal sum to assure operation of the cannery another year.

Manager J. B. Shields and members of the Murphy Lions club are attempting to sell preferred stock in the cannery at \$25 per share in order to raise the money.

Former members of the cannery are required to purchase a share of common stock at \$5.

"The local cannery means thousands of dollars each year in payrolls and a cash market for vegetables that cannot otherwise be sold at a decent price locally", W. M. Fain, local wholesaler and chairman of the board of directors of the cannery, said. "Thus continued operation of the cannery means a great deal to the business men of the town."

"The cannery has been maintained here for the past five years, and if we fail to support it now, I am afraid this enterprise will be lost Cherokee county forever."

MRS. AMBURN, 50, BURIED MARCH 30 AT WOLF CREEK

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Amburn, 50, of the Wolf Creek community, were conducted from the Wolf Creek Baptist church March 30 at 3 p. m. with the Rev. Fred Townson officiating. Interment was in the Wolf Creek cemetery. Townson funeral home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Amburn had been a resident of the Wolf Creek section for 25 years, and had been a member of the Baptist church for 35 years.

Surviving are: the husband, W. H. Amburn, five daughters, Mrs. Floyd Kaylor, of Mineral Bluff, Ga., Stella Naomi, Lucy and Marie; a son, Carl, and two brothers, Oscar and Willie Ballew, all of Wolf Creek.

Stanley Rogers, Age 2, Of Marble Is Buried

Funeral services for Stanley Rogers, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rogers, of Marble, were conducted at the Ebenezer Baptist church Saturday afternoon with the Rev. Arch Hedden officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

The child died Friday morning after a week's illness of pneumonia. Surviving besides the parents are, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Owenby.

GIVEN TVA CONTRACT

H. N. Wells, of Murphy, announces he has been awarded contract by TVA to haul wood out of Hiwassee Dam basin. Mr. Wells is hiring teams to do this work.

They will open with the Prelude, Sonata Opus 23 Adagio-Mozart by Roberta Carringer. The hymn, "Coronation", will be sung by the congregation, and the Rev. Van B. Harrison, pastor of the Methodist church in Murphy, will lead prayer. The glee club will render a number. Announcements will be read and the Rev. J. C. Ammons, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Murphy, will give the scripture reading.

Elliott To Speak
Professor Elliott is then scheduled to give his address, and a choral number by the Seventh Grade girls will follow. "March of The War Priests" by Mendelssohn will be the recessional. It will be followed by the benediction given by the Rev. Dr. H. L. Paisley, D. D., Presbyterian minister of Murphy.

Marshals, who were selected from the Junior class on basis of scholarship, will be: Helen E. Hampton, chief; Helen L. Wells, Mary Lee Roberts, Blanche E. Thompson, Alice Kate Martin, Charles G. Weil, Ben E. Warner, Jr., J. L. Abernathy and Wiley C. Kinney, Jr.

Guy L. Houk, prominent attorney, of Franklin, and former superintendent of schools in Macon county, will deliver the principal address at the graduation day exercises.

The valedictory will be rendered by Miss Mary Frances Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Bell, of Murphy. Miss Violet V. Anderson, daughter of Mrs. Lydia Anderson, of the Kinsey section, will be salutatorian.

The exercises will open with the processional by Miss Carringer. The salutatory will follow and choral numbers will be heard. Mr. Houk will be introduced by Mr. Bueck. After the address D. J. N. Hill, chairman of the Murphy Board of Education, will present awards and medals to outstanding students.

The presentation of seventh grade certificates and diplomas will be made by H. G. Elkins, member of the local board of Education, and Mr. H. Bueck. The valedictory will follow.

Members of Senior Class

Members of the senior class are: Miss Bell, Miss Anderson, Guion Joseph Allen, Herbert Clinton Arp, Hubert Benton Arp, Mary Cathrine Axley, Clarence Edward Ballew, Dorothy Lee Bandy, Wayland Vernon Burger, Mary Frances Carmichael, Dorothy Christine Carroll, Zebulon Weaver Chastain, J. Morris Clackler, Juanita Clayton, Edna Mae Coleman, Martha Vermelle Collins, Grace Alice Dockery, William Lauderdale Douglas, Jr., Ruby Pearl Elrod.

Gladys Gwendolyn Glasgow, John Wesley Green, Marcella Lavena Hall, Delsie Eula Hamby, Wiley Haynes, Jr., Lillie Frances Head, June Heins, Edna Gladys Helton, Marie Margaret Hughes, Anna Belle Jenkins, Hoyt Jenkins, Richard Leonard Johnson, Daniel C. Kilpatrick, Bessie Mae Laney, Geneva Ledford, Naomi Lovelle Little, Elaine Logan.

Hazel Lovingood, Annie Jean Martin, Katherine Louise Mauney, Lonnie Coker May, Jr., Barbara Meroney, Catherine Mae Moore, Manervy Belle Morrow, Warren G. Odell, Kate Virginia Padgett, J. D. Palmer, Mary Emmalya Pryor, William Harold Ramsey, Horace Ramsey, Mary Elizabeth Rhodes, Clarence Louis Shields, James Randolph Shields, Claude Henry Simonds, Lloyd George Simonds, Nelma Lucile Simonds, Dorothy Kate Sneed.

Agnes Imogene Stalcup, Frank Hyatt Stalcup, Calvin Harold Stiles, Warren Harvey Stiles, Fred Swain, Jr., Lake William Tabor, Jewell James Taylor, Matie Taylor, Ownell Taylor, Ruby Kate Townson, Thelma Audrey Underwood, Henry Grady Usry, Jr., Clinton Verner, George Wayne Wailer, Jr., James Harold Watson and James Everett Wells.

Seventh grade students winning
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