

## COURT TO OPEN MONDAY; DOCKET LISTS 227 CASES

### Three Murder Cases, Two Deadly Assault, Trials Are Scheduled

A total of 227 cases are on the docket to be tried at the coming session of the circuit court which convenes in Murphy Monday Nov. 6, with Judge J. Pless on the bench. Of the number—many of which almost certainly will have to be carried over—only 60 are new cases. The remaining 167 have been hanging fire, some of them for more than one term.

Three murder cases are scheduled to be tried. That of Charles Frazier, charged with the slaying of Kimsey Wyke, in Andrews as already been carried over twice. Trial at this session is regarded as certain. Frazier, admitting the killing claims self defense.

Charles Lunsford, charged with the slaying of Lawrence Spivey, at Upper Peachtree also has been before two previous courts without being tried. Lunsford also claims self defense.

Sam Ellis, who killed his cousin, Melvin Ellis at Andrews only a few weeks ago, will claim that the slaying was accidental. The two had fought the night before, and Sam is alleged to have gone to his cousin's home and threatened to kill him. Next morning, when they met on the road, Sam was carrying a rifle. He asked for a cigarette, and a moment later Melvin fell, shot through the heart. Sam claims the gun went off accidentally.

J. C. Lee, a man of many aliases, and an escaped convict from at least two prisons, is to be tried on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He shot Joe McClure near a tavern outside Murphy when the latter interfered with his plans to take a drunken man off in his car for the presumed purpose of robbing him.

Another major case to be heard will be that of Charles Dodson, originally jailed on charges of incest, preferred by his daughter. The latter charged her father had been violating her since she was 12 years old.

Dodson also faces charges of assault with a deadly weapon, preferred by James Martin, his former fellow prisoner in the Murphy jail. Martin says that, arrested for a minor offense, he was cruelly beaten, with a hose, wielded by Dodson, when he refused to pay a "fine" levied by a "Kanagaroo court."

Most of the other cases of the docket involve liquor, larceny, or minor offenses. There are several cases of alleged drunken driving.

## Teachers To Gather AT Hiwassee Dam

The General Teachers Administrative Unit of Cherokee County will gather at Hiwassee Dam on November 17th for a program which will include sight seeing, supper, and a general discussion of Educational affairs.

The Unit will make a tour of the Dam between 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening. Supper will be served from 6 until 7; and then discussions will be led by Mr. Ferguson, Mr. E. R. White and Mr. Lloyd Hendrix, County Superintendent of schools. All teachers of the administrative unit are expected to be present; and the discussions will be open to all residents of the County who wish to attend.

## Lester Stowe Given Honors At Mars Hill

The ministerial conference at Mars Hill college has honored Lester Stowe of Murphy by electing him vice president. The conference is a college group of 55 young men from all parts of the United States.

Mr. Stowe also is president of the Apex B. T. U. which is making rapid progress at the school, and is secretary of the Young Peoples Sunday School Class.

## ANDREWS MAYOR WRITES IN PRAISE OF MAYOR GRAY

The following letter, from Mayor Tillitt of Andrews, to our own Mayor Gray, speaks for itself. It was received by the latter Tuesday.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I saw with a great deal of pleasure the page write up of Murphy in the Sunday Edition of the Citizens-Times.

I want to take this opportunity of congratulating you and the citizens of Murphy in your endeavors to make of Murphy a real industrial and tourist center for Western North Carolina.

Be assured that your sister town of Andrews joins in best wishes for your town and its growth.

I want further to assure you that if there is anything that I can do to assist in anyway, that I shall be only too glad to do so.

With best wishes and kind personal regards to you and to all of the people of Murphy, I am,

Yours very truly,  
D. H. TILLITT,  
Mayor of Andrews.

## GENTRY IS GIVEN EGG SHAMPOO AS HE WALKS BEAT

### Policeman Bombarded With Deadly Aim In Hallowe'en Prank

Policeman Press Gentry got an egg shampoo, and the cleaners got an unexpected job Tuesday night. The reason:—Hallowe'en.

The former sheriff, benign of countenance and calm of manner, as is his wont, was strolling up Tennessee avenue, on patrol duty. He had just remarked that it looked like a quiet evening when—SQUASH—something hit him square in the nape of his neck.

It was an egg—and a rotten one at that—hurled by a youngster who immediately showed a clean pair of heels.

The squashed egg made one awful mess in Mr. Gentry's hair, and oozed down over his coat, and inside his collar. He had to go home and change clothes—but, believe it or not—he never lost his temper.

"After all, Hallowe'en only comes once a year," he said, philosophically. Then he added: "and thank the Lord for that!"

The former sheriff wasn't the only sufferer from Hallowe'en pranks. On Wednesday morning, practically every merchant in town found his store windows daubed with chalk or soap. Automobiles whose owners had been foolish enough to leave them unparked, were moved far, far away. Just about everything else that could be carried, pushed or hauled, was moved too.

For more than an hour a bunch of boys hung around waiting for an opportunity to pull a switch that would have thrown the entire town into darkness; but the police were looking for that, and were standing guard.

One really dangerous prank was played. Shortly after ten o'clock, some one with a misguided sense of humor turned in a fire alarm.

There can be no excuse for such an action. Repetition might easily make the fire department ignore an alarm which was the real thing.

## Ministers Will Meet In Conference Monday

Ministers of Cherokee and Clay counties will meet at 10 o'clock Monday morning Nov. 6th in the First Baptist church for one of a series of gatherings to discuss ways and means of broadening the scope of their work.

The subject to be discussed at the morning session is, "The Church's responsibility for week-day bible instruction".

The Rev. H. L. Paisley, chairman of the program committee urges a full attendance.

## SHOPPING PARTY MEETS TRAGEDY; NEGRO IS KILLED

### Four Murphy Women Held Blameless In Tennessee Crash

Murphy residents figured in three automobile crashes last week, one of which resulted in the death of a pedestrian.

Mrs. John Donley, wife of the Clerk of the court, Miss Arietta Ramsey, Mrs. W. P. Odom, and Mrs. W. M. Lay were occupants of the death car, with Mrs. Lay driving.

Returning home from Chattanooga, and passing through Cleveland, Tenn. where Mrs. Lay once lived, a negro, running across the street, crashed into their car, and had his throat cut. He died that night.

Mrs. Donley said Mrs. Lay was driving slowly when the negro darted from the sidewalk, crossed in front of one car, and ran straight into the one driven by Mrs. Lay. There were nearly a dozen witnesses all of whom declared the victim had only himself to blame, and the ladies were not held by the authorities.

The second crash occurred on Highway 28, near the Shields tourist camp, when Frank Mashburn, TVA worker, tried to take a curve too fast, left the road and wrecked his car in a ditch. Mashburn was badly hurt, but will recover.

## WOOD INCREASES HIS STOCK WITH FEEDER STEERS

### Commissioner Buys 50 Head and Launches A Feed Demonstration

Mr. Ed Wood, who in addition to being a County Commissioner is one of the leading farmers and dairymen of this section has branched out in the cattle line, and decided to keep beef stock in addition to his dairy cattle, in order to utilize his coarser feeds.

Commissioner Wood owns one of the largest farms on Valley River and produces large quantities of grain and rough feed. A large dairy herd of Jerseys is maintained on the farm throughout the year and these have been augmented by the recent purchase of 50 steers.

Thirty seven of the steers are Herfords, and were purchased in middle Tenn. They will average from 800 to 850 pounds. The remaining 13 steers were bought locally.

Mr. Wood was recently listed as a Unit Demonstration farmer, and started a feeding demonstration Oct. 20th, the cattle will be fed from 110 to 120 days, on rations consisting of legume hay, silage corn and cotton seed meal. The steers are already on a full feed of legume hay and silage and were started off with two pounds of fgrianconatnd nu il od ar the of grain and cotton seed meal per head, per day. Within 30 days the steers are expected to be on full feed in all rations.

Commissioner Woods steers will range from medium to choice feeders and comprise the largest and best lot to be fed in the County this year. The cattle barn is built on the State Extension plan, with running water available inside. The cattle will be kept enclosed throughout the entire feeding period.

## Western Auto Store Preparing To Open

Workmen today are busy remodeling the former cut-rate drug store for a new cut rate store of a different kind. The new store will be a branch of the Western Auto Supplies company, and expects to be open for business about November 15.

The store will be owned and operated by James Gibbs, of Gainesville. He will bring his wife and baby here to live.

## 3 YOUTHS ADMIT LOOTING OF TWO CARS AT TOPTON

Months of detective work have ended six Tipton youths in the Murphy jail, charged with looting two freight cars, of several hundred dollars worth of cigarettes.

Those arrested are Yank Campbell, Gilbert Nelson, Carl and Garland Haney, brothers, and Kenneth, and Edward Haney, their cousins. All are said to have confessed.

Since being arrested, Gilbert Nelson, formerly out on bond, has been tried, in Bryson City, for manslaughter, and sentenced to one year on the roads. He is serving his time in the prison camp at Peachtree.

The prisoners were arrested one at a time, all protesting innocence until Nelson was nabbed. Facing a more serious charge, Nelson confessed, and then all the others broke down.

The cars were robbed at Tipton; one last May and the other in August. Loot was sold in Robbinsville, Andrews, Murphy, Hayesville and Young Harris. More loot was found, following the confessions, hidden in the woods near Tipton.

## BODY OF FLIER, DEAD FOR WEEK, FOUND IN WOODS

### Plane Hits Mountain Near Andrews When Fog Blinds Pilot

Killed six days ago, when his plane crashed into a mountain three miles north of Andrews, the body of Thomas T. Stauch, stunt flier from Columbus Ohio, was found in the wreckage by Fred Johnson, Andrews squirrel hunter Thursday morning.

It is believed that the plane also carried a woman passenger, for a suit-case was found containing feminine negligee. Thus far her body has not been found. An intensive search was started on the mountain-side, which is dense with underbrush.

The crash which probably occurred last Friday morning, is attributed to the fog. Dozens of persons saw the plane pass over Andrews about 8 o'clock, headed for Knoxville, Tenn., and flying low. North of the town are two mountain ridges, one several hundred feet higher than the other. It is believed the flier, passing over the first range, was unable to see the second through the fog, and thought himself clear.

The plane plunged into a tree about 200 feet from the top, and then nose-dived into the ground, burying itself. The flier, was found strapped in his seat. The front of his skull had been crushed.

The body was identified by a pilot's license, and letters. A registration card showed the plane a Taylor Cub, to be owned by Gladys Eliene Stauch, whose address was given as the Sullivant Avenue Airport, Columbus, O. Letters indicating that this was the flier's wife, and that the couple were considering divorce.

Belief that a woman died with Stauch is based on the fact that several Andrews residents who saw the plane as it flew over town say they thought there were two occupants. This belief was strengthened by the finding of feminine wearing apparel in the luggage.

A small amount of money was found in one of the flier's pockets. He also carried photographs of himself sitting in a plane, and a pretty young woman perched on one of the wings; but there was nothing to identify the young woman.

The plane's log showed that Stauch had been engaged to do stunt flying recently at Charlotte and Winston-Salem, and letters showed he planned going to Knoxville and Atlanta.

The body is being held at the Forsyth Undertaking parlors, in Andrews awaiting word from Columbus.

## 86 IN CHEROKEE NOW SUFFERING FROM MEASLES

### Health Officer Warns Teachers To Watch Pupils For Symptoms

The threat of an epidemic of measles hovers close over Cherokee county, and also Clay, according to Dr. M. P. Whichard, District Health Officer. There are 86 known cases in Cherokee and 20 or more in Clay.

Highly contagious, measles always first appears with catarrhal inflammation of the nose and throat before the actual eruption breaks out. Dr. Whichard warns that school teachers should keep close watch for catarrhal symptoms among pupils, and in suspected cases should examine the throat, with particular attention to the soft palate. A fine eruption usually is evident on the latter a day or two in advance of the skin eruption.

Suspects should be sent home, immediately, Dr. Whichard says, adding:

"Of course, the disease is highly communicable from one individual to another even in this stage; however, many would miss the disease if children in the early stage were debarred from school.

"The period of incubation is usually 11 to 14 days after exposure, and right at the point I wish to request the cooperation of both parents and teachers in stopping the spread of measles in their community.

The death rate in uncomplicated measles is not so high; however, about one in 500 cases do die, and when these figures are compiled it means that above 10,000 deaths occur throughout the United States annually from measles.

The winter season is fast approaching and with it will come such diseases as influenza, pneumonia, etc. These diseases are the principal complications of measles, and in many instances, when associated, cause serious complications and death.

"This article is written primarily as an appeal to parents and teachers to assist the Health Department to control measles. Without your help it simply cannot be done.

"To the parents I wish to say that while a perfect school attendance record is much to be proud of, it is not as important as the health and welfare of your child. Do not send a sick child to school. When definitely known that your child has been exposed to measles after a period of 7 days from exposure keep the child home until after the 12th day from the date of exposure has elapsed.

"Homes having measles in them should not send their children to school who have not had measles until 14 days after being exposed to the sick child."

"To the teachers I would like to say watch your children and send all sick children home as soon as discovered."

## Townson To Give Out Free Prizes Coupons

The annual sale which E. L. Townson has been holding at his Murphy store since Oct. 13 will close the afternoon of Nov. 29, he announced today. The sale is being managed by J. C. (Cyclone) Whitmire, and has been drawing huge crowds.

Ten premiums will be awarded to those holding lucky coupons, at the drawings to be made on the closing day. Mr. Townson has announced that on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10, every lady entering the store will be given five coupons, regardless of whether she busy or not. Every purchase will entitle her to an extra coupon.