

BRADY MURDER NOW CHARGED TO NICK SAUNOOKE

Jackson Changes Tale; Denies He Even Was Present at Killing

Ed Jackson, the Indian charged with the three year old murder of Clyde Brady, at Topton, has changed his story. As a result, Nick Saunooke, 22 year old Cherokee, whose confession brought about Jackson's arrest in Robbinsville, is now also charged with the murder.

Jackson's latest story is that he merely knocked Brady down, and that the actual killing was done by Saunooke. Jackson declared he had walked up the road, and knew nothing about the murder until Saunooke caught up with him and told him, "I've just finished Brady, and dragged his body out in the field. We'll say an automobile hit him."

Jackson was killed on the evening of September 5, 1937. Late that night a passing autoist was hailed by Jackson to give Saunooke a lift into Andrews. One of Saunooke's legs had been slashed to the bone, near the groin; the cut circling half the limb. The two Indians said that they and a companion had been struck by a hit and run autoist. They said they did not know the fate of their companion, but feared he had been killed.

An artery of Saunooke's leg had been severed and he was in the Cherokee Reservation hospital for months. He still walks with a limp; and always will.

Next day the mangled body of Brady was found in a field off the highway. Later an autoist was arrested charged with the death, but was able to establish an alibi.

The case gradually was forgotten by all save Brady's sisters, who refused to accept the hit and run story and retained Attorney Jack Morphew, of Robbinsville to press a secret investigation.

About three weeks ago, Saunooke "got religion", and told his Grandmother, with whom he lived on the reservation, that he "had something on his conscience. She notified Sheriff Carl Townson, who took the young Redskin into custody.

Eventually he told Sheriff Townson what he thought to be the whole story," explaining that he feared "judgment day". He said Jackson became enraged at Brady because the later would not drink with him, and felled him with a blow over the head with a two inch thick stick. Then, he said Jackson turned on him, and knocked his senseless with the same stick. When he regained consciousness, he said, Jackson was holding him up in a sitting posture, and his leg was cut "nearly off."

He said Jackson told him to say all had been hit with a car, threatening if he didn't Jackson would kill him "like I did Brady."

At the hearing in Murphy, at which Attorney Morphew appeared as special prosecutor, Jackson said he had killed Brady in self defense; after Saunooke and Brady "jumped him"

His latest story is that all three were drunk and fighting each other. He admits he knocked Brady down, and that he cut Saunooke. Then he insists, he left, and Saunooke beat Brady to death, and dragged his body off the road into the field alone.

William Crane Dead At Peachtree Home

William Crane, age 69, a native of Madison county, but a resident of this section for the last 25 years, died at his home in Peachtree April 27, at 10 p. m. He had been ill several months.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 28, in the Sweetwater church, with the Rev. Ledford officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Crane is survived by his wife; one son, Grady of Smyrna, Ga.; and one sister, Mrs. Elbert Nichols of Murphy. Townson Funeral Home had charge of funeral arrangements.

My Mother - A Prayer

FOR the body you gave me, the bone and the sinew, the heart and the brain that are yours, my mother, I thank you for the light in my eyes, the blood in my veins, for my speech, for my life, for my being. All that I am is from you who bore me.

For all the love that you gave me, unmeasured from the beginning, my mother, I thank you. I thank you for the hand that led me, the voice that directed me, the breast that nestled, the arm that shielded me, the lap that rested me. All that I am is by you, who nursed me.

For your smile in the morning and your kiss at night, my mother, I thank you. I thank you for the tears you shed over me, the songs you sung to me, the prayers that you said for me, for your vigils and ministrings.

All that I am is by you, who reared me.

For the faith you had in me, the hope you had for me, for your trust and your pride, my mother, I thank you. I thank you for your praise and your chiding, for the justice you bred into me and the honor you made mine. All that I am you taught me.

For the sore travail that I caused you, for the visions and despairs, my mother, forgive me. Forgive me the peril I brought you to, the sobs and moans I wrung from you, and for the strength I took from you, mother, forgive me.

For the fears I gave you, for the alarms and the dreads, my mother, forgive me. Forgive me the joys I deprived you, the toils I made for you, for the hours, the days and the years I claimed from you, mother, forgive me.

Forgive me for my angers and my revolt for my deceits and evasions, for all the pangs and sorrows I brought to you, my mother, forgive me.

For your lessons I did not learn, for your wishes I did not heed, for the counsels I did not obey, my mother, forgive me. Forgive me my pride in my youth and my glory in my strength that forgot the holiness of your years and the veneration of your weakness, for my neglect, for my selfishness, for all the great debts of your love that I have not paid, mother, sweet mother, forgive me.

And may the peace and the joy that passeth all understanding be yours, my mother, forever and ever. Amen.

Your Son.

Five Admit Guilt, 11 Others Held In TVA Plant Blast

With five defendants having already admitted their guilt, eleven others, including a C. I. O. organizer are being held in the Hamilton County Jail, in Tennessee, according to reports from Copperhill, charged with conspiracy and destruction of the TVA power lines serving the Tennessee Copper Company, and several communities in nearby Georgia and Tennessee.

Those who have pleaded guilty, and ten of the others are striking employees who walked out several months ago following an argument as to whether the C. I. O. or the American Federation of Labor should have the sole right of bargaining with the company. The A. F. of L. won an election held to decide the question, but the C. I. O. refused to abide by the ballot. Later the strikers were "locked out".

The C. I. O. organizer held in connection with the blast, which threw several towns in darkness, and caused a shut-down of the Copper company's plant for several hours, is M. C. Anderson, representing the Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter workers. He denied any connection with the blast, and was held in default of \$25,000 bond. Ten other workers who denied guilt were held in default of \$3,000 bond each.

The charges, in every instance, were brought by "G" men from the U. S. Department of Justice, who have been working on the case, "under cover" ever since shortly after the blast. The plant was blown up and partly destroyed by dynamite.

The accused men will be given hearings next Monday.

GA. PRESS JOINS MURPHY'S FIGHT FOR PAVED ROAD

Strong probability now exists that something actually is going to be done by Georgia about the ten mile stretch of unpaved road leading to Blue Ridge. In Thursday's edition of the Atlanta Journal there appeared a lengthy article, illustrated by photographs, warning Georgia merchants that unless the road is paved, Atlanta may lose thousands of dollars annually in trade.

The article points out that Knoxville already is available from Murphy by a uniformly splendid highway, and that Chattanooga is taking immediate steps to repave, regrade and widen the route here from that city. The Journal frankly admits that the Georgia strip is a disgrace, and that Murphy is justifiably getting fed up on empty promises.

The Journal sent a special writer and photographer here to prepare the article, and they interviewed a number of business men, who are quoted at length.

If you did not see the issue of the Journal containing the story, you probably can get one from Mrs. Harvey Elkins. She says she has about 50 extra copies, which she will be glad to give out, free of charge, "as long as they last."

Danger Of "Mud Flats" From Dam Disappears

There need be no more worries about "mud flats" and "mosquito breeding places" as a result of receding river waters about Murphy, according to C. W. Savage, local hotel proprietor and leading citizen. Mr. Savage has received assurance from TVA that there will be no withdrawals of water until October.

This will mean that Murphy will have a considerable stream, connecting directly with the 65,000 acre lake all during the spring, summer and fall.

Last Tribute Paid William I. Barton, Former Resident

Funeral services for William I. Barton were conducted at Rogers Chapel near Murphy, April 27th at 11 a. m. The Rev. W. B. Mayers, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fonda, assisted by the Rev. Ed Engle, also of Fonda, Ky., and the Rev. Fred Stiles, pastor of Rogers Chapel, officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Barton was killed while on duty where he was employed by the Clear Fork Coal Co., April 24th. He was a member of the Fonda Baptist church, member of I. O. O. F. Lodge, Juniors, and Red Men, an active member of the Volunteer band and was also active in church and Sunday school work. He was a native of Cherokee County but had been living at Fonda, Ky., for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Dixie Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers of Murphy; four sons, Harold, Edward, Ronald and Charles; two daughters, Helen and Joan; two brothers, James, of Copperhill and Joe of Fonda, Ky.; and by one sister, Mrs. Poley Payne of Copperhill.

Honorary pall bearers were Jess Wilson, Herbert Majors, Charles Welch, Arthur McCullery, Darsel Mayers and John Rogers. Active pall bearers were D. H. Sweet, Arline Jenkins, C. R. Smith, Earnest Garland, Edd Engle, W. M. McCulley. All of these accompanied the body from Fonda. Mrs. Bob Garland, and Mrs. Sam Friar, also from Fonda, were in the company.

Townson Funeral Home, of Murphy was in charge of arrangements.

FORMER CONVICT IS HELD HERE ON KIDNAP CHARGE

Georgia Girl Missing 24 Hours, Is Found In Auto Near Ranger

Sheriff Carl Townson added another achievement to his fine record Wednesday morning when he solved what was thought to be a kidnap murder mystery involving 15 year-old Pauline Rose, daughter of a farmer living near Blue Ridge, Ga.

Shortly after day-break, Wednesday the Sheriff, driving the less frequented roads in the Ranger section, saw a big shiny Pontiac automobile half hidden behind a barn. Investigating he found the missing girl, for whom an alarm had been broadcast for 24 hours. With her was a man who identified himself as Robert Raper, aged 30, of Athens, Tenn.

Sheriff Townson says Raper, brought to the County jail in Murphy, admitted stealing the car from a man in Athens and then kidnapping and outraging the girl. He is also said to have admitted being a paroled prisoner from the State penitentiary in Tennessee.

According to the story told by the girl she had accompanied her sister to work and was on her way home when Raper drove up and offered her a lift, promising to take her home. Instead he drove on, crossed the State line into the Ranger section. There he drove up at a farm house where he was known.

The wife of the farmer later told Sheriff Townson that she knew Raper as a convicted thief, but was afraid to forbid him the right to park behind her barn. Indication of a possible dangerous character of the prisoner was shown by the finding of a two headed hand axe in the car. Jailer Patton Coleman says Raper told him that if he had time to use that axe he would have "made things interesting for the Sheriff."

Young Pauline is being held as a material witness against Raper. Meanwhile Sheriff Townson has notified her parents of what happened. They said they would be here today, and the girl probably will be released in their custody.

The girl, tiny and pretty seems puzzled about the whole affair and apparently does not realize just what has happened. Sheriff Townson says that when he first received the report that she was feared kidnaped and perhaps slain, he investigated her reputation and found it spotless.

Raper is being held on a federal charge of automobile theft and transportation across the State line, on a charge of kidnapping, and on a charge of rape. Either of the latter two offenses may be punishable by death.

39 OF TEACHERS ARE REELECTED FOR NEXT YEAR

The following teachers in the Murphy Unit were re-elected for the school year of 1940-41.

Mr. Kenneth Clayton Wright, Mr. Julian Huston Pitzer, Mr. Bascom R. Carroll, Miss Meredith Whitaker, Miss Laura Huggins Overton, Mrs. Virginia Seehorn Cobb, Miss Margaret Virginia Benton, Miss Dorothy Lide, Miss Geneva Dot Higdon.

Mr. C. B. Chambers, Miss Nell Myra McLaughlin, Mrs. Ann Candler Ward, Miss Elizabeth Anderson Strickland, Mrs. W. E. Studstill, Miss Mary King Mallonee, Miss Louise Dorothy Crook, Miss Ann Hill, Mrs. Emily Cambell Miller.

Mr. Reid Mallonee, Mrs. Miram Stillwell Allen, Mrs. Winslow Jerry Davidson, Mrs. Leila Gay Axley, Mrs. Martha Mayfield Adams, Miss Emily Sword, Miss Dair McCracken, Mrs. T. H. Patton, Miss Mary Nell Williamson.

Miss Clara McCombs, Miss Addie Leatherwood, Mr. James Frank Walsh, Miss Frances Dickson, Miss Lelia Hayes, Miss Bertha Mayfield, Miss Willie Lou Wells, Miss Ella McCombs, Mr. John Franklin Smith, Mrs. Richard Meroney, Mr. J. William Wade, Miss Minnie Zenobia Lattier.