

DAM 'FEUD' EXTENDED TO WESTERNERS

TWO GIRLS CUT IN KNIFE BATTLE AT ROAD HOUSE

Victim From Andrews Slashed Across Face Bryson Girl Stabbed

Two girls, one stabbed, the other slashed across the face, and three men were tried before Justice D. M. Reece Wednesday afternoon as a result of a wild brawl at the Oasis roadhouse, near Murphy, at two o'clock Wednesday morning.

Lucy Crisp, 16, of Andrews who was slashed across the face was released under \$100 bond as a material witness. She was cut from under her right ear, across her nose. Twenty stitches were necessary, and she may be scarred for life.

Jane Cline, pretty, 19 year old girl from Bryson city, where her father works for the State Highway department, was held under \$300 bond charged with assault with a deadly weapon. She herself was stabbed in the right breast, and near the spine, the latter wound described by attending physician as "dangerous. Both were treated at Petric hospital and then jailed.

James Dillingham, of Andrews, a companion of Lucy Crisp at the roadhouse, was fined \$9.60 on a charge of drunkenness. Charlie King, of Andrews and Herman Logan, of Murphy, were fined \$9.60 each for fighting. King, a taxi-driver with the Crisp girls party, and Logan brought the Cline girl to the roadhouse, from Bryson City. The two men are said to have taken up the fight, where the girls left off.

Anna Laura Mashburn, of Andrews, another companion of Lucy Crisp at the Oasis; Dewey Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy O'Connor, still another member of the party, who sat in a car outside the resort while the fight was in progress and Elsie Davis, manager of the Oasis, were witnesses. All testified that the Bryson City girl started the trouble; first trying to pick a quarrel with Anna Mashburn, and then attacking Lucy Crisp.

Each of the injured girls blamed the other. The Cline girl says Lucy became jealous because she, Jane, was dancing with Lucy's "boy friend" whose name, she says she does not know.

"She dared me to come outside," the Cline girl said: "I went and as I stepped through the door, she hit me over the head with a bottle, and knocked me down. Then about ten of them jumped on me. The Davis girl, who runs the place, held

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Padlock Threatened At Oasis Roadhouse

Citing a long list of brawls, the latest being the cutting affray in which two girls were wounded, Sheriff Carl Townson announced, Wednesday, that he planned immediate prosecution of the operator of the Oasis roadhouse, just outside Murphy on charges of conducting a disorderly house. This, the sheriff said would be followed by padlocking the place, and also in the taking steps to revoke the license to sell beer.

The sheriff postponed action when told that the owner-operator planned leasing it to a new operator. He agreed to "wait a few days," specifying, however, that pending the lease, the resort close at sundown.

OUR FUTURE AT STAKE

The following editorial, from the Asheville Citizen of Tuesday, Nov. 19, is reprinted because it touches the vital interests of every man and woman and child in this section, not only now, but for all time to come.

What's The Matter

"Again North Carolina is being treated like a red-head stepchild. Again the offending of Uncle Sam.

"The Citizen does not contend, for one moment, that geographical considerations should be conclusive with the federal government in spending defense appropriations. The need for swift and effective action is so great that not even selfish interests of individual states should be permitted to impede such action.

"But North Carolina, industrially speaking, should have some role to play in this defense program other than that of furnishing our share of the soldiers and the tax receipts. It should be possible for the federal government to exhibit some consideration for North Carolina without hampering its defense program in the slightest.

"The actual contracts awarded thus far to North Carolina concerns or affecting North Carolina industry have been trifling. Not a single defense industry of any consequence has been located in this state. Not a single major contract has been awarded in this state.

"The unhappy consequence of this is that North Carolina is not enjoying the stimulus to business which the defense program is providing for the nation at large. Our surplus labor is being drained to other states. Most of our benefits are of the indirect variety: we do not enjoy the prosperity until it has filtered through other more fortunate states and has lost a vast deal in the filtering.

"This situation is presently serious. Unless it is remedied the permanent effects on North Carolina economy may be grave. It is not unlikely that most of the prosperity which we enjoy in this country the next few years will be due in large measure to the money expended by the federal government on its defense program. Expenditures may shape the economic development of this country for years to come.

"Because the situation is serious today and may be more serious still in its consequences for the future, North Carolina Senators and Congressmen should get busy. If there is a sound national reason for this unfavorable treatment which can not be removed, then the people of North Carolina should know it, so that we can reconcile ourselves to the terrible sacrifices which are in store for us. If there is a reason which can be overcome, then we should busy ourselves in overcoming it."

The Scout congratulates the Citizen for a splendid resume of facts and conditions that are fearful for North Carolinians to contemplate. These facts and conditions are particularly threatening to the future welfare of Western North Carolina and Cherokee County.

The apparently abandoned project to build a huge aluminum plant near Andrews with power from a new dam at Fontana, is a case in point. The project, of course, was a private enterprise, but The Aluminum Company claimed it was part of the defense program. Indeed, it is because of the defense program that the

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JOHN LEDFORD FOUND IN RIVER; BELIEVED SLAIN

Beaten to Death, Then "Planted" In Stream, Is Murder Theory

The battered body of John Ledford, formerly of Ogreeta but lately of the Farner, Tenn., section, was found lying on a big rock in the Hiawasse river not far from his mountain home, Monday morning. Police believe he was murdered.

The dead man's nose and one cheek bone had been crushed, as if by a club. There were many bruises on his head, and also on his legs, indicating that he had been beaten unconscious and then carried out into the river to simulate death by drowning.

The victim, walking home from Farner, was given a lift Saturday afternoon by two youths in a truck, who told police he left them at the bridge crossing the Hiawasse river between Farner and Tellico Plains. The youths said Ledford had been drinking.

Saturday night, after dark, Ledford is reported to have been seen on the bridge, with two young sons. That was the last seen of him, so far as the authorities know, until his body was found, Monday, shortly before noon.

The corpse lay half mile below the bridge, perhaps 50 feet or more from the shore. The first theory was that the victim had fallen off the bridge; been knocked senseless and drowned; and his body had washed down stream.

This theory was abandoned when it was found that the broken bones and bruises all over his body could hardly have been caused by a fall. Such injuries might have been caused by the victim being washed down stream, and being crashed against rocks; but it was learned that the gates of the dam had been shut down Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and that, as a result, there was not enough water in the stream to move the body.

The two youths in the truck were questioned by the authorities, but were released when it was found that Ledford had been seen after leaving them.

Miss Mollie Sneed, 76 Buried at Peachtree

Miss Mollie Sneed, age 76, died at her home in the Peachtree section at 2 P. M. Tuesday November 19th, after several weeks of illness. Funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday at 2:30 P. M. Rev. Thos. Truett officiated; burial was in a family cemetery.

Pall bearers were nephews, Wiley Vaughn, Neil Sneed, A. W. McIver, Jasper Sneed, Bill Dockery, Wilbur Sneed, Ron Maxey and Wayne Holland.

Miss Sneed was born and reared in Cherokee county. She was the daughter of the late John Sneed and Celia Harper Sneed, one of the oldest families in this section. She was a devout member of the Methodist church for 60 years. She is survived by one sister, Miss Lucy Sneed, and two brothers, W. B. and Fred Sneed, all of Cherokee County.

Only Men From N. C. And Tennessee Will Be Allowed To Stay

Delegation Returns From D. C. Mission On Aluminum Plant

Mayor J. B. Gray, of Murphy and County Commissioner Ed Wood and Major Wade Reece, of Andrews, returned Wednesday afternoon from Washington, D. C. where they went Sunday to try and revive the plan to build an aluminum plant near Andrews.

The delegation conferred with Congressmen Weaver and Doughton, and with Senators Bailey and Reynolds, and also with Federal officials.

Mayor Gray said that while nothing definite could be stated at this time, he believed that the delegation had made progress.

Draft Quota Only 2 As 38 in Cherokee Volunteer To Go

With 38 volunteers already listed and the County's quota set at only two, the first call to the draft, which is to put men in uniform by December 5, becomes a mere formality in Cherokee.

Other draft calls are slated to begin next year, the tentative program arranging for monthly summons until next June 30. Whether this schedule will be followed is not definitely known.

The total quota for the County, however, has been officially fixed at 94 men. Meanwhile, ten more young men have volunteered during the past week, and several others have written Wayne Walker, County Draft Board Secretary, of their intentions to sign up for one year of service.

The number of volunteers already is believed large enough to take care of the second draft call, and Mr. Walker predicts that the list eventually will more than meet the entire quota.

Those volunteering during the past week are:

Clyde Wood, Don Hall, Olin Dockery and Edison Joe Martin, all of Murphy Route 3; Gilbert Julius Amos and Ruel Thomas Brendle, of Murphy; Hoyt Teague and John Quentin Hyde, of Letitia, and Winfred S. Jenkins and Charles J. Fortner, of Culberson.

Ga. Drops Plan to Pave Road To Blue Ridge

Despite word, only last week, that plans were all but complete for an early start on paving the 12 mile stretch of Georgia highway on the route to Atlanta, the report now comes that the project has been abandoned.

Bids were authorized by Gov. Rivers, weeks ago, and the work was to be completed by next summer. Latest report is that the bids all were rejected by the final authorities and the entire plan killed because of lack of funds.

Union Official Pleads For Life As Scores, Beaten, Flee State

All day Monday and Tuesday, buses from Andrews carried northern workers who had quit their jobs, and were leaving this section. Others departed by automobile. Many, who were married, took their families with them.

Unverified reports placed the original number of northern workers employed at the dam at "about 300." It was said that probably 100 or more of these had quit since the outbreak of the fighting.

Half a dozen northern workmen were not only beaten, but were thrown into the icy water of the Nantahala river. The water was too shallow for there to be any risk of the victims drowning, but the almost freezing water, plus the cold weather made this severe punishment.

Among those ducked was James C. Turner, business agent of the Engineer's union at the project. Turner strode up to a group of unemployed and told them they couldn't be hired because they were not capable of doing the work. He explained that the northerners brought to the plant were skilled workers, who could not be replaced locally.

Turner was told to "get going" but refused. Instead he took off his overcoat and began a speech in which he warned the men that they were risking jail sentences. He was warned to "shut up and get going," he would be "given a ducking." He ignored the warning, and a moment later he was seized, hauled struggling to the river and thrown in.

Emerging dripping and shivering, he made a dash for union quarters, in the main building of the Utah Construction Company, shouting that he intended to call out the State Militia.

A long distance phone call was put in to Gov. Hoey, who promised to investigate, and sent State highway patrolman to protect the workers, if necessary. Reinforcements to the guardians of the law were on duty Tuesday, but fighting is reported to have continued, at intervals, all through the day.

Turner said Arthur Wallace, union representative of the Tunnel workers, whose list includes a number of northerners was also thrown in the river, and at least six others were "ducked."

The fighting began early Monday morning, and during the day at least 50 northerners quit their jobs. Some

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Chamber of Commerce To Meet Monday Night

A call meeting of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce will be held in the town hall Monday night, November 25, at 7 o'clock. C. D. Mayfield, president, has announced.

F. O. Christopher, secretary of the chamber, stated that a number of important matters would come before the body at the meeting and urged that every member be present.