

## FLEEING DRIVER TRIES TO WRECK PURSUER'S CAR

### Lindsey Gets His Man After Extended Chase Which Hits 95 MPH

A wild automobile chase, in which pursued and pursuers reached a speed of 95 miles an hour started in Andrews Sunday, and ended about five miles beyond Murphy on the highway leading to Tennessee. After the chase ended there was a battle.

At long last, Burton Brown, formerly of Ducktown and Charles Cole of Copperhill Tenn., were locked in the Cherokee County Jail, in Murphy. Brown, police say continued to fight even after he had been handcuffed.

State Highway patrolman Lindsey, of Andrews, who started the chase, says Brown at the wheel of the fugitive car, tried several times to wreck him by letting him get close behind, and then suddenly applying the brakes. Brown was charged with reckless driving, driving while drunk, and with assault on Lindsey with a deadly weapon. Cole was riding with Brown submitted peacefully.

Brown was released under \$1,000 bail after a hearing held before Justice D. M. Reese Tuesday morning. Brown was freed Tuesday night after paying a fine of \$5 and cost.

When arrested Brown was found to be carrying a huge roll of bills which he declared totaled \$700.

Police also are interested in the car, an expensive model which Brown says belongs to him. A search of the  
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## Andrews Recreation Center Is Approved in Washington Office

The \$18,840 community recreation center recently applied for by the town of Andrews has been approved in Washington according to an announcement Tuesday by A. F. Weaver Jr., area supervisor of the WPA.

The project is now subject to approval by C. C. McGinnis, state WPA director.

The recreation center at Andrews calls for the development of an athletic field, a stadium, and tennis courts. Work will include clearing, sodding, surfacing, building fences and installing plumbing and electrical facilities. A dressing room is to be built under the stadium, and the athletic field will be floodlighted.

## Three Forestry Divisions Conducting Big Essay Contest on Fire Prevention

A large scale essay is being conducted among students of all schools in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties in an effort to stimulate in forest fire prevention, with an aggregate of 86 prizes being offered winners in various divisions. The contest is sponsored by the North Carolina forest service, the Nantahala National forest service and the TVA forestry division.

All students in the schools of the three counties who have passed the sixth grade will be eligible to enter the contest. Students from different counties will not have to compete against each other as the contests will be separate for each county. The individual contest of the counties will also be divided so that advanced students will not be competing against students in lower grades except in the finals, and give lower grade students an opportunity



**DEFENSE POWER** . . . As industry and government sought more power to make aluminum for planes, work sped forward on Nantahala, N. C., dam, one of two hydro-electric projects building in southeast for Aluminum Company of America, already largest industrial customer of TVA and Bonneville. Part of firm's \$150,000,000 defense expansion, project will have highest "head" east of Rockies.

## Geo. B. Hoblitzell Is Taken By Death; Rites Held Sunday

Mourning throngs from Cherokee, Graham and Clay counties and many from more distant localities joined Sunday in paying last tribute to George B. Hoblitzell, one of the best loved men in this section. He died Saturday morning in an Asheville hospital where he had been rushed from Andrews the night before by Mr. Talley, in the latter's car. Death was due to a heart attack.

Mr. Hoblitzell had but recently returned to his home after undergoing an operation. Taking up his business duties before he had thoroughly regained his strength, he was unable to fight off the attack which cost his life.

The funeral was one of the most impressive ever held in Andrews. Hundreds came to mourn with the bereaved widow and son who survive and the floral offerings, from all over this section filled the big, lovely room where the services were held almost to overflowing.

The Rev. G. N. Dulin, Methodist Pastor and the Rev. E. F. Baker joined in conducting the last rites. Pall bearers, both active and honorary were chosen from employees of the Teas Extract Company, of which Mr. Hoblitzell was part owner and General Manager. This was in accordance with his wishes.  
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## Civil Court Adjourns Wednesday Afternoon

The January term of Cherokee Superior court for civil hearings adjourned Wednesday, closing a docket of fifteen cases and rulings on seven motions. Judge Zeb. V. Nettles presided.

Jurors called for the second week by the clerk were notified that they need not appear for service.

## LOCAL CANNERY TO OPERATE ON FULL SCHEDULE

### Plant to Function On Different Basis Than in The Past

The local canning factory of the Land 'O the Sky Mutual Canning association will operate on full schedule during the 1941 season, J. B. Shields, manager, has announced. Operations will be conducted on a different basis than in the past, however, due to new laws governing such operations.

A special change in this year's operations will be noted in the handling of spinach, Mr. Shields said, in that preparations of the plant will be made by the producer rather than the cannery itself. Suitable adjustments in the prices to be paid will be made in order that the grower will still receive equal cash value for spinach grown and sold to the cannery.

The price of spinach will be much higher than in past seasons but the grower will be obliged to cut his spinach above the ground and deliver it free from roots, dead leaves and grass, and in hampers or baskets ready to go into the washers. In order to equalize the price exchange of preparatory work, the cannery will pay from \$28.00 to \$30.00 per ton.  
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## Actual Construction On NYA Building Is Started Monday

Construction of the new NYA building was started Monday on the local school campus with 40 boys employed according to Mrs. Willa Belle Posey, district supervisor. Completion is expected to require four months time.

A crew of boys has already started digging foundations for the building, which will have a marble foundation and be of wooden construction.

Bob Scroggs, foreman of the local NYA boys, is in charge of the work. The entire structure will be built by NYA boys, using no outside labor at all.

According to Scroggs, the building will be 96 feet long and 36 feet wide, containing one big work room, a lumber rack 8 by 30 feet, and a finishing room 12 by 36 feet. There will be three entrances, the main entrance being in the center and the other two on the ends of the building. The structure will be raised at an approximate cost of \$5,916.80 sponsored by the county. Materials contained in the structure are being purchased entirely from local building material merchants.

The local building is one of the 13 new NYA projects on which work was started this week in various parts of the state. The Murphy project is second largest of the group.

# Fifty in County Hit By Flu -- Whichard

## Second Draft Call Slated for County "After February 17"

Sent as a "replacement," 18 year old Claude Edward Jones, of Murphy left by bus at 6:45 Thursday morning for Fort Bragg to join the new Army of defense. He will fill a vacancy in the Cherokee County contingent caused by the rejection of Lee Gordon Godfrey, aged 28, of Lettitz.

Godfrey was accepted by examining physicians in Murphy, but the Army doctors at Camp found traces of an old injury which, they decided, warranted his being sent home. This rejection does not mean that Godfrey is physically incapacitated for work. It merely means that the new Army demands "perfection-plus."

In sending young Jones to Camp, Secretary Wayne Walker, of the County Draft Board, asked the Scout to stress the fact that young men who wish to enter the army, but object to a three year term of duty, may still enlist for only one year. They should apply to Mr. Walker, in the Townson Building, Murphy.

"Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 21," Mr. Walker said. "They must have completed the 7th grade in school, and must be physically fit and of good moral character."

"This offer can be a real opportunity for many youths who now are unemployed. If they wish, they can continue their education in the army, or they can perfect themselves."  
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## New Law Forbids Use Of Artificial Light In Fishing In This Area

A new regulation was passed by the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development at its semi-annual meeting in Raleigh, January 13-14, forbidding use of artificial light in catching small mouth bass and trout in western counties.

The regulation specified such lights as flashlight, lantern and bonfires, etc., as artificial and unlawful in the catching of these fish. The law applies specifically to streams in and west of Alleghany, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Rutherford counties.

## Town of Murphy Mapping Development Of Large Water and Sewerage System

Plans for development of new water and sewerage systems in certain parts of town are being mapped for presentation as a city project under WPA construction, with town of Murphy sponsorship, according to information released this week.

The new developments would do away with fire hazards and provide added sanitary conditions for certain sections of the town that have long suffered for such facilities.

Although adequate water and sewerage systems have been set up in the new subdivision on Moreland heights when the section developed so rapidly about one year ago, no provision was made for fire prevention. According to the plans, a line will be built to a fire plug to be set near the W. H. Murray home suitable location for use in case of fire in any of the homes.

The major part of the develop-

## Health Officer Warns Care is Essential to Forestall Epidemic

With "Flu" and German measles sweeping most of the State, Cherokee and Clay Counties have fared exceptionally well, according to Health Officer Whichard. Graham county, however, has been fairly hard hit, with 10 per cent of the school children in Robbinsville reported as absent from classes.

Plans had been made to close the Robbinsville school, but Dr. Whichard advised against such a drastic step, declaring he believed the worst of the siege is over. The Health officer pointed out that nowhere in this district has either the flu or the German measles reached the epidemic stage. He added that not all the absences from school in Robbinsville were necessarily due to illness.

Some 24 or 25 cases of "flu" have been reported from all Cherokee county Dr. Whichard said; these being scattered throughout Murphy, Andrews, Marble and other localities. Perhaps an equal number of cases on farms and elsewhere were not reported, according to Dr. Whichard, making the total for the county about 50. There were still fewer cases reported in Clay county.

Not one of these cases have resulted fatally, and it was declared by Dr. Whichard that the present attacks are much less severe than durbats.  
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## C. of C. Meet Called Friday; Election Of Officers Scheduled

The Murphy Chamber of Commerce will hold its first meeting of the new year Friday night in the courtroom of the courthouse beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Fred Christopher, secretary has announced.

This meeting is being thrown open to the public. Mr. Christopher said, and anyone may attend who is not a member. Several important matters are to come before the chamber at this meeting including election of new officers, the recreation project of the town of Murphy, and a proposal to hire a full-time secretary.

The project for recreational development has almost been worked out.  
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