

## DRIVER IS KILLED AS TRUCK TURNS OVER AND BURNS

### Wife of Less Than Week Rushes To Bedside; Vehicle Demolished

A 28-year-old driver died Thursday as the result of injuries received when a Smith Transfer truck overturned and caught fire Wednesday on the Copperhill road, one mile this side of the Tennessee line. The dead man was married less than a week ago.

He is Regan Roberts, of Marshall, N. C., making his first trip on the run. He was taken to T. C. C. Hospital in Copperhill by Keener Stuart, 28, a farmer, who was attracted to the scene of the crash by the victims screams.

According to State Highway Patrolman Smith, who investigated the accident, the vehicle overturned on the road when the brakes locked. In turning over, it plunged down an embankment and caught fire.

Roberts managed to kick his way through the windshield and climbed from the wreckage, but his gasoline-saturated clothes were already ablaze. Stuart extinguished the flames and took the injured man to the hospital.

After receiving first aid treatment in Copperhill, Roberts was rushed to Asheville, where he had been making his home for the past few weeks, and where his bride of a few days met the ambulance.

Roberts was driving a truck loaded with general merchandise, much of which was destroyed by the flames. He was on his way to Charlotte. The truck was demolished.

## Court Nearing Close Of Its Civil Docket After Forced Recess

After recessing from Wednesday until Monday, the November term of the Circuit Court resumed sessions with a minor docket this week, and probably will complete its work before Saturday. Only civil cases are being heard, most of them divorce suits.

Retrial of the suit of Fred Dickey, Jr., to break the will of his father, was postponed until the January term because of the absence of Attorney Worth McKinney, of Asheville, of counsel for the plaintiff. Mr. McKinney, an Assistant U. S. District Attorney, was busy with Federal procedure.

The recess taken last Wednesday was ordered against the wishes of the Judge William H. Babbitt, on the bench, but was necessary because of the unexpected speed in disposing of the criminal docket. No civil cases had been listed until the week of November 10; and His Honor was forced either to order a recess or sit in court with nothing to do.

## Home Demonstration Clubs Meet Friday To Celebrate Annual Achievement Day

Home Demonstration club members from all Cherokee County will gather at the Library in Murphy Friday morning, Nov. 14, for celebration of their annual "Achievement Day". The program will begin promptly at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Maude Radford, of Beavertown, President of the County Council, will preside, and there will be at least two visiting speakers. One is Miss Mary E. Thomas, Extension Nutritionist from Raleigh, who will deliver the main address, telling of foods, their preparation, and the part they play in health and happiness. The other is Miss Anna C. Rowe, Home Demonstration Work agent for the Western District.

Other notable guests are expected to be present. They will be introduced from the platform, and probably will make short talks.

## Big Overseas Bundle Finished By Red Cross; Another Ready Soon

A big bundle of clothing designed for war sufferers overseas has just been completed by the women of Murphy, assisted by volunteers from the Culberson district, according to announcement by Mrs. Mel Miller, chairman of the Production Committee. Mrs. C. W. Savage is assisting Mrs. Miller in keeping enthusiasm alive.

The bundle just completed includes eight shawls; twelve sweaters for children; two sweaters for men; two sweaters for women; two suits of pajamas; six women's dresses; twelve dresses for girls and two bed shirts.

Another bundle is now being worked on, and is expected to be ready on.

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## NEW TVA HOUSES LONG PROMISED, TO ARRIVE SOON

### Shipments Also Slated To Go To Hayesville And Hiwassee Dam

Promised weeks ago, the sixty portable houses assigned to Murphy are scheduled to begin to arrive in the near future, according to TVA officials; although none would venture to give an exact date. One official said that "some of the houses should be ready for occupancy before Christmas."

Some twenty of the 100 trailers promised to relieve the housing situation in and around Murphy have arrived, and are parked at the tent colony at the foot of Tennessee street. The remainder are said to have been delayed by washouts which made travel inadvisable.

The portable houses, which TVA officials say can be set up, ready for occupancy here at the rate of four a day, are being manufactured, according to word here, at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. The houses themselves are said to be ready for shipment; but there has been a tie up because of shortage of plumbing and electrical supplies.

Officials explained that though the dams are definitely part of the defense program, the TVA has only a class D priority rating. The Army, Navy, and armament plants all come ahead. It was explained, however, that arrangements have now been completed to get the necessary supplies within the near future.

Hayesville and Hiwassee Dam also are to get portable houses and trailers. Twenty houses are reported already sent to Hayesville, and with the trailers yet to come, are expected to meet the needs there.

Murphy is said to be next on the list, and Hiwassee Dam last. The Dam, according to reports, is to get 25 trailers and 30 houses. The first

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## MONEY POURS IN AS ROLL CALL OF MERCY STARTS

### Single Worker Turns In Over \$500 At Start: TVA Giving Freely

With more than \$500 turned in the first day by a single committee chairman, the annual Red Cross Roll Call got under way Tuesday, Armistice Day, under the general chairmanship of Mrs. C. W. Savage.

A host of workers, both men and women are assisting, in the entire lower end of the County. Their preliminary reports indicate that this will be the most successful roll call in the history of this section. TVA contributions are said to be especially liberal.

As a further spur to the drive, Preston Kenn will show two moving pictures made especially for the Red Cross. These films will be run in addition to the regular features.

Meanwhile, Mrs. C. E. Hyde and Miss Dorothy Higdon have made a number of large Red Cross flags for display, and hundreds of tiny flag badges; one for each pupil in school.

Here are the workers who are assisting in the drive:

Business District: Mrs. Burt Savage, W. McPain, Peyton G. Ivie, W. A. Sherrill, Miss Mennice Payne.

Residential District: Mrs. W. M. Axley, Miss Mary Akin, Mrs. P. J. Henn, Mrs. Frank Morse, Mrs. Samstead, Miss Mennice Payne, Mrs. Hadley Dickey, Mrs. R. C. Mattox, Mrs. J. H. Hampton, Mrs. H. Buack, Mrs. John Davidson, Miss Hattie Palmer, Mrs. A. E. Vestal, Mrs. C. I. Calhoun, Mrs. Duke Whitley, Mrs. Porter Axley, Mrs. Arthur Akin.

Murphy High School: Mrs. C. B. Chambers. Murphy Elementary School: Miss Addie Leatherwood. County Schools: Mrs. Walter C. Witt.

Hiwassee Dam: Mrs. E. E. Curtis. Outlying Sections: Mrs. W. D. King. Campbell Folk School. Mrs. George Bidstrup.

Negro Enrollment: J. William Wade and Minnie Z. Latimer.

George K. Leonard, project supervisor, of TVA, is general chairman of TVA enrollment, assisted by: R. F. Holly, of the Reservoir Clearance division; John D. Blagg, Maps and surveys; Jack Hind, Land Acquisition; W. N. Rogers, personnel department; Jim Hardy, Health and Safety department; Mrs. Thelma Dickey, Tent colony; Anthony Passerini, Construction and maintenance; S. F. Vesser, Highway and Woods, Transportation department. Railroad departments; and Carl Mrs. H. Bueck is chairman of Junior Red Cross, assisted by Mrs. Virginia Cobb, enrollment chairman. Mrs. Martha Adams is publicity chairman and Miss Dorothy Higdon and Mrs. C. E. Hyde, comprise the activities committee.

Officers of the chapter are: W. M. Pain, chairman; J. B. Gray, vice-chairman; W. W. Hyde, treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Savage, secretary; Mrs. E. S. Miller, chairman production committee.

H. G. Elkins, home service chairman; Mrs. H. G. Elkins, home service secretary; Victor C. Olmsted, publicity chairman; Mrs. Martha Adams, junior publicity; the Rev. A. B. Cash, the Rev. C. B. Newton, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, church publicity; Mrs. Lee M. Ragsdale, of Hiwassee Dam, special features.

## Tiny Betty Sue Miracle, One Of Twins, Is Dead

Death took little Betty Sue Miracle, one month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Miracle, at their home in Murphy last Monday. Funeral services were held on Armistice Day in the Drummond Church at Clouds, Tenn., with Ivie Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The mother and father and two sisters, Wilma Jean and Patty Lou survive. The latter is a twin of the dead infant.

## Six In County Named By Gov. Broughton As Unemployment Counsel

Six persons from Cherokee County have been appointed by Gov. Broughton to the Local Advisory Council of the Unemployment Compensation Commission. A total of 322 members have been named, throughout the state, to represent employers, employees, and the general public.

The members of the Cherokee County Advisory Council are: for employers: W. H. Whitaker, of Andrews, and D. H. Rocco; for employees: Virgil Barnett and Joe Ray; and for the general public, C. D. Mayfield and Mrs. Catherine Martin.

The local councils will serve for two and three-year periods. Local office managers will serve as secretaries and will arrange meetings.

## SCHOOL GIRL, 12, FOUND STRICKEN WITH MENINGITIS

### Marie Self Is Laid Low Within Week After Death Of Mother

A twelve-year-old Cherokee County girl was stricken with cerebrospinal meningitis Saturday and is in a serious condition in Petrie Hospital, Murphy. Only a week ago the child's mother died.

The little sufferer is Marie Self, daughter of John Self, a mail carrier who lives near Hiwassee Dam. The disease was discovered Saturday afternoon and more was taken to the hospital and placed in isolation.

The death of the girl's mother was not attributable to the spinal disease, and health authorities were careful to point out that it is entirely possible that the "carrier" was someone outside the family.

Little Marie's father, her sisters and brothers have been living with John Stiles, in Suit, N. C., since Mrs. Self's death. Health officials are making a series of nasal and oral smears to determine whether the infectious germs are present in other members of the family.

Until comparatively recent years, the treatment of meningococcus meningitis was difficult. A curative serum was used to advantage in many instances, but it was not until the discovery of the sulfanil drugs that the medical profession made any real headway in the battle.

Meningitis is an acute, infectious disease and usually is transmitted by someone not afflicted himself. It strikes at the coverings of the brain or spinal cord.

Carriers are always present, health officials point out, and the danger of infection is ever-present. The disease is transmitted through nose and throat secretions either upon direct or indirect contact, and therefore is known as a "respiratory disease."

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## MAN LOSES EYE AFTER SHOOTING; 3 YOUTHS JAILED

### All Protest Innocence; Theft Of Shotgun, Auto Also Charged

The arrest of three men at a roadhouse near Murphy last Sunday evening brought to light a strange story of an alleged robbery, an automobile theft, and a near-fatal assault with a shot gun.

The victim of the assault is 63-year-old Allen Owenby, of the Liberty section.

The robbery, the theft and the assault all happened nearly two weeks ago, on Saturday, November 1. Struck in the head with a blast from a 16 gauge single barreled shot-gun, Mr. Owenby lost his left eye, and all but lost his life. Taken to Petrie hospital by a neighbor who heard the shot, and found him lying helpless on the floor of his cabin, the victim rallied, and was able to return to his home this week.

The three under arrest in the County jail are Homer Cheatham, 22, of Hiwassee Dam, and two youths who first said they were J. C. and Tom Duckett, brothers of Talking Rock, Ga. They have been living with an aunt in the Liberty section.

The brothers who gave their ages as 18 and 19, have since admitted that "Duckett" is an assumed name. The elder also has admitted that he is an escaped convict from a Georgia Chain gang, where he was doing a two-year-term for assault with a deadly weapon.

He further told Jailer Patton Coleman that he previously had served a four year term in the Georgia Chain-gang for burglary. If his story is true, he first went to the chain-gang when he was only 14 years old.

The two brothers and Cheatham were taken before Mr. Owenby, who is said to have identified them as his assailants. He was unable, however, to state which one had done the shooting.

Cheatham, in addition to being mixed up in the shooting, is also held on charges of automobile theft, and with the robbery, by force, of a shot gun and shells.

Car, gun and shells were stolen the same day that the attack was made on Owenby. The car was recovered in Tennessee last week, and the shot-gun was found in Cheatham's possession. Police say it is the same weapon used to shoot Owenby.

The car was stolen near Hiwassee Dam. The owner, who knows Cheatham, says he gave him a lift and later stopped at a roadside inn, and went inside, leaving Cheatham in the car. When he came out, he says, both car and Cheatham were gone.

Cheatham insists the car was "loaned" to him.

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## Black Arts Are Displayed For Prisoners As County Jail Gets Identification Tag

A sign-painter, who practices the "Black Arts" as a sideline, called at the Cherokee County Jail, yesterday and put on a show for Jailer Pat Coleman and his wards that would have made even "The Great Thurston" envious.

Dal Burnett, who hails from Luray, Va., made bills and coins vanish and reappear; made a yardstick do everything but walk, sliced his left thumb half off and then displayed it as well as it was before the carving took place.

His pay for the services?

"Well," he told Mr. Coleman, I thought maybe you could use a little sign painting around here, on the door, for instance."

Mr. Coleman reflected. Yes, portals of the old brick jug could stand a little ornamentation.

Terms were made—and they included a repetition of the tricks for newcomers who had dropped in to see Burnett perform.

Last night, many persons left the jail happy (not inmates, of course), and it was noticed that a touch of gaiety had been left on the gloomy front of the bastille. Blazoned across the door was:

## "CHEROKEE CO. JAIL VISITORS TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS ONLY"

Jailer Coleman, admiring the large yellow, red, and blue letters, sighed with satisfaction:

"Its beautiful. But he forgot a couple of things. After the word 'Jail', he should have 'Inc.', and maybe it would look good to have something at the bottom like 'P. Coleman, Prop.'"