

NEW INDUSTRY LOOMS FOR THIS SECTION

TRIPLE MURDER GREET'S WORKER ON RETURN HOME

TVA Man Finds Wife, Woman Roomer, And Baby Shot To Death

Two young women and a baby girl were murdered, while a baby boy escaped unharmed in the Greasy Creek section just across the Tennessee line Tuesday night. Four men are under arrest.

The double crime was discovered when James Hedden, a TVA tunnel worker employed on the Ocoee project, returned home shortly before midnight to find the body of his 20-year-old wife, Lelia, lying across the threshold. She had been shot through the heart.

Lying across a bed, inside the house was the body of Mrs. Irene Dillard, 30, who had been living with the Heddens. On the floor, near the bed, lay the body of Mrs. Dillard's one-year-old daughter.

The only sign of life in the blood-spattered room was the gentle breathing of Hedden's 18-month-old baby son, who lay sleeping beside the dead body of Mrs. Dillard. The boy had not been harmed.

Mrs. Hedden, Mrs. Dillard and the latter's baby daughter, had all been shot to death with 32-calibre pistol bullets. Mrs. Dillard, separated from her husband, who is reported to be in Detroit, had also been beaten over the head with a pistol butt, or some blunt weapon.

Immediately after discovery of the triple slaying, police of Hiwassee Dam were notified, and a call was put in for Sheriff Carl Townson, in Murphy. Townson was off on another case, and before he could be reached, Sheriff Broughton Biggs, of Polk County had been summoned, and had sent to the Tennessee State Prison for bloodhounds. Before the dogs arrived, however, four men had been placed under arrest; They are Bill Hedden, 40, brother of James Hedden and a constable of the Polk county Second district.

Lawrence Breeden, 26, and his first cousin, Floyd Breeden, 20.

Julius Goforth, 30.

Sheriff Biggs declined to express himself as to the motive for the crime.

Defense Begins Listing All Trucks And Buses

T. B. Ward, North Carolina Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, has announced that 150,000 questionnaire cards to truck and bus owners were mailed Nov. 17.

Each truck and bus owners is asked regarding the season of the year when he most urgently needs the vehicle in his own business and whether in an emergency he would be willing to hire or lease the vehicle to a Government agency.

Magistrate Reese Now Using An Alias, Appointment By Gov. Broughton Reveals

The Scout, last week, printed a list of prominent County residents appointed by Governor Broughton to serve as a local Advisory Council to the State Unemployment Commission. The list came from Unemployment headquarters, in Raleigh, and was turned over to the printer "as was."

Among the Cherokee Countians named was one "D. M. Rocco". Nobody could be found who had ever heard of him, but it was taken for granted that the Raleigh authorities knew who had been appointed. But they didn't. Shortly after the

Former Resident, Hurt In Crash, Stops Here On Way to S. C. and Ore.

Mr. D. S. Davis, formerly of Murphy, returned for a short visit last week to recover from injuries he received in an automobile accident October 31.

Mr. Davis was thrown through the windshield of the car his nephew, Zane Davis, was driving when the vehicle was crashed into by another 40 miles from Columbus, Ohio. He was in Columbus General Hospital five days.

Zane Davis, also was injured, receiving lacerations of the body and internal injuries.

While here, Mr. Davis stayed with a sister, Mrs. R. L. Abernathy. He will visit Miss W. P. Hass in Pickens, S. C., and then go to Salem, Ore., to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. Panther, also formerly of Murphy.

After that, Mr. Davis says he is coming back to Murphy, to stay!

Ex-Con Confesses Shooting Out Eye Of Allen Owenby, 63

With a hearing set for Saturday morning, Nov. 22, Bert Beasley, 19-year-old escaped Georgia convict, is reported to have confessed to Jailer Patton Coleman that he shot out the left eye of 63-year-old Allen Owenby in the latter's cabin in the Liberty section.

Beasley and his 18 year old brother "T. J.", who also admits being a fugitive from a Georgia chain gang, and Homer Cheatham, 22, of Hiwassee Dam, are all being held in connection with the assault. Cheatham also faces charges of stealing the gun with which Owenby was shot, and with stealing the automobile in which he and the Beasley brothers escaped.

Bert Beasley admits he fled from Pickens county, Ga. after serving eight months of a two year sentence for assault. His brother escaped also from Pickens County, after serving half of a two months sentence to the roads, for being drunk and disorderly.

Mr. Owenby was shot in the head, at close range, with a 16-gauge single barrel shotgun. Pellets tore out his left eye and riddled his forehead. An instinctive ducking, as the gun exploded was all that saved his life.

Jailer Coleman says Beasley said he and Owenby quarrelled over the price of liquor, and that Owenby came at him with a 22 calibre rifle, ordering him to leave the cabin.

"I fired twice trying to scare him" Beasley is quoted as saying, "but he wouldn't scare—so I let him have it."

Owenby says that, after being shot and left helpless and alone, he was robbed of his rifle and six dollars in cash. This may mean new charges at the hearing.

Scout appeared on the streets, Magistrate D. M. Reese came into the office bringing a letter from Governor Broughton naming him to the Advisory Council.

Putting two and two together, it was decided that Mr. Rocco and Mr. Reese were one and the same.

The answer probably is that when Magistrate Reese wrote accepting the appointment, his handwriting was so "bad" that the folks in Raleigh couldn't make it out.

Mr. Reese denies this, but anyone who has ever seen his chirography will admit that the explanation is reasonable.

TWO MEN DYING AFTER BLAST AT APPALACHIA DAM

Stick Left Near Portal Of Tunnel Explodes As Shovel Lifts It

Two men were so terribly injured. Tuesday, that neither is expected to live, following a dynamite blast at the Turtletown Adit of the Appalachia Dam. The dynamite exploded in a steam-shovel.

One of the victims was Fred Huffman, aged 30, of Waynesville, a steam shovel operator. Huffman, his wife and five weeks old son came to this section to work only about two weeks ago.

The other victim was John Blacklock, 30, living in Turtletown. Both men were taken to a hospital in Chattanooga, with death regarded as almost certain.

The blast was the result of dynamite having been left on the ground at the portal of a tunnel. Huffman was preparing to load the truck with his shovel, and the driver, in accordance with TVA rules, had dismounted, and was standing by the truck's hood.

The big shovel picked up the dynamite along with some rock. In lifting the load, the rock set off the explosive.

Rock is said to have torn a great hole in Huffman's chest; perhaps to have torn out both eyes, and to have caused other injuries. The truck driver is said to have been almost disemboweled, and to have been otherwise injured about the face, head and body.

Immediately following news of the accident, the young wife of Huffman left Murphy for the hospital.

It is reported that T. V. A. will conduct an investigation seeking to learn who left the dynamite

Meanwhile, latest reports from Chattanooga, as the Scout went to press were that both the victims were still alive. Physicians refused to predict, however, that either would recover.

Thanksgiving Date Decreed For State Ignored By Many

Thursday, Nov. 20 is the official Thanksgiving day in North Carolina, according to proclamation of President Roosevelt, backed up by a confirmatory decree by our own Governor. Nevertheless a good many persons throughout the County decided to stick to the old custom and celebrate on the last Thursday of the month.

Few turkeys have been seen on sale in this section. Merchants shun them because, they say, they have to sell them quick or "get stuck".

Fifteen states have refused to abide by the Roosevelt decree, and will pay no official attention to Thursday Nov. 20. They are:

Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Vermont.

Those states which supposed to celebrate the earlier date are:

Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and the District of Columbia.

Land Is Found Rich In Olivene Deposits Needed For Defense

Len Lenderman, 20, Slain; Crime Is Laid To Dillard Morrow

Leonard Lenderman, 20 year old son of David Lenderman, widely known throughout this section is dead, and 17 year old Paul Morrow, son of Dillard Morrow, well known farmer, is in jail across the Tennessee line charged with murder, as a result of a quarrel last Saturday night.

The quarrel took place near Tellico plains. Police arrived to find Lenderman lying dead, with two bullets in his chest, and Morrow standing, waiting to be arrested. He is said to have admitted the killing, declaring he shot Lenderman after the latter had knocked him down.

The slain youth's father will be remembered as the Coker Creek postmaster who was bound, gagged, and left in the Buckberry schoolhouse by three bandits who robbed the postoffice. Mr. Lenderman freed himself, notified the law, and there was a gun-fight in which one of the robbers was killed by "Tobey" Fain, and the other two were captured.

Young Morrow's brother was recently shot, accidentally, while visiting in the County jail, in Murphy.

Two "On Gang" Escape But Are Soon Retaken

News has just been made public of the escape, week before last, of two prisoners from the camp near Peachtree Both were recaptured near Etowah, Tenn., and returned to the camp within two days.

Fred Allen, of Barnesville, N. C., serving six months on the roads for assault with a dangerous weapon, and Charles Rumbaugh, of Asheville, serving eight months for larceny, walked off while working near the Hiwassee Dam. Both began serving time last September 18.

20 Families Will Move To Hiwassee Dam Soon

Approximately 20 more families soon will be added to the population at Hiwassee Dam, TVA officials said yesterday.

The new arrivals will come from Pickwick, Gilbertsville, Ky., Watts Bar, Tenn., Wilson Dam, Ala., Wheeler, Ala., and Austin, Texas.

Andrews Force Out-Jerseys Jersey As Two Are Sentenced, Day After Crime

If all things are comparative—the oft-touted "Jersey Justice" is but a snail beside the lightning swiftness of Andrews Apprehension.

Two authorities on the subject were found guilty and sentenced Tuesday for the crime they had committed less than forty-eight hours before.

This new chapter in the serial "Crime Never Pays" started shortly after midnight Sunday when the Whitaker store was broken into and robbed of boots, shoes, blankets, and other merchandise valued at \$136.

Discovery of the robbery the following morning brought officers F. H. Mahaffey and Sam Jones hur-

New Process Found To Extract Magnesium From Ore And Soil

Possibility of a vast new industry which will embrace all this section looms in construction of the Fontana and other dams embraced in the new TVA program, according to Maurice Henley, Chief of the Information Staff of the TVA.

Mr. Henley, whose headquarters are in Knoxville painted a broad picture of the outlook during a visit to the Scout office Tuesday.

The new industry will be the production of magnesium, which is essential to manufacturing a particular kind of aluminum used in airplanes, automobiles, and other articles constantly used in peace-times as well as in war. A new process has been discovered by TVA experts, working with the University of Georgia, whereby magnesium can be obtained from a mineral called Olivene.

TVA prospectors, after months of investigation, have reported that huge deposits of olivene are to be found all through this section. A single deposit, located between Murphy and Asheville, has been reported to hold more than 200 millions tons. Other deposits, of varying sizes, have been found on farms all through this section.

Production of magnesium, heretofore, has been at the rate of 25,000 tons per year. The O. P. M., in Washington, has decreed that this amount must be stepped up to 800,000 tons per year.

Until the Olivene deposits were found in this section, some of the magnesium had to be produced from sea water.

Development of the Western Carolina deposits probably would necessitate construction of a huge plant, somewhere in this section. Completion of the new dam program is necessary to supply the power to operate such a plant.

Extracting the Olivene, and getting it to the plant probably would be a matter of individual enterprise.

The appropriation for the new TVA program, which includes the Fontana project, has been held up in Congress by Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, who is fighting against construction of the Douglas Dam, in the French Broad Valley, just across the line in Tennessee.

Building the Douglas Dam, Senator McKellar claims, would dispossess hundreds of farmers from rich

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riedly to scene. After a quick survey, they scurried away, vowing to return with the criminals before Mr. Whitaker could say "Jack Robinson."

And the store-keeper hardly had time to utter that brief phrase before they policemen were back. They bore the stolen merchandise.

Tuesday morning, Robert and Gerald Jones, were brought before Cherokee County Superior Court to answer the charges. Both were convicted.

Because of his previous record, Robert was sentenced to from three to five years in the State pen. Gerald got a suspended sentence.