

## MORE TO LEAVE FOR ARMY CAMP EARLY IN WEEK

### Two Volunteers Listed In Group;—Deferred Men To Be Studied

Another group of Cherokee County Youths will leave for the army early next week. Two are volunteers; the rest are 1-A draftees.

The volunteers are Oliver J. Creasman, of Andrews and Willard Farr Taylor, of Letitia.

The others are: James Lyle Hamilton, Boyd Gibby, and William Clyde Cable, all of Andrews; Oscar Porter Jenkins, and Mackey Derberry, both of Marble.

Henry Lee Sneed and Elisha Craig, both of Letitia.

George Tweed, of Brasstown; Charlie Bryant, of Culberson; John Arvel Harper, of Tomotla; Edie Taylor, of Unaka.

Ed William Hedrick, Idris Adams, Wayne Robert Bowles and Hugh Ed Hensley, all of Murphy.

Don Ernest Johnson, Murphy, Rt. 1; Theodore Henry Frankum and Glen William Crisp, Murphy, Rt. 2; and Horace McRae, Murphy, Rt. 3.

William E. Chambers, former TVA policeman at Hiwassee Dam also was notified to report, but will start for camp from Knoxville, where he now is making his home.

The call this month was expected to be larger than that of February; but instead was considerably smaller. This is believed due to the fact that a number of residents of the county have enlisted in both the army and the navy, in Asheville, and elsewhere.

Numbers for those who registered in the third draft were received at draft headquarters in Murphy this week and Capt. Wayne Walker, secretary of the Board and his assistants are studying instructions as to where to place them.

Numbers in the first and second drafts were merged, and the men called according to the sequence in which their numbers were drawn. The Board (Continued on back page)

## All But One Stay Sober As Court Term Opens

Believe it or not, the mere fact that court is in session seems to have more effect on the gents who go in for serious drinking than all the policemen and churches combined.

The police are a 24-hour-a-day warning of what's going to happen just as soon as somebody gets crocked. The ministers are ready with information as to what will happen hereafter. None of it seems to matter much to the over-thirsty.

But let Court open, and its a different matter. During the present term there hasn't been a soul arrested for drunkenness in Murphy, except Mr. Snake Frankum.

## Drunken Duck Goes On The War Path And Lands Self and Owner in County Jail

They've had all kinds of drunks, in the County Jail, but last week Jailer Patton Coleman had a new one sprung on him by Frank Crawford, one time cafe owner in Andrews, but now a well liked member of the Murphy Police force.

It was a drunken duck named Eustace, the bird was raised as a pet, and ordinarily is a perfect little gentleman—but he drinks. And when he is in his liquor, Crawford and Coleman agree that he acts scandalous!

The owner of Eustace brought him to Murphy last week leading him by a string. Eustace would follow without any cord, but is led, his owner explained, to keep him from attacking dogs. Eustace doesn't like dogs, and he's a big drake, with a long, tough bill. When he pecks 'em, they stay pecked.

## Rev. W. A. Cook Catches Another Whopper Bass Just Outside of Town

The Rev. W. A. Cook, one time Murphy police chief, and fisherman extraordinary proved on Tuesday that his catching of a bass weighing nearly eight pounds a few days before was not a fluke.

Tuesday afternoon the retired minister hauled another big fellow out of the Hiwassee river. Though smaller than the first one, it weighed four pounds and twelve ounces. And just to flatten the report that even ministers can't always be believed when it comes to fish stories the pastor-sportsman left his catch on display for hours at Walt Mauney's drug store.

The catch was made near the filtering plant, fishing from the shore, with a plug bait. It was one of several, the smallest weighing well over a pound.

## Self Defense Plea Made by Bob Allen In Bryson Shooting

On trial for his life, Bob Allen went on the stand in Superior court in Murphy Thursday and swore that he shot and killed Lawrence Bryson when the latter threw rocks at him.

The killing took place December 13, on a street leading to the homes of both men. Formerly good friends, the latter had quarreled less than an hour before and Bryson had been fined \$5.75 for attacking Allen in a dispute said to have arisen over politics.

The accused man is defended by Attorney Tom Jenkins, of Robbinsville, and Gray and Christopher, of Murphy.

Allen's testimony came after Dr. Bryan Whitfield, Policeman Frank Crawford and the widow of the slain man testified that the victim told them, just before he died, that he had been shot in the back while he was running to escape. Bryson was quoted as saying that Allen had shot him a second time after he was down, and then had stood over him and fired a third bullet into his body.

The State concluded its testimony Thursday afternoon and the case was expected to reach the Jury Friday.

Eighty five special veniremen were summoned for the trial, and all of Wednesday and part of Thursday was consumed in selecting a jury.

Allen testified that he had tried to avoid Bryson after their fight, but met him on the way home. Without warning, he said, Bryson began hurling rocks at him. Allen said he shot in self defense.

Sales of natural gas last year were 19 per cent over the 1940 total, the biggest increase on record.

## RALLY IS CALLED BY REPUBLICANS FOR SAT., APRIL 15

### To Name County Ticket As Democrats Keep Silent About Plans

Gertrude Garbo won't give out any interviews. She won't tell what she plans, hopes, or expects. And the Democrats of the County, mostly are the same way when anybody mentions the primaries, due the last of May.

With the exception of Bass Padgett, who has announced himself as a candidate for reelection to the office of Register of Deeds, not a single Democratic candidate has said a word—at least no, for publication.

There is a well founded report, that County Commissioner Ed Wood, of Andrews, one of the leading business men of all this section, will refuse to run again. His reason, it is said, is that he cannot spare the time from his many private business interests. The latter are far-flung. How the others feel about running again is not known.

Thus far, no definite plans have been announced to hold a Democratic convention. The county organization, as such, is dormant, and whether it will swing into activity before the primaries is a matter of guess-work.

Democratic waters are particularly muddled as regards the coming race for Sheriff. Lester Mason, former Sheriff refuses to state definitely that he will be a candidate. Most people think he will run; but Los told the writer: "I'm playing dumb, and just listening. I haven't made up my mind."

There is no such condition among the Republicans. The organization is active, and the party will put out a full ticket, backed with both work and money. They hope to make a clean sweep of all the County offices except the Commissionerships. There the party is doomed to a minority as a result of the re-districting of the County put thorough by Col. Harry Cooper when he was in the State Legislature.

In all the other county races, however, the Republicans see a good chance for victory. As this is written there are two or more aspirants for every post.

To do away with any possibility of friction, a County Republican convention has been called by County Chairman C. E. Hyde for Saturday, April 11. Delegates will meet in the court-

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## Outstanding Rating Is Won By Ranger In School Contest

The Ranger school covered itself with glory in the recent World Study Scrap book contest conducted throughout the 14 counties of Western North Carolina by the Asheville Citizen Times. Its students took the first four honors in the County, and also won one of the "grand prizes," in the elementary division.

Also the Ranger school was selected as one of the five outstanding in Western Carolina, and the school library will receive the newspaper free, for one year, as a reward. Mrs. John Shields is Principal.

The four count winners are: 1st, Christine Gibson—Seventh Grade; Mrs. John Shields, teacher. 2nd, Ralph Quinn—Fifth Grade; Maggie Bell Kisselbury, teacher. 3rd, Annie Mae Henson—Sixth Grade; Mrs. John Shields, teacher. 4th, David Rice—Fourth Grade; Maggie Bell Kisselbury, teacher.

Christine Gibson, also won third grand prize in the elementary division. Her prizes totaled \$13. Ralph Quinn, of Ranger, won honorable mention, and \$3 in prizes. David Rice and Annie Mae Henson won \$1 each.

## Town Loses Fire Chief As Fred Swaim Takes Andrews Tannery Job

The town of Murphy is without a fire chief.

Fred Swaim, who has been head of the volunteer fire fighters, has looked after the fire etc., and acted practically as a one-man Fire Department for years, has gone to Andrews to be chief mechanic for the reopened tannery. He began his new duties Monday.

Swaim will continue to make his home in Murphy, defying the fire shortage to drive to and from work. However, he will be home only at night. A fire chief must be available 24 hours a day.

So Fred has resigned.

The Cherokee Motor Company, owned by Swaim, will continue in operation, with Swaim exercising general supervision.

## Farmer Kills Self Fearing Invasion Of Nation by Japs

Insane fear that the country was about to be invaded by the Japs is believed to have caused Harvey Hicks Dyer, 37 year old farmer, to kill himself in his home in the Sweetwater section of Clay County last week.

The young farmer sent a charge from a double-barrelled shot gun into his heart, after taking his wife and mother-in-law to a funeral. Earlier in the morning, when he sent his two sons to school, he told them goodbye and remarked that they would never see him again.

Before that, brooding over the war situation, he had told several people that the Japs would never take him a prisoner.

The victim drove his wife, the former Pauline Chance, and her mother to a funeral on Fires Creek. Leaving them at the church, he drove to Hayesville and bought two shot-gun shells. Then he went home and killed himself. His wife found his body on her return.

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday at the Sweetwater Methodist church, with the Rev. Denis, of Shooting Creek officiating and with Ivie Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Burial was in the church-yard cemetery.

The widow and two sons, Glenn and James survive.

### SUNRISE SERVICE

Beginning promptly at 6:15 o'clock there will be a special early Easter sunrise service at the Methodist Church in Murphy. The choir will sing special music and the story of the resurrection will be told in story and in song.

## Read The Want-Ads

## Bomb To Explode Atop Mount Berger To Mark Start of Huge Easter Pageant

A huge bomb will be exploded just at the break of day on the topmost of Burger Mountain, N. C., heralding the opening of the Easter Dawn Service exercises. The terrific detonation will typify the Biblical description of the earthquake given in St. Matthew 28:2.

"And behold there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."

Completing the pageant "Roman soldiers will fall back; an angel will sit upon the stone before the tomb realistically prepared in the Fields of the Wood, natural amphitheatre between Ten Comandments and the Sermon on the Mount Peaks; Mary will hasten to Jerusalem, represent-

## BARTON-DICKEY BATTLE BRINGS FEDERAL CHARGE

### F. B. I. Arrests Athlete In Row Over Drafting Of Brother Harley

Following an F. B. I. investigation of the fist fight between Ray Barton Sheridan Dickey, Barton was arrested at his home in Marble Wednesday night, on a Federal warrant.

Arrested by "G-man," B. H. Butler, of Asheville, Barton was released under \$500 bond. He will be given a hearing before Fred Bates, U. S. Commissioner, on the afternoon of April 20. If held, he probably will be tried in Asheville.

The fight took place in front of the Smoke-House cafe. The F. B. I. stepped in because the trouble is said to have resulted from the drafting of Harley Barton, brother of Ray, claimed his parents were dependent on him for support. Dickey is Chairman of the Cherokee County Draft Board.

Local charges against both Barton and Dickey were to have been tried before Magistrate D. M. Reese, but at the request of the Federal authorities, these cases were nolle prossed.

The Federal warrant was sworn out largely on the story Ray Barton himself told the F. B. I. investigator. Rey repeated this story to the Scout.

"I was in the pool room, and Sheridan Dickey came in with a basket of eggs, and stood next to me" he said. "I turned to him and said: "You big——, you are determined to send my brother to the army whether he is needed at home or not, wern't you?"

"Dickey said something, and I told him to put down his basket. He did, and we went outside, and had it out until they separated us."

As chairman of the Draft Board, Dickey is a Federal official. Complaint was made to the Federal authorities that he was attacked in connection with his Federal duties. The penalty for such an offense may be five years in the penitentiary, or -1,000 fine, or both.

Meanwhile, Raleigh authorities are still holding the papers in the drafting of Harley Barton, and he is still here.

## Jail Breakers Given Long Terms in Pen

Tried only on charges of breaking from jail, Homer Cheatham, Clarence Cornwell and the Beasley brothers, Burt and J. T., were given long penitentiary terms Monday.

Cheatham and Cornwell, who broke jail twice received sentences of 18 months from each for the first offense, and two years each for the second escape. The sentences are NOT to run concurrently. The Beasley brothers, who got away only once, got two years each.