



NEXT MONDAY IS RED CROSS VICTORY DAY

TWO MEN SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Two men were given sentences of life imprisonment at the spring term of Cherokee County superior court held here this week. Claude Hyde of Liberty was given a life sentence for burglary, and Herman Wiley, colored of Murphy, a life sentence for murder.

Court opened Monday morning with Judge Clarence E. Blackstock of Asheville presiding and Solicitor John Queen of Waynesville prosecuting. This term was for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, and was scheduled to last two weeks. However, criminal cases were completed Wednesday and the civil docket started Thursday. It was thought that court would adjourn by Friday afternoon.

It was charged that Claude Hyde, on Nov. 16, 1942, with force and arms, at about 11:30 p.m. entered the dwelling house and room used and occupied as a sleeping apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stanfield at Liberty, when only Mrs. Stanfield occupied the room, with intent to get goods, and chattels and moneys of Mrs. Stanfield and to commit a felonious assault on Mrs. Stanfield. The defendant pled guilty to burglary in the second degree.

Herman Wiley was charged with the murder of Z. C. Ramsey on Oct. 2, 1942. The indictment read: "That Herman Wiley and another person, name to jurors unknown, late of the county of Cherokee, on the 2nd day of October 1942, with force and arms, at and in the county of Cherokee, unlawfully, wickedly, maliciously, and feloniously did conspire, confederate, and agree together to and with each other, wilfully and unlawfully, feloniously, and of their deliberate and premeditated malice aforethought, to kill and murder one Z. C. Ramsey then a citizen of Cherokee county and North Carolina." The defendant entered a plea of guilty of accessory before the fact of murder, which plea was accepted by the court.

Neal Millsaps, taxi driver, was acquitted of a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was represented by Miss Winifred Townson. Harold Ledford pled guilty to driving after his license was revoked, and was given six months on the roads and his driver's license was revoked.

Dewey Truett was given 18 months on the roads when found guilty of larceny and receiving.

Wiley J. Waldroup, pleading

guilty to drunken driving, was fined \$75 and costs, and his license was revoked.

Ray Southard was fined \$60 and costs when he pled guilty to drunken driving.

Andy Rogers, charged with driving while intoxicated, was given a six months sentence, suspended for three years on good behavior and not to operate motor vehicle for that period.

Ed Hedrick pled guilty to drunken driving and was taxed with \$60 and costs, and his license suspended for a year.

Carmel Crisp, charged with drunken driving, pled guilty and was ordered to pay \$50 and costs.

Boyd Cooper pled guilty of operating a slot machine. Prayer for judgment was continued for 12 months on payment of one-half costs.

Arthur Matheson pled guilty to violation of slot machine law. Prayer for judgment was continued for 12 months on payment of one-third cost.

Garland Graves pled guilty to drunken driving and was fined \$60 and costs, his driver's license being revoked.

G. T. Cole, pleading guilty to carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$50 and costs.

Mark Hamby, pleading guilty to carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$60 and costs.

John Burch of Gastonia, pled guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and was fined \$50 and costs.

Wm. Emmett Sligh, alias Wm. Emmett Kilgore, pled guilty to violation of prohibition laws and was given 90 days on the roads; for larceny, 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years on good behavior; and for driving while intoxicated, 90 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs before spring term of court in 1944 and two years' good behavior.

Clyde Townson was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

Prayer for judgment in the case of Walter L. Gosgen, for driving drunk, was continued to August term of court.

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Only Half Needed Workers Cooperating With Red Cross

A total of 150 hours time was given to work in the surgical dressings room of the Red Cross chapter last week. Mrs. T. A. Case, chapter chairman, states that is only half of the time needed for the quota on which the group is now working. She urges everyone to cooperate by spending as much time at the work as possible.

Those working last week, with the hours spent by each, are as follows:

- Mrs. J. H. Hampton, 1 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. B. L. Padgett, 6 1/2 hrs.; Miss Lalitha Moore, 2 hrs.; Miss Dora Ruth Parks, 1 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. Evelyn Patton, 2 1/2 hrs.; Miss Mildred Farrow, 5 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. John H. Dillard, 2 hrs.; Mrs. Leon A. Frasch, 6 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. Myron Jensen, 1 1/2 hrs.; Miss Addie Leatherwood, 2 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. W. H. Brandon, 2 hrs.; Miss Emily Sword, 2 hrs.; Mrs. Buel Adams, 2 1/4 hrs.; Mrs. Mary Emma Meroney, 2 hrs.; Mrs. Bill Adams, 2 hrs.; Miss Anne Leatherwood, 2 1/4 hrs.; Mrs. James

- T. McDuffie, 2 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. C. D. Mayfield, 2 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. C. A. Beatty, 2 hrs.; Mrs. L. A. Meyers, Jr., 2 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. Hugh E. Hensley, 1 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. Frank Ellis, 2 hrs.; Mrs. Harry Bishop, 1 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. J. W. Bailey, 4 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. L. E. Bayles, 1 1/4 hrs.; Mrs. R. A. Akin, 2 hrs.; Mrs. E. J. Darnell, 2 hrs.; Mrs. P. C. Hyatt, 2 hrs.; Mrs. Don Witherspoon, 3 hrs.; Mrs. Bryan W. Whitfield, 4 1/2 hrs.; Miss Josephine Heighway, 2 hrs.; Mrs. Harold Cress, 3 hrs.; Mrs. J. C. Ammons, 4 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. M. K. Baker, 4 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. W. S. Dickey, 3 1/2 hrs.; Miss Frances Waldroup, 2 hrs.; Mrs. Henry Hyatt, 2 hrs.; Miss Edna Ramey, 2 hrs.; Miss June McCoy, 2 hrs.; Miss Roberia Henson, 2 hrs.; Mrs. C. W. Arnold, 2 hrs.; Mrs. J. L. Savage, 2 hrs.; Mrs. W. A. Sherrill, 2 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. A. B. Cash, 4 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. R. D. Chandler, 4 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. T. J. Mauney, 5 1/2 hrs.; Miss Gillie Martin, 4 hrs.; Mrs. M. W. Bell, 6 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. T. A. Case, 10 1/2 hrs.; Mrs. R. S. Parker, 7 1/2 hrs.

Capt. J. N. Hill, Jr. Home On Leave From Overseas

Capt. J. N. Hill, Jr., who has been serving a year with the U. S. armed forces overseas, arrived home last week on a thirty-day leave of absence. The trip was made by air, taking one day, whereas it would have required 30 days by boat. The 2000 mile trip was made in 12 hours, aboard one of the Army ferry command planes.

According to Captain J. N. Hill, morale of the troops overseas is good. American boys become easily acclimated to the tropics. They are supplied with all the comforts of home except for a few small luxuries such as milk, fresh vegetables, and other extremely perishable foods.

Captain Hill was granted this leave of absence from duty by the U. S. Army in collaboration with the American Red Cross to permit him to see his father who has been seriously ill for several months.

The American Red Cross was highly commended by Captain Hill for the wonderful work it is doing for our troops overseas.

Jerry Beatty Valedictorian

Honor students at Murphy high school have been selected. Jerry Beatty, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Beatty of Murphy, is the valedictorian, and Annie Laurie Mulkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Mulkey of Murphy, Route 2, is the salutatorian.

Louis Shields Is On Dean's List

Louis Shields, son of Mayor and Mrs. E. L. Shields of Murphy, who is a student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was on the honor roll and dean's list for the winter quarter, according to announcement by the dean this week.

Point Value Table For Rationed Meats

A table listing the official consumer point values for meats, fats, fish, and cheese, is published elsewhere in this issue of The Scout for the convenience of housewives, who are urged to save the table of point values for ready reference and to make corrections as changes in point values are announced.

Payments To Dependents Of Men Missing In Action Made

Payments to dependents of military or civilian personnel, officially reported missing, missing in action captured or interned, are authorized by law, it was announced today by Headquarters, Fourth Service Command.

These payments may be by continuation of previously made allotments, by increases in such allotments, or by making new allotments, deductions to be made from the pay which accrues to the credit of the missing person, according to the regulation.

Increased or additional allotments may not exceed the amount required for the reasonable support of dependents and in no case may they, with other deductions from pay, exceed the base and longevity pay to be credited to the absent person.

It is pointed out that other relief authorizations in this law include payments of insurance premiums by allotments from pay and provision for transportation of dependents and effects of persons killed, injured or missing, as a result of military operations.

Murphy Senior Class To Present "Peg O' My Heart" On April 5

"Peg O' My Heart" by J. Hartley Manners, will be presented by the senior class of Murphy high school on Monday evening, April 5, at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium, as the annual senior play. In keeping with the war effort, admission will be defense stamps which may be purchased at the door.

The play is under the direction of Miss Charlotte Varner. The story is centered around the trials and tribulations of a lovable Irish girl who is suddenly deposited in a wealthy English home where she is to live with her eccentric aunt and her spotted cousins. Romantic interest is supplied by a

friend of the family who takes pity on the homesick girl.

The cast of characters includes: Charlene Bowles as Peg O'Connell; Paul Hill as Jerry; Jean Davis as Mrs. Chichester; Margaret Meroney as Ethel Chichester; Harold Hall as Alaric Chichester; Bob Alexander as Mr. Lawless; Jack Crawford as Christian Brent; Mary Frances Shields as Bennett; and Frank Taylor as Jarvis.

The technical crew includes: Junior Mason, stage manager; Irene Jordan and Mary Ella Pain, co-property managers; and Virginia White, promoter. Miss Mary Lee Felmet is in charge of publicity.

HAPPY OCCASION



GZHATSK, RUSSIA—A Red Army man distributed newspapers to the liberated people of the town of Gzhatsk soon after that important central Russian city had been recaptured by the onrushing Red Armies. This picture was radioed from Moscow to New York.

Cherokee Red Cross Chapter Hopes To Go Over Top For War Fund Drive On April 5

Women Answer Navy's Appeal Thru Newspapers

If the current WAVES recruiting drive in North Carolina isn't a success — it won't be the fault of the newspaper editors.

Lt. Cmdr. Charles B. Neely, head of the State's Navy recruiting, said today that over 700 North Carolina women wrote for application blanks for the WAVES following a newspaper drive that was launched last week. Neely turned journalist last week to write a special appeal for volunteers which was published in most of the 200-odd State newspapers. The papers also published a coupon to be filled out by interested women who desired complete information on enlisting.

All last week letters poured in from every nook and corner of the State. From Manteo to Murphy came evidence that women read the newspapers — and that they are interested in the WAVES.

L. Bruce Crane Completes Basic Training In Conn.

L. Bruce Crane, 23, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Crane, Marble, has completed basic training at the Submarine School, Submarine Base, New London, Conn., for duty with our growing fleet of undersea fighters.

Seaman Crane will be entitled to wear the twin dolphin insignia of the submarine service after further experience aboard a sub-ficer that he is fully qualified to carry out the duties of his rate. The insignia is regarded as a mark of distinction throughout the Navy.

Crane attended Murphy high school, where he lettered in basketball and was active in football. He has been in the Navy since last Sept., and had basic instruction in Norfolk, Va. He said submarine duty was his choice "for the additional pay and more exciting action."

COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING

Pvt. Joe Miller Elkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Elkins, has completed his basic training at Ft. Bragg and has been transferred to Headquarter school Detachment at Ft. Bragg. Prior to his induction into the army in November, Pvt. Elkins was employed with the TVA at Murphy and Fontana.

Whistle Supplants Use Alarm Clocks

Because alarm clocks are scarce and laborers find it difficult to awake early enough to get to their work on time, Cherokee Lumber Corp. now blows three blasts on a whistle at five o'clock each morning. The officials state that if it causes others an inconvenience they regret it, but because of necessity and as a means of cooperating with workers who wish to arise early.

Whichard Attends Medical Meeting

Dr. M. P. Whichard, local health officer, attended a war meeting at American College of Surgeons one day and spent three days vacation in Birmingham, Ala. last week. This civilian defense meeting was held to stress war time facts in the surgical field. He was accompanied by Mrs. Whichard.

GOES TO MONROE, LA.

Miss Mary Lee Roberts, who has completed a 15 weeks course in airplane mechanics in Nashville, Tenn., arrived Saturday morning and spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts. After returning to Nashville she left for Monroe, La., where she will be stationed.

CLARA HINDMAN JOINS CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT

Miss Clara Hindman, of Culberson, route 1, has gone to Elizabeth City, N. J., where she will be employed in the plant of the Consolidated Aircraft Corp., in the sheet metal department. Miss Hindman was trained in this type of work at the Asheville NYA War Production Training Project.

Cherokee County Women Asked To Enroll In WAAC

The army's call for 150,000 women for enrollment in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps to replace able-bodied men for combat service goes out to ladies in every city, village and hamlet in order to reach the necessary number.

Lt. Ruth Merrylees and Auxiliary Beatrice Dixon of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and Sergeant John W. Giddens, Jr., of the U. S. Army, on duty with the Army Recruiting station, Asheville, were in Murphy Wednesday for the purpose of organizing a concentrated drive for enrollees from Cherokee county in the WACCs.

Late Wednesday afternoon Lt. Merrylees stated she was well pleased with the cooperation shown by people of Murphy and Cherokee county, in the war effort.

The farm and home demonstration agents are to present the WACC program at their various club meetings throughout the county. Merchants in Murphy demonstrated a cooperative spirit. Lt. Merrylees reported.

A booth has been established at Candler's store for the purpose of giving out pamphlets and application blanks to interest applicants.

In a personal interview with

Monday, April 5, will be Victory Day for the Cherokee County chapter of the American Red Cross. Coordinated effort will be made to put the chapter over the top in the war fund drive, announces the chairman, Rev. A. B. Cash. Through Wednesday, it was reported by the chairman that approximately \$1800 of the goal of \$3900 has been contributed. That means that at least \$2100 must be raised by Monday night. Some reports from outlying districts have not been made, but the receipts are far from the goal.

Canvassers will start to work at 10 o'clock Monday morning, as the drive starts with the sounding of sirens and ringing of bells.

A final canvass of the town will be made, and everyone who has not contributed will be asked to do so. Those who have not made as large contributions as they could are asked to give again.

Mr. Cash stated: "This quota will not be raised as long as we are thinking in terms of \$1 membership. No less than a day's pay will enable us to go over the top."

"In North Africa, the South Pacific, on all fronts and in training camps, our men in service are giving for us seven days each week. We cannot afford to give less than our best."

"With full cooperation by every citizen we can yet reach our goal. If you have not given, give liberally. If you have given, and failed to do your best, give again."

DAVIDSON HERE

1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Pruden Davidson of Vichy Air Field, Vichy, Mo., visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Davidson last week. Immediately after his arrival here Capt. Davidson was called back to duty. Mrs. Davidson remained for a short visit.

HAS OPERATION

Miss Sara Sword, daughter of P. H. Sword, who is employed by the TVA at Fontana, underwent an appendectomy operation at the TVA hospital, Fontana last Saturday and is reported to be getting along nicely.