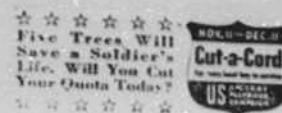




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## GORDY-GIBSON MURDER CASE CONTINUED

### Audit Shows \$12,700 Unremitted In Donley Account

#### Former Clerk Is Given Time To Study Report

According to a report filed with the board of county commissioners Friday by Certified Public Accountant W. Bowen Henderson, the records of J. W. Donley as clerk of court from April 1, 1937, to December 7, 1942, show a balance of \$12,735.98 unremitted. The commissioners granted Mr. Donley some time to study the audit.

The auditor's report in part is as follows: "Mr. J. W. Donley served as clerk from December 5, 1934 to March 31, 1937, on a fee basis and from April 1, 1937 to December 7, 1942, on a salary basis. In conference with you, it was decided to confine our examination to the period beginning April 1, 1937, insofar as practicable. Collections subsequent to April 1, 1937 of charges docketed prior thereto necessitated examination of the prior records.

"The results of our examination are shown in the following condensed schedule, with the understanding that the amount of receipts and disbursements do not represent the total received and total disbursed:

"Receipts: county \$11,247.64; schools \$21,929.98; judgments, \$18,366.04; other, \$14,498.39; disbursed: county \$10,164.00; schools, \$17,641.10; judgments, \$17,306.91; and others, \$8,192.06; and not disbursed: county, \$1,083.64; schools, \$4,288.88; judgments, \$1,059.13; and others, \$6,304.33. This makes totals of: Receipts, \$66,040.05; disbursements, \$53,304.07; and not disbursed, \$12,735.98.

"Attached hereto are charge and discharge statements which showed determination of the foregoing amounts, which are further supported by attached lists.

"The amount of \$1,083.64, not disbursed to the county of Cherokee, represents the difference between the amount of receipts for which we found no specific disbursements and the amount of disbursements to the county, some of which were not detailed. As an illustration, some disbursements are explained as costs marked paid this date on dockets. It would require unlimited time to break down such composite amounts.

"Judgments not disbursed in the amount of \$1,057.13 are detailed in an attached schedule.

"The amount of \$4,288.88 not disbursed to the school fund, includes arrest and witness fees of highway patrolmen. Such fees collected and disbursed are included in the attached lists either as county or school funds.

"The amount of \$6,304.33 not

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#### Scrap Drive To Be Made On 30th

November 30 has been named as the day for a concerted scrap drive in this community, announce the co-chairman, Doyle Burch and A. Q. Ketner. On this date all business houses in Murphy will be asked to close and all employees urged to cooperate in bringing in every piece of available scrap metal.

#### Withdraws From Race

Senator Robert R. Reynolds announced Tuesday that he will not be a candidate for renomination to the United States Senate in the Democratic Primary of May, 1944.

In commenting upon his announcement he said that immediately upon his renomination to the United States Senate in 1938 he had then stated that he was a candidate for renomination in 1944. The Senator reaffirmed this statement in Greensboro, N. C., in February of this year, and advised that up until the time of this announcement he had intended becoming a candidate.

### Father and Son Take Part 2 Wars; Together Armistice

Claude Bruce Mauney, having completed his Naval Boot Training, is spending Armistice Day with his dad, George C. Mauney, who saw some fighting in first World War, serving with Co. "I", 321st Infantry.

While holding front lines in Vosges Mountains, France, George Mauney, along with 1st Lieut. William A. Schilleter, Clemson College, S. C., Sgt. Winton E. Yerby, Birmingham, Ala., Sgt. Dan E. Brock, Mississippi, encountered a large number of the famous Prussian Guard. Thirteen of these huns were quickly shot down by Yerby and Schilleter, one living long enough to give valuable information. Again on November 9, 10, and 11, 1918, this same Company were engaged in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Against terrific

#### SERMON SUBJECTS

The Rev. Ralph Taylor, Minister of First Methodist Church will preach Sunday at 11 o'clock on the theme "Where Is Christ Walking?" Youth Fellowship at 6:30. Evening Worship at 7:30 o'clock.

#### New Attendance Contest Captains Chosen By Lions

Peyton Ivie and Robert Weaver were named captains of groups for the attendance contest to be conducted for the next three months by Murphy Lions Club, at the meeting held Tuesday evening. The contest just ended was headed by Jim Gibbs and the Rev. Ralph Taylor, the former's group winning.

Dr. W. A. Hoover, chairman of the blind committee, reported that an eye clinic was held this week and 16 or 17 patients were examined and treated. He stated that the health department will cooperate with two more clinics during the fiscal year if an eye specialist can be secured to do the examining.

H. Bueck reported that Murphy reached its War Fund quota in the recent drive.

President Frank Forsyth stated that the Rev. A. B. Cash has accepted the appointment as scoutmaster of the local troop and appointed J. H. Webster as assistant scoutmaster.

C. W. Arnold was a guest of Doyle Burch.

K. C. Wright made a report on the scout court of honor held last week.

odds this company of infantrymen drove the Germans back 3 kilometers in the last five hours of fighting, taking a loss of 1/4 their number. In the face of artillery and heavy machine gun fire they were making repeated attempts to dislodge the enemy from strong entrenchments of bobbed wire and numerous machine gun nests when orders to cease firing came. On this occasion many of those who were wounded early in the drive were still fighting at eleven o'clock. The Germans again took a beating from this company, besides losing one of their best field pieces, which stayed mounted on Pack Square, Asheville, for many years. The majority of these men hailed from the mountains of Western North Carolina.

#### W. D. Ragsdale Succeeds Ray As Store Manager

W. D. Ragsdale, a native of Kentucky, who for the past nine years managed an A & P Food store in Asheville, succeeds Joe Ray as manager of the local A & P store.

Mr. Ragsdale plans to move here as soon as he can secure a house. He has a wife and three children, Elizabeth, who is in school in Bowling Green, Ky., W. D., Jr., of the army air corps, who will be here with his parents until called into service, and Ben, who will assist his father in the store.

Joe E. Ray, who has managed the store here for the last eight years, will leave in a short time for service.

#### Murray Whichard Given Promotion

Murray P. Whichard, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Whichard of Murphy, was promoted to the grade of Chief Pharmacist Mate in the navy on November 1. Young Whichard has been in Foreign service with the Pacific fleet for the past 19 months and has been with the Navy since June, 1938.

### Propose Joint Electric And Phone Poles

Murphy town council has been requested to make a contract with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company for using joint poles for their service and the electric department in Murphy. At the meeting of the council Monday evening J. H. Chavis, district plant manager, Asheville; and Z. V. Self, district engineer, Charlotte, presented the proposal. The members of the council referred the contract to the electric department for a report at the next meeting. In town this week with the two above telephone company officials was T. H. Landgraf, district toll supervisor.

E. P. Hawkins, new town council members, appointed to succeed Dr. W. A. Hoover, was sworn in by Mayor J. W. Franklin.

A report from the State Board of Health on the water system of Murphy was read by Clerk E. L. Shields, and the council voted that the suggestions made be carried out.

The council voted to order the policemen of the town to enforce the stock law.

With more than \$2000 available to the town for improvement of streets connecting with State highways, from the State highway commission, the council voted to utilize the money and instructed the street committee to contact the proper officials to have it done.

#### PROMOTED

Zeb W. Chastain, Phm. 3-C of the U. S. Navy, who is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., has been recently promoted to Second Class Petty Officer.

### 1100 Cords Of Pulpwood Wanted From Cherokee County By December 11th

Cut-a-Cord of Pulpwood for Every Local Boy in Service.

This is the slogan and goal of a new national drive announced this week by Walter M. Dear, chairman of the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee, as a climax to the Victory Pulpwood Campaign which this newspaper has been supporting.

The new drive begins on Armistice Day, and runs until December 11 when the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee hopes to see the threatened 2,500,000 - cord pulpwood shortage for 1943 averted.

This county has 1100 boys in the Army, Navy, Marines, or Coast Guard. That means the county's goal of extra cords of pulpwood to be cut between November 11 and December 11 is 1100 cords.

More than 1200 local pulpwood committees organized as part of the newspaper Victory Pulpwood Campaign are expected to enlist in the new drive which will cover pulpwood producing areas in 27 states of the Northeast, South, Appalachian and Lake States.

### First Teachers' Workshop Of School Year To Be Held Here Saturday Morning

Teachers workshops are to be held throughout the school year, sponsored by the Cherokee county unit of the North Carolina Education association, of which R. L. Keenum is president. The first one will be next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, in the library at Murphy.

Miss Virginia White James, specialist in educational methods, of the TVA, Knoxville, will be the principal speaker. She is working

### Warne Postmaster Is Found Dead Monday Morning

Mrs. Florence Herbert, 57, postmaster at Warne for 35 years, was found dead at her home about 9:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Sheridan Stiles, who carries mail from Murphy to Gainesville, Ga., stopped at the postoffice at Warne and blew for the mail, and when Mrs. Herbert did not appear, a search was started for her. She was found dead at the barn where she had gone to milk the cows.

Funeral was held Wednesday at 3 o'clock at the Hayesville Baptist church with the Rev. Henry Brown, the Rev. R. Lane Atkins, and Dr. H. L. Paisley officiating.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ed Hyatt and Mrs. James E. Hyatt, both of Warne; one son, Johnny Herbert of Akron, Ohio; her mother, Mrs. Merritt Hampton of Murphy; six sisters, Mrs. W. C. Scroggins of Canton, Mrs. John Johnson of Blue Ridge, Mrs. J. W. Hatchett, and Mrs. Henry Logan of Murphy, Mrs. J. O. Rice of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mrs. Bruce Crawford of Greensboro and three grandchildren. Funeral arrangements was under direction of Townsend funeral home.

#### ATTEND CONFERENCE

The Rev. E. A. Felker and J. B. Barton, Jr., of Andrews attended a meeting of the Western Carolina conference of the N. C. Synod which was held in Maiden.

### Friendship To Have Special Service 21st

The following program will be rendered at a service flag dedication day at Friendship Baptist church at Suit, November 21, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.:

Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers"; Devotional, R. L. Keenum; Welcome, W. N. Anderson; Response, Claude Center; Song Service; Prayer; Sermon, Rev. Fred Townsend; Special Music, Jeff Chastain; Lunch, Solo, Jeff Chastain; Dedication Prayer, Rev. Fred Townsend; Song, "When The Boys Come Home"; Bill Cole; Special Music; Prayer; Music, Copperhill Quartet.

#### HAS OPERATION

C. C. Richardson underwent a tonsillectomy Thursday (today) at the Murphy General hospital.

### Fire Destroys Southend Cafe

Southend Cafe, belonging to L. M. Shields, was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening about 10 o'clock, when an oil heater exploded. Although there were several customers in the cafe at the time, no one was injured.

The cause for the explosion was that someone tripped the gas guage on the heater.

Included in the loss were three refrigerators, a grill, adding machine and other equipment.

The fire department was able to extinguish the fire soon after they arrived on the scene, but it had gained considerable headway at that time.

The loss was partially covered by insurance.

The cafe is being operated temporarily at The Tavern.

### Over The Top In War Fund

County Chairman Frank Forsyth announces that Cherokee county went over the top in the war fund campaign to raise \$3000. Complete reports are not in, and the exact amount received could not be learned.

### Carl H. Townson Is Graduated At Napier Field, Ala.

NAPIER FIELD, Dothan, Ala.—Carl Harding Townson, age 23, of Murphy, was graduated today as an Army Air Forces pilot and sworn in as a second lieutenant at the Army Air Forces Pilot School (Advanced — Single Engine), Napier Field, Alabama.

Colorful outdoor ceremonies marked the commencement, and Colonel James L. Daniel, Jr., Commanding Officer, presented silver wings to the graduating cadets.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Carl Townson. Previous to his acceptance for aviation cadet training, February 2, 1943, Lt. Townson attended Western Carolina Teachers College and the University of North Carolina.

#### SINGING

The second Sunday afternoon singing, beginning at 1:30 p. m., will be held at the new Ranger Baptist church. All singers are invited to attend.

### Holland Funeral Held On Sunday

ANDREWS—W. T. Holland, one of the most prominent business men of Andrews, died at Petrie hospital Friday night. Mr. Holland was the son of the late J. M. and Mrs. Mattie Clark Holland. He was born at Clyde in 1887. He received his high school education at Clyde and when he was eighteen years of age he went to Canton where he was in the wholesale business. He then moved to Andrews where he has lived for the past thirty-two years. He ran a meat market for several years. He then operated a general merchandise store and was in the lumber business. He bought and operated the Carolina - Georgia Railroad for a few years. Mr. Holland has been ill for about two years but has been able to walk down town to greet his friends and neighbors. He took suddenly worse and was rushed Tuesday to the hospital where he remained until his death.

The funeral services were held

### Crowded Criminal Docket Given As Reason For Ruling

The cases against C. F. Gordy and Mrs. Sallie Bradford Gibson of Atlanta, for the murder of Homer Stiles on August 9, were continued Wednesday by Judge J. H. Clement, presiding over the November term of superior court here this week. At 3:45 Wednesday afternoon, Solicitor John Queen called the cases and heard a plea of "not guilty" from each defendant. He stated that with the criminal docket crowded this term it appeared there would not be time for trial of the cases. Judge Clement ordered the cases to be continued.

Junior McAfee, 15; E. W. McAfee, 17, and Louis Palmer, 14; found guilty of second degree burglary, were given twelve months in jail, suspended on two years' good behavior under the district probation officer. The trio were charged with breaking and entering and larceny, resulting from the loss of \$25 by James Clayton from his tourist cabin on February 14. In returning the verdict, the jury asked the mercy of the court in the judgment.

Everette Henson, convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, was given two years on the roads. He was charged with shooting Mrs. Leonard J. Brown of Postell.

Otis White of Andrews was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon on Joe Browning of Andrews on the night of September 18, at Charles Higdon's dance hall. On the first charge he was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs and on the second, \$25 and costs and was given 60 days to pay the costs and fines. The pistol was ordered confiscated.

Albert Beaver, 17, charged with burning a barn of Arthur Graham, was found not guilty.

The following were fined \$50 and costs and had drivers' licenses suspended for 12 months, for driving while intoxicated: Glenison Hardin, Roosevelt Brown, Ralph Hogsed, Drury Weeks, Wayne Cleophus Crisp, James Robert Mackie, Dillard Carringer, Charlie Bates, Elmer Stiles.

The case of Ruth Pressley through R. D. Pressley, vs. Edward Glavish was settled out of court, the defendant paying \$1850 to plaintiff in payment of damages sustained by the plaintiff.

Frank Guffey and Charles White were given three months in jail for speeding and reckless driving.

Carl Pierce, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on W. (continued on page eight)

### Food For Freedom To Be Discussed

"Although American farmers are setting a new production record this year, there is still not enough food to satisfy all the demands," says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of Agricultural Extension work at State College, "and since America's food supply represents perhaps the greatest potential weapon in our fight against the Axis we must produce more."

In outlining the objectives to be accomplished in the 1944 "Food Fights For Freedom" program which will be launched in every county in the State between November 15-19, Director Schaub points out that it is up to our people to cooperate in every way possible in the production of more of the right kind of food; to conserve this food, and avoid waste.

"The demand for food has increased from both civilians and military authorities. Civilians are doing more work and have more money than they have had in the

past. We are taking new territory from the enemy every day. This territory has been stripped of every vestige of food and the natives are starving. We must feed them," until they can again produce their own, Dean Schaub said.

Food—American food—can be the deadliest weapon of all. Plans for producing the right kind of food will be discussed at a meeting held at Murphy, November 17 at 7:30 p. m. and at Robbinsville, November 18 at 1:30 p. m., when those in charge of the program in this section will draw up the county plans.

Since the course and length of the war may depend on how successfully we produce this food, how willingly and widely we share it, how carefully we save it, how wisely we use it, every person able to produce a single item of food should cooperate fully in this program, Director Schaub concluded.