

## Henson Sentenced To Life Imprisonment Here Wed. For Murder Of Nephew

Will Henson, 55, was found guilty of first degree murder by the jury in Superior Court on Wednesday. The jury recommended mercy. Judge J. A. Rousseau of North Wilkesboro, presided at the trial and sentenced Henson to be confined in the North Carolina State Prison at Raleigh for the rest of his natural life.

Henson was charged with the sex slaying of his 12-year old nephew, James Leroy Henson of Murphy on September 4, 1950. On the morning of that day the boy left the home of his parents for school. That was the last time his parents saw him alive. On December 27 his skeleton was found by two hunters in the Kinsey Cove section of Cherokee County.

Solicitor Thad D. Bryson said that the boy had been strangled with a rawhide thong and that the defendant had confessed to the slaying. Sheriff Frank Crawford, Deputy Homer Davidson, Homer Sneed and Troy Hughes, the two hunters who found the body, Mrs. Edgar Henson, the boy's mother, and Mrs. Sadie Henson, the defendant's wife were witnesses heard during the trial.

Judge Rousseau discussed the question of whether a jury selected from the normal panel should be used, or, whether to call a special venire to avoid the possibility of prejudice. A special venire of 40 was called and a jury of 13 was selected. They were Charles Gilley, Fred Shields, Ted Lee, Allen Bryson, Jeff Brooks, Bruce Matheson, Wayne Battle,

### Presbyterian Church Opens Sunday Nursery

"I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins" will be the topic of the sermon by the Rev. James R. Crook, pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church, next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship service. This is the fifth in a series of sermons on the Apostles' Creed. The text of the sermon will be II Corinthians 5:21.

The church has recently organized a nursery to take care of preschool children during the morning service. Parents are urged to bring the entire family and take advantage of this facility.

Sunday School will open at the usual hour of 10 A. M. with J. Franklin Smith, superintendent, in charge of the opening exercises. The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship will meet at the church at 6:30 Sunday night to continue the study of Youth's Part in Evangelism. The Pioneers will also meet at 6:30 P. M.

Fred Garren, Ed. Graves, N. N. Barton, Floyd Stalcup, Ransey Cearley and Clyde Fraley. The jury came to a decision in about one hour.

Solicitor Bryson represented the State and O. L. Anderson and Herbert L. McKeever, attorneys, represented the defendant.

## Gordon L. Butler Active Civic Leader

ANDREWS—Gordon L. Butler of Nantahala Power and Light Company was born and spent the early part of his life near Dalton, Ga. His maternal foreparents five generations back were reared within 25 miles of Andrews.

Mr. Butler attended public schools in Concord, and Martha Berry College, Mt. Berry, Ga., continuing studies in electrical engineering after being employed in electrical work.

He was married to Miss Hassie Perkins in 1930. They have two children Gordon Lee, Jr., who is a sophomore at State College, Raleigh, and a daughter, Anna Marie, who is a sophomore in Andrews High School.

Mr. Butler has been with Nantahala Power and Light Company for 22 years. He moved to Nantahala as plant superintendent before the plant went into operation in 1942. In 1949 he moved to Andrews as Division Operating Superintendent and has just completed a new home in the Valleytown section.

He has served in various capacities in Boy Scout work, from scoutmaster to chairman of troop committees. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church.

He has been a Mason for 19 years, and is now a member of Andrews Lodge No. 529 A. F. and F. M., a past master of Robbinsville Lodge No. 672 A. F. and A. M., past District Deputy Grand Master of the 43rd. Masonic District, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Member of Doric Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters, Waynesville, member of Waynesville Chapter No. 69, Royal Arch Masons, member and officer of Waynesville Commandery No. 31 Knights Templar, a Shriner; member of Oasis Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Charlotte, a certified lecturer in Masonry being authorized by the Grand Lodge to instruct any Masonic Lodge in North Carolina in their work, past Patron of the Robbinsville Chapter No. 234, Order of the Eastern Star, past District Deputy Grand Patron of the 21st



GORDON L. BUTLER

District of the Order of the Eastern Star of North Carolina.

He is a past president of Andrews Rotary Club. While president he set an attendance record for the club. He served one year as chairman of the attendance committee. That year the club broke its own attendance record and established a record for the state. At present he is serving as chairman of the program committee.

When the Andrews Chamber of Commerce was organized in March 1950, Mr. Butler was elected president. In October, 1950, he was a delegate to represent the Chamber of Commerce with various organizations and agencies in Raleigh in the interest of getting an industry to locate in Andrews. This trip was made in November and late in December negotiations were started with Berkshire representatives. He served as an active member of the Industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce during all negotiations with Berkshire, including efforts to sell Berkshire on Andrews as an ideal location. He assisted in securing options on the land for the plant site, and assisted Berkshire in all ways possible since they have started operations in Andrews.

### 300 Gal Still Is Taken By Sheriff

At the Cherokee County jail a copper still, said by Sheriff Frank Crawford to be the largest still ever captured in Cherokee County, is in custody. It was found in the area between Hiwassee and Appalachia dams by Sheriff Crawford and his deputies on Thursday March 29.

As the officers made their way through rough country, and were within a quarter mile of the location, a dynamite blast was set off by the watchman as a warning. No persons were found at the still which was operating as it had been deserted by the fleeing crew.

Sheriff Crawford said that they checked the flow of alcohol before they stopped the operation. They found that it ran a gallon in five minutes which would amount to twelve gallons per hour. Its capacity was estimated at between 275 and 300 gallons. There were eight boxes each measuring approximately four feet square and five feet deep. They were for making the beer and each box was estimated to produce 640 gallons of beer.

### Presbyterians To Plan Revival

The Presbyterian Committees on Worship, Education and Fellowship will all meet at the Church Night hour, next Wednesday, April 11, at 7:30 P. M. The Committee on Spiritual Life and Worship is called for a special session that night to complete plans for the Revival to be conducted in the Presbyterian Church beginning April 22.

The Committee on Education and that on Fellowship will hold their regular bi-monthly meetings and will tie in with the plans for the Revival. The former will also be concerned with plans for the Vacation Bible School to be conducted May 28-June 8.

### Rev. Corwin Will Lead Revival

The Rev. Jones Earl Corwin of Black Mountain will be the preacher for the Spring Revival at the Murphy Presbyterian Church which begins April 22. Mr. Corwin has served several large churches in the East and middle West and is now devoting his time to Evangelistic work.

This will be the second of three Revival campaigns conducted by the Protestant churches in Murphy in April and May. The cooperation of all Christian people in the community is being enlisted in these services.

Mrs. Corwin is a musician of ability. She will be in charge of the music for the services. Mrs. R. H. Foard will serve as pianist for the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Corwin will meet with the young people and children of the church each afternoon after school for a period of worship, instruction and singing.

### Shady Grove Service Announced

The Rev. P. W. Helton will preach at Shady Grove Baptist church April 8 at 2 o'clock. The Rev. W. T. Truett will preach April 15 at the same hour. All members of the church are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack O. Thomas of Newport News, Va., announce the birth of a son, Douglas Winn, March 16. Mrs. Thomas is the former Miss Mildred Gentry.

### Morris Announces Sermon Subjects

"God's Wonderful Salvation" will be the sermon subject of the Rev. J. Alton Morris Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at First Baptist Church. On Sunday evening at 7:30 he will preach on "God's Bountiful Love". Baptismal services will be held after the service.

Monday night at 7:30 in the court house, the Rev. J. A. Richardson, Jr. will speak at the meeting of Forces for Temperance and Law Enforcement.

The Rev. E. A. May a former Fighter Pilot will give testimony of miraculous escape of death while fighting in the Philippines during World War II at the youth services Friday night at 7:30.

The Rev. R. G. Commander will deliver the closing message of the revival.



### Mrs. Blanchard Is Laid To Rest At Ahsokie

Mrs. Julia Cooke Blanchard, 63, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alex D. McColl, Little Rock, S. C., Monday at 8:40 p. m.

She had been an invalid for the past 12 years. Funeral services were held at the McColl home Wednesday at 8:30 a. m. with the Rev. Oswald Smith, pastor of Clio Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. Sherwood Davis, pastor of Clio Methodist Church. Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 5 p. m. at the Ahsokie, N. C., Cemetery, with the Rev. Oscar Creech, pastor of Ahsokie Baptist Church, in charge.

Mrs. Blanchard, a native of Ahsokie was twice married. Her first husband, Thomas B. Cooke of Ahsokie, died in 1928 and the second, J. P. Blanchard of Gatesville, in 1940.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. McColl, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, Murphy, N. C. and Mrs. D. M. Harrall, Columbia, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. G. W. Phelps, Ahsokie; three brothers, Gene Godwin, Ahsokie, N. C., C. B. Godwin, Rocky Mount, N. C., and H. O. Godwin, Social Circle, Ga.; and one foster grandson, Philip McColl.

### GARRETT CHILD BURIED

Graveside services for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garrett of Murphy who died Friday at 3 p. m. in a Murphy hospital were held at 3 p. m. Saturday in the Hangingdog Cemetery at White Church. The Rev. Ham Coffey officiated.

Surviving other than the parents are two sisters, Betty Sue and Reba Jean, and four brothers, Oren, Odean, J. L. and Arthur, Jr. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

### EASTERN STAR TO PRACTICE

Murphy Chapter NO. 10, Order of the Eastern Star will hold a practice meeting Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p. m. for the purpose of preparing officers for initiation. Mrs. J. M. Hughes, Worthy Matron has announced. All officers and members are urged to attend.

### CANCER CLINIC TO MEET

The Cancer Clinic will meet at C. J. Harris Hospital, in Sylva, Friday April 6. Registration hours will be from 9 to 10:15 a. m. The Division of Cancer Control of the N. C. State Board of Health provides examinations for cancer to women above 35 and men above 40 years old and to any person of any age with symptoms suggestive of cancer.

### Murphy School Offers Schedule

Spring Activities for Murphy School were announced last week as follows: On Friday and Saturday Evenings March 20 and 31 the seniors presented "Boarding House Reach", a three act comedy by Donald Payton.

The pre-school clinic will be held in Primary Building on Monday and Tuesday April 9 and 10.

The Tennessee Wesleyan Chorus will present a program in the school auditorium Friday afternoon, April 20. The public is invited.

Members of the Junior class will honor the Seniors with a banquet at the Regal Hotel on Friday evening April 20.

Field Day will be an all day program with all high school students participating on Friday, April 27. That evening in the Gymnasium a "P. T. A. Family Night" will be held with the grades presenting the program.

On Friday evening, May 11 the Band and Chorus will present their Spring musical program.

On Sunday, May 13 at 11 o'clock in the school auditorium Rev. James R. Crook, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon.

On Friday evening, May 18 in the gymnasium the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina will deliver the graduation address to the seniors.

### The Rev. Helton Dies At Culberson

The Rev. Ira Helton, 60, of Culberson, died Friday morning at his home after a long illness.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Cherokee County and had been a Baptist preacher for more than 30 years.

Surviving are the widow; six children by a former marriage, Miss Birdie Helton of the home, Mrs. Beulah Kilpatrick of Conover, Herman of Blue Ridge, Ga., B. T. and Otis of Culberson and Leonard with the U. S. Army in Germany.

Also the father, B. T. Helton of Culberson; two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Loudermilk of Gastonia, and Mrs. W. R. Kilpatrick of Culberson; six brothers, Poley, Wesley and Org of Copperhill, Tenn., Ben, Gus, and Norman of Culberson and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 11 a. m. in Friendship Baptist Church. The Rev. Grady Chastain and the Rev. Luther Swanson officiated and burial was in the church cemetery with Townsend Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. S. E. Leatherwood is ill at home. She is wished a speedy recovery by her many friends.

## Bloodmobile To Visit Murphy April 18

### Alvin Cearley Of Culberson Dies

Alvin Cearley, 73, of Culberson, died in a Blue Ridge, Ga., hospital at 10 a. m. Sunday following a short illness.

Funeral services were held in Mt. Zion Baptist Church Tuesday at 2 p. m. Burial was in the church cemetery with Townsend Funeral Home in charge.

He was a native of Union County, Ga., and a son of the late Frank and Emmeline Owenby Cearley, prominent residents of that section.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. W. H. Collins, Mrs. A. L. Bruce and Mrs. Howard Cole, all of Culberson, Mrs. Delmer Patterson of Cleveland, Ohio; four sons, Ralph of Mineral Bluff, Ga., Randall of Culberson, Ford of Morgan, Ga., and Powell of Cleveland; a brother, W. L. Cearley of Culberson, and four sisters, Mrs. Nora Bowers of Mineral Bluff, Mrs. Ollie Bowers of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Hattie Riddle of Wayne, Mich., and Mrs. Elsie Smith of Long Beach, California.



JAMES LEROY HENSON, 12 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Henson, of Murphy, who was murdered September 4, 1950 by his uncle, Will Henson.

### District Governor Monteith To Speak

Lions and Lionesses from six clubs in Zone 1, 31A will observe a "Zone Ladies' Night" meeting at Junaluska Terrace Hotel, Andrews, Friday at 7:00 p. m. District Governor Hugh Monteith will speak and there will be other entertainment features.

"Be Prepared for Atomic Attack" is the slogan for Murphy Civitan blood-donor recruitment which begins next Monday. The next visit of the Bloodmobile to Murphy will be Wednesday, April 18, 12 noon to 6 P. M. Civitan has undertaken the entire recruitment for this visit.

Teams were organized in the club at its meeting last Monday night with Dr. A. J. Headrick and Ike Olson as captains. The teams challenged each other to a contest in recruiting. The team which gets the most units of blood will have a free supper at the expense of the losing team at the first Civitan meeting after the Bloodmobile visit.

The two groups will organize to canvass each industrial plant in the area in hopes that the owners of the plants will give workers two hours off to give blood. In addition there will be the usual canvass of the town to get pledges from individuals to render this important service to humanity.

The American Red Cross Blood Program is an important part of our present mobilization for civilian defense. It has been found that plasma, derived from blood given through the program, is the best treatment for radiation sickness caused by atomic warfare. Realizing the vulnerability of our nation to attack by atomic bombs, Washington has ordered the Red Cross to build up a "stock-pile" of dried plasma. All blood that is given through the Bloodmobile that is not needed in our local hospitals and for the Armed Forces in Korea goes to the laboratory to be converted to dried plasma and other important derivatives for the treatment of disease and injuries. The plasma thus produced can be stored indefinitely for use when and if atomic warfare comes.

### LP-Gas Industry Is Expanding

For the second consecutive year, the liquefied petroleum gas industry added a million new domestic customers in 1950. C. L. Alverson of Smoky Mountain Gas Company, local LP-Gas dealer, announced today. Citing the results of a recent national survey, Mr. Alverson revealed that the fast-growing LP-Gas business has made such tremendous progress in the past few years that it now supplies modern gas service, directly or indirectly, to more families than the manufactured gas industry and to about two-thirds as many as the natural gas industry.

LP-Gas (also known as butane, propane, bottled and tank gas) is used today in upwards of 7,500,000 American homes. Domestic consumption of the fuel in 1950 reached an estimated 2,143,000,000 gallons. This outstrips the industry's total sales for all purposes in 1947 and represents a 31.7 per cent increase over the 1949 domestic figure. Sales for all classes of business, excluding products used in the manufacture of aviation and motor gasoline and synthetic rubber, are believed to have aggregated 3,333,000,000 gallons last year, a gain of 25.4 per cent over 1949.

Used in the home for cooking, water heating, refrigeration, heating, clothes drying and incineration, LP-Gas also has hundreds of applications in agriculture, commerce and industry. The total retail value of equipment and appliances sold by the LP-Gas industry for domestic purposes alone in 1950 approximated one-third of a billion dollars, Mr. Alverson said.

### Byrum Announces Sermon Subjects

"What Are You Living For?" will be the sermon subject of the Rev. R. Delbert Byrum Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at First Methodist Church. The Rev. James R. Crook, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will preach at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday School will be held at 9:45 a. m. and Evening Youth meeting will be at 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

Brown Trout 26 in. long caught in Valley River near Andrews by John Posey of Murphy. Weight 514 lb. Largest Brown Trout known to be caught in Western North Carolina on a plug.