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Jury Returns Not Guilty Verdict In Ramsey Case

Jury Reaches Decision In Less Than 30 Minutes

Lloyd Ramsey, 37, of Murphy was found not guilty of a felonious attack on Neil Barnes, 54, which took place about noon on April 25, 1959, also of Murphy. The attack allegedly arose between the two men over a tax evaluation made by Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes and two other men had appraised Mr. Ramsey's property for local tax purposes. The Superior Court Jury reached its verdict of not guilty Wednesday after a two day trial. The jury stayed out about 30 minutes.

Mr. Ramsey stated that he had been in the tax office at the Court House and saw Hobart Hughes, tax supervisor, and asked him about his taxes. Mr. Hughes said that he would have to see Mr. Barnes about the matter. Ramsey left the tax office and went to look for Mr. Barnes.

Said Ramsey, "I was starting in to Tracy's Restaurant when I saw Mr. Barnes coming out. I told him that I wanted to see him about my taxes and that I would like for him to go to the tax office with me and straighten out the tax matter."

Ramsey had testified that Barnes said, "Damn you and every thing connected with that tax business." Ramsey replied, "Well, it takes a mighty sorry man not to go down the street and straighten out something that he did."

According to Ramsey's testimony Barnes said "Why you..." and attempted to hit him. The two men began fighting.

Ramsey continued that he and Barnes fell to the sidewalk where Barnes grabbed him and began hurting him. In an effort to free himself, Ramsey hit Barnes about the face. Ramsey further states that as soon as Barnes released him, they stopped fighting.

Mr. Barnes testified that he was leaving Tracy's Restaurant when he was approached by Ramsey. Ramsey said, "You are just the man I want to see." They moved outside the restaurant where he reports that Ramsey hit him and knocked him to the sidewalk.

Barnes continued that he did not regain complete consciousness for two days after the attack.

Dr. George Sizemore, witness for the prosecution, stated that Mr. Barnes suffered a brain concussion, cuts and bruises. He said that the cuts that Mr. Barnes received required 27 stitches. Dr. Sizemore further stated that Mr. Barnes was confined to the hospital for 12 days and required three follow-up visits to his office after discharge from the hospital.

Witnesses for the defense all stated that they did not see Ramsey with a weapon.

Hebert McKeever, John Carringer and Glenn Bates all testified that they had seen Ramsey on the morning of April 25, 1959, and that he approached them about the whereabouts of Mr. Barnes. Mr. McKeever and Mr. Bates both testified that Ramsey claimed that if he found Mr. Barnes that he was going to "whip" him. Mr. Carringer said that Mr. Ramsey said that if Mr. Barnes did not do something about his taxes that there would be trouble.

Judge George B. Patton instructed the jury that they should return one of five verdicts: guilty as charged, guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, guilty of assault inflicting serious bodily injury, guilty of simple assault or not guilty.

Grand Jury Report Presented

The Grand Jury report of the November, 1959 term of Superior Court is as follows:

We, the Grand Jury, of the November, 1959 term of Superior Court of Cherokee County, North Carolina have disposed of all bills of indictment of said court.

We have inspected and find the following:

That the New Murphy High School is in excellent condition, with all new equipment; that the old administration building has had some repairs, but still in bad shape that the school lunchroom is old, needs new floors and windows, and heating system; recommend that a new lunchroom be built; Andrews Colored School has had some repairs, and hope for more in the near future; Murphy Colored School is in good shape; The Cherokee County Court House in good shape, floors clean, walls repaired and painted; Murphy Prison Camp is very clean and nice; Cherokee County Jail very clean and in good shape and all other county schools in good shape.

J. G. Green, Foreman
Cherokee County Grand Jury
Superior Court - 1959

Two Andrews Students Named To "Who's Who" At WNC College

ANDREWS - Miss Wilma Jean Crisp and Bobby Copper both of Andrews were among the twenty five Western North Carolina College students named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" on the basis of their character, leadership and significant contribution to campus life as announced from the college last week.

Wilma is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Crisp of Andrews, Bobby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn T. Cooper also of Andrews. Both are graduates of Andrews High School.

While attending WCC, Bobby has been active in the physical education club, Monogram Club and Men's House Government. He was captain of the football team for 1958-59 and was re-elected for the current season. He was elected as the most valuable player on the team in 58-59.

He is majoring in physical education and holds a football scholarship.

Wilma Jean entered as a freshman on a \$100 honor scholarship and worked as a student assistant in the Hunter Library. She now holds the N. Carolina Scholarship and the National Defense Scholarship. She was recently elected a member of the May Court.

Her extra curricular activities have covered many phases of campus life both now and in her previous years. She is president of the physical education club of the College Chorus and the Baptist Chapel Choir; vice president of the physical education club and secretary of the Baptist Student Union basketball coach for freshmen girls and counselor for the freshmen dormitory. She is active in the Student N. E. A., the Women's Athletic Association and last year was vice-president of Woman's House Government.

These students were named by a special committee and it is considered one of the highest honors a student may receive.

Organizational Meeting Of Girl Scout Neighborhood Held This Week

A meeting to organize a Girl Scout Neighborhood was held Monday, Nov. 9, at the home of Mrs. W. T. Brown, Jr.

Girl Scout troop leaders, Brownie Scout leaders and troop committee members, from Murphy and Peachtree, were present. Mrs. J. R. Sprung, Murphy Girl Scout leader, acted as chairman.

Mrs. Sprung discussed the National Girl Scout Council, of which these troops are members, and the purpose of a Scout Neighborhood organization.

Mrs. Anton Schmitt will be the Neighborhood Chairman. Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Jr. will be secretary and reporter. Mrs. Brown will be Crafts Fair chairman. Mrs. Calvin Stiles will be in charge of the Girl Scout Cookie sale, and Mrs. Sprung will be in charge of Scout Day Camp.

Mrs. F. W. Brunner will be the Uniform Exchange chairman. Any person who has a Girl Scout uniform or a Brownie Scout uniform to sell or give away, please call Vernon 7-2793 and list your name and the size of the uniform. Any person interested in buying a uniform may call the same number, to see what sizes are available.

A training course will be offered soon to those persons interested in learning the basic fundamentals of Girl Scouting. Anyone interested in taking the course, please call Mrs. Sprung at Vernon 7-3482, for further information.

Attending the meeting, were Mrs. Frank Ferguson, Mrs. Ralph Rogers

Mrs. R. T. Houts To Head Symphony Group

Mrs. R. T. Houts, Jr. was elected president of the local chapter of the North Carolina Symphony which was organized recently.

Other officers are Mrs. Harold Wells, first vice president; Mrs. M. G. Crawford, second vice president; Mrs. Ruth Carringer, secretary-treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. Holland McSwain, membership chairman and Mrs. Duke Whitley, children's chairman.

In the next few weeks a membership drive will be under way to help bring the Symphony here for an adult and children's concert in the early spring.

Announcement of this membership drive will be given at a later date according to Mr. McSwain.

North Carolina Point System Is Designed To Promote Highway Safety

The 1959 General Assembly put into effect in June a point system approach to highway safety in which demerit points are charged against those who drive dangerously.

This point system is designed to protect law abiding motorists from reckless acts of others by removing such drivers from the roads and to keep the conscientious driver constantly aware of the importance of safety.

Each time a driver is convicted for a moving traffic violation, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles is notified. After receiving such a notice, the driver's record is charged with a certain number of demerit points. Points are not assessed for convictions resulting in suspensions or revocations under other provisions of law, according to the highway department.

When a driver accumulates four demerit points, he receives a warning letter; when he receives seven points, he may be called in for a conference or requested to attend a Driver Improvement Clinic. Twelve points within a two-year period is sufficient grounds for suspension of drivers license for a period not to exceed 60 days.

The accumulation of eight or more points in two year period immediately following the reinstatement of driver's license will be sufficient for an additional suspension. A second suspension will not exceed six months and any subsequent suspension shall not exceed one year.

A schedule of points as follows: passing stopped school bus, five points; reckless driving, four; hit and run, properly damage only, four; speeding in excess of 55 mph, three; illegal passing, three; failing to yield right of way, three; running through red light, three; no operators license or license expired more than one year, three; failure to stop for red light or siren, three; driving through safety zone, three; driving on wrong side of road, three; no liability insurance, three; failure to report accident where such report is required, three; running through stop sign, two; failure to give proper signal, two; speeding in city limits, two; speeding in restricted zone, two; improper turning, two; and all other moving violations, two.

Annual Fat Stock Show, Sale Held At Enka

The Annual Western North Carolina Fat Stock Show and Sale was held in Enka at the Hominy Valley Horse and Hound Club, November 3 and 4.

There were 125 4-H and FFA steers shown from the ten Western Counties in North Carolina.

Cherokee County had five entries in the show and sale and four 4-H members attending the two-day event, with Hugh F. Ables, Assistant County Agricultural Agent and Mary R. Hensley, Assistant Home Economics Agent accompanying them.

Jimmy Linsford of the Peachtree Community entered two Angus steers; Phyllis and Betty Gillenwater from the Brassstown Community each entered a Hereford and Deborah Anderson of the Fallview Community, a Hereford.

Jimmy and Phyllis won a blue ribbon on their steers and Betty and Deborah won red ribbons.

Both of Jimmy's steers graded choice and the 875 steer brought 35c a pound and the 1105 pound steer brought 33c a pound. Both of Betty's steers were bought by the Wm. Dixie Store, Asheville, N. C. Phyllis's steers also graded choice and weighed 885 pounds and brought 33.5c a pound and was bought by the Western Carolina Livestock Company. Betty's steer graded good and weighed 910 and sold for 31c a pound. Deborah and Betty's steers were bought by local business men and establishments in Murphy.

The five 4-H steers from Cherokee County were sponsored by the following: Hitchcock Corp.; McKeever & Edwards Attys.; Brumby Textile Mills, Inc.; Dickey Chevrolet Oldsmobile Co.; Dave Townson, Commonwealth Lumber Co.; Murphy Food Store; Citizens Bank & Trust Co.; Burch Motors; Wilson Tractor Company; Coward's Men and Boy's Wear; Smoky Mountain Gas Company; Stiles Produce Co. and Ivie Furniture Company.

The five steers weighed a total of 4,580 pounds and brought \$1,528.82.



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District Governor To Be Guest Speaker

ANDREWS - Hubert L. Kanipe of Asheville, 31-A District Governor of Rotary International, will be a special guest at the Ladies Night meeting of the Andrews Lion's Club Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Hampton's Grill.

Duplicate Prizes Awarded In Football Contest

Miss Jo Jo Moody of 110 Hickory Street and Mrs. Randall Colvard of 2009 Dabney Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn., tied for first place in last week's Football Contest.

Miss Moody and Mrs. Colvard each had 11 out of 12 games right and guessed the same score on the tie-breaker.

They will receive duplicate prizes. Second place winner was John W. Davidson of 101 Cherokee Street and third place winner was Mrs. Jerry Davidson of 109 Campbell Street.

Those who got 10 out of 12 games right were: Ronnie Lovingood of Murphy, Lloyd Clark of Route 1, Marble; Richard Townson, Terrace Avenue; Wayne Mintz, Box 583, Andrews; Boyd Pullum of Andrews; Jack Dickey, 200 Valley River Avenue; Wanda Phillips, Route 1, Andrews; and John Eric Ellis, Box 192, Andrews.

Those who got nine out of 12 games right were: Neil Sneed, Mrs. John Ellis, Andrews, John Ellis of Andrews, Charles Hembree, 202 Hill Street, Harold Phillips, Cherry Start, Carl Henson, Sales Street, Howard Moody, B. J. Sanders, P. O. Box 293; Jim Wood, Andrews; Walford Stamey, Bobby Jones, Andrews; Glenn Sneed, Route 4, and Mary Ellen Stalcup, Route 2, Lonnie Hoover, Box 7352, Winston-Salem; Freddie Guthrie, Route 4, Edgar Wood, Box U, and Hal Bryson, Terrace Avenue.

Annual Red Cross Fund Drive To Be Held At Andrews

ANDREWS - The Annual Fund Drive for the Andrews Chapter of the American Red Cross will be conducted Sunday afternoon Nov. 15.

Members of the committee and volunteer helpers will make house to house canvass in this district which includes Valleytown district, Marble and Topton.

Due to the various drives conducted the first months of the year it was voted to designate the last two weeks in November for the 1960 Drive beginning next Sunday afternoon.

Harry E. Shaw is chapter chairman. Members of the Fund Drive are Tommy Fuller, chairman, Rev. Dorris Smitherman and Lee Nichols.

Murphy Bulldogs Ride Over Yellowjackets For 2nd Time

By Jay Wilson

The Murphy Bulldogs racked the Hayesville Yellowjackets for the second time in the 1959 season. The game was the last of the regular season, leaving Murphy with a 9-1 record. The Bulldogs will play the winner of the western division playoff game on November 20.

The Bulldogs gained about the number of yards passing as they did rushing, the total being 453 yards gained. The Bulldogs intercepted three Hayesville passes and recovered one Yellowjacket fumble. In the first period Murphy scored twice. The first touchdown came when Emanuel McDougal passed to Frank Hill for 15 yards and the score. Bud Killian ran the extra point. Hubert Hinton recovered a Hayesville fumble to put the

ball in Murphy hands on the 33 yard line of Hayesville. The ball was driven down to the 18 yard line where Frank Hill took a pitchout for the other first quarter touchdown.

In the second quarter, after two 25 yard passes to Harry Hughes and Bill Rhodes, Bobby Weaver again passed to Rhodes, for 12 yards and the final score of the first half. The try for extra point was no good.

Early in the third period a pass from McDonald to Hill from the 35 yard line of Hayesville made the fourth Murphy touchdown. Hill carried for the extra point.

Hayesville was held deep in their own territory and kicked to Murphy 33 yard line. Weaver passed to Sammy Duncan for 35 yards and to Bill Rhodes for 15 yards and

the fifth and final touchdown of the night. A pass from Weaver to Duncan made the extra point.

Early in the third period Tipton from Hayesville kicked a field goal from the eight yard line to give Hayesville their only score of the night.

Neither team seriously threatened after that except from an attempted field goal by Hayesville, which was blocked by Hinton.

The final score was Murphy 34 Hayesville, 3.

Coach McConnell said that the boys simply played good ball and that some of the boys that hadn't gotten to play much needed experience. He said that the ball game didn't mean anything as far as conference standing are concerned and that it was hard to get up any enthusiasm over the game.

Murphy Power Board Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Murphy Electric Power Board has announced that the total use of electricity has been increased to 10,873,000 kilowatt-hours, nearly 15 times more than 741,000 kilowatt-hours used in their first year of service.

This week they are celebrating their 20th anniversary with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

During the last 20 years the number of consumers has nearly tripled. In 1939, 568 received electric service. Now, they have 1,488 consumers.

The average home use of electricity reached a new high of 9,656 kilowatt-hours during the year, more than 10 times the amount used in 1939. The average cost of dropped to less than a penny.95 cent per KWH last year. Consumers were paying 2.45 cents per KWH during their first year.

Since the Electric Power Board began operating, the electric plant value has increased by \$450,000 from \$60,497 in 1939 to \$511,430 this year.

For the preceding year, tax equivalent payments amounted to \$16,758. Since the EPB began operation more than \$122,000 has been paid in taxes.

Murphy P-TA To Meet Monday Night

Murphy P-TA will hold its regular meeting Monday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the Elementary Building.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Louise Butt of Blairsville, Ga., who will speak on her study and research of reading. Also featured on the program will be Mrs. Jerry Davidson's seventh grade Chorus. A program including "Come Ye Thankful People," "Song of Thanksgiving," "Thanksgiving Day," and "We Gather Together," will be presented.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Cancer Detection Center of Jackson County Health Center, Sylva is observing Friday, Nov. 27 as Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Center will be closed on Friday, Nov. 27 and will be open again on Friday, Dec. 4.

W. A. Dobson Will Be Guest Speaker

Adults linked with Scouting in Nantahala District will meet at 6:30 p. m. Thursday at Marble School for their annual appreciation dinner, with new officers being installed.

Chief speaker for the annual even which will be a potluck supper is W. A. Dobson of Atlanta, regional director for the Florida Six of Boy Scouts of America covering the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida.

Parents, unit leaders and committees, District Scouters and their wives will attend. Several talks will be made and awards presented for outstanding leadership.

Mr. Dobson has been in professional scouting since 1922. Before becoming regional executive in 1936, he was executive of the Atlanta Council for eight years.

Murphy Calendar

THURSDAY
7:30 p. m. - Murphy Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Hall.
7:30 p. m. - Regal Club at the home of Mrs. Dixie Palmer. Miss Hattie Palmer, co-hostess.
TUESDAY
10:00 a. m. - Circle 4, Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church with Mrs. Otis McDonald.
2:30 a. m. - Circle 3, WCCB, with Mrs. J. M. Hughes.
7:30 p. m. - Circle 5, WCCB, with Mrs. Ellen Wheeler.