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Thieves Hit Two Murphy Food Stores

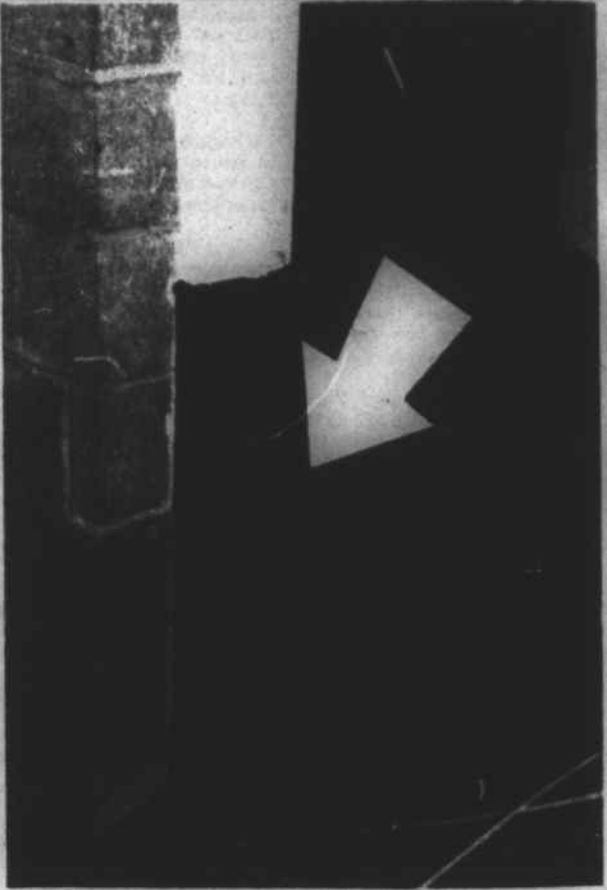
Thieves struck twice here early Monday morning around 3 a.m. at the new A & P Supermarket on Valley River Ave. and at the Quality Market on Peachtree Street. Cherokee County Sheriff Claude Anderson said he thought that both jobs were the work of the same person or persons. The sheriff's office is investigating the incidents.

It is thought that the break-ins occurred sometime before 3 a.m. Signs found behind the Quality Market indicated the crime there was committed

sometime before the rain started at 3 a.m.

John Q. Hembree, owner and operator, of the Quality Market said that the thieves entered his store through the rear door of his storeroom and forced their way on into the meat department, located to the rear of the store proper. Mr. Hembree reported the loss of a dozen or more picnic hams, cured hams, all the cheese in the display case, a fresh ham, wieners, and three 60 pound beef loins.

A front quarter of beef was found in the alley at the rear of the store shortly after the break-in was discovered. The ground under the meat was dry according to Hembree, indicating that the robbery took place before it started to rain at 3 a.m.



Thieves jimmied this inside door at the A & P Supermarket early Monday. This door leads from a carton box storage room to the main storage room of the store. The arrow points to the marks left by the tool used by the thieves. (Scout Photo)

Hospitals Use Blood Too Fast

Murphy Hospitals are using up the supply of blood too fast. Of course, they are saving lives with it but still they use more than is donated.

The use of blood in Murphy hospitals for the past three months is running 14 pints ahead of the number of pints collected at the last visit of the Bloodmobile to Murphy. The hospitals have used 100 pints of blood. On the last visit of the Bloodmobile, 84 pints were collected.

The Bloodmobile is in Murphy today, Thursday, January 18, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Murphy Electric Power Board Building.

Again Murphy needs Blood. Not only must the 14 pints be replaced, but the blood supply for the next three months must be placed in reserve. H. L. McKeever, Blood Program Chairman, urges all citizens of Murphy and Cherokee County to plan now to give blood today at the Bloodmobile.

Remember, blood saves lives; when you need it, it had best be there waiting for you.

The thieves entered the A & P Supermarket through an outside door leading to a carton box storage room. First, they tore the padlock from the outside door and entered the storage room of the store and on into the sales floor.

Marks on the inside door indicate that the thief or thieves were equipped with burglary tools. This door was secured by a piece of angle iron. This bar was jimmied up on one side of the door forced open about two feet.

Clyde Sneed, manager of the A & P reported the loss of \$200-\$300 of cigarettes, \$150 display of razor blades, a watch, and several articles of clothing.

Every lock on the backside of the store was broken off. These locks were on the doors of the motor room and garbage rooms. The door to the office next to the check out stands was ripped off and the office records were thrown on the floor.



John Q. Hembree points to the spot behind his market where he found a front quarter of beef left by thieves that hit The Quality Market early Monday morning. Mr. Hembree also points to a meat tag that bears his name that was found completely dry up under the quarter of beef. (Scout Photo)

Murphy Calendar

- Thursday, January 18
- 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Bloodmobile to be at Murphy Power Building.
 - 1:30 p.m. Grape Creek Home Demonstration Club to meet at the home of Mrs. Homer Hunsucker.
 - 3:00 p.m. Brownie Scout No. 241 will meet in the Elementary School building.
 - 7:00 p.m. Group Soul Winning will meet at the First Baptist Church.
 - 7:30 p.m. AAUW Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ralph Rhodes.
- Thursday Jan 18
- 7:00 p.m. Little Symphony Meeting at Health Dept.
 - 7:30 p.m. The Woman's Club will meet in the Murphy Power Board Building. Hostesses are Mrs. Maudie Bee Alexander, Mrs. Max Blakemore and Mrs. Alice Cann.
- Sunday, January 21
- 6:15 a.m. Mass at Providence Chapel.
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Williams Catholic Church.
 - 5:00 p.m. Concord Choir at First Baptist Church.
 - 5:30 p.m. MYF and Pioneer Fellowship will meet in the Westminister building of the Presbyterian Church.
- Monday, January 22
- 6:30 p.m. Rotary Club to meet at Family Restaurant.
 - 7:00 p.m. January Bible study course at First Baptist Church.
 - 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church will meet in the Men's Bible Classroom of the Church.
- Tuesday, January 23
- 11:00 a.m. Murphy Home Demonstration Club will meet.
 - 2:30 p.m. Mae Perry Circle First Baptist Church to meet with Mrs. J. L. Baugh.
 - 2:30 p.m. Lottie Moon Circle of First Baptist Church to meet with Mrs. E. L. Shields.
 - 3:30 p.m. Cherub and Celestial Choirs to meet at First Baptist Church.
 - 6:30 p.m. Lions Club to meet in recreation hall of First Methodist Church.
 - 7:00 p.m. January Bible Study course at First Baptist Church.
- Wednesday, January 24
- 2:00 p.m. Valleytown Home Demonstration Club to meet at the home of Mrs. E. U. Burch.
 - 4:15 p.m. Carol Choir at First Baptist Church.
 - 6:30 p.m. Family gathering of Presbyterian at Westminister building.
 - 7:00 p.m. January Bible Study course at First Baptist Church.
 - 7:30 p.m. Midweek service at Free Methodist Church.
 - 7:30 p.m. Midweek service at First Methodist Church.
 - 8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal at First Baptist Church.
 - 8:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at First Methodist Church.

Republicans Plan Convention

A Cherokee County Republican Convention has been called for Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy, D. M. Reese, chairman, Cherokee County Republican Executive Committee has announced.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a county chairman select delegates to a district and state conventions.

Mr. Reese added that each precinct chairman or other precinct officials are requested to call and hold meetings to select delegates to the county convention.

He suggested that these meetings be held on or about Saturday, Jan. 27, and that each precinct be organized by selecting committees, with a chairman, vice - chairman, secretary and treasurer.

off-the-cuff

by Bud Morgan

Hello! This is a new column appealing for the first time in Western North Carolina's leading newspaper, The Cherokee Scout, to be devoted to the people and happenings in and around Murphy - Good and bad.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, complaints, send them to me. I'll let you know through this column what I think of them, and you.

Food is very close to my heart as my favorite habit is eating. Any women reading this column send me your favorite recipe. I promise to try every one and tell you what it does for me, or should I say to me. Being the first of the year has just passed, it was my bad luck to sit down to a plate of collard greens and black-eyed peas on New Year's day. This upset my whole day and cannot see for the life of me how people eat these vitals. Please, someone send me a remedy.

In the market for a few necessities, stop into one of the department stores here last week and was pestered to death by the saleslady. This I presume was her idea of high powered salesmanship, but all it did was highpowered me out of the store.

Those men in Washington who talk about a cold war should have been in Murphy since the first of the year. With the temperature near zero, all the shooting going on, firecrackers (against city ordinance too) going off left and right, houses burning down certain law officials celebrating New Year's by shooting their revolver into the air, they would have thought the rest of the world was in peace.

The law enforcement officers here are a friendly bunch. Should you loose your house key and can't get in, or should you run out of gas, for a nominal fee of a dollar or two, they are most willing to help you.

But, all is not bad in town and around town. We have our good points. Or do we?

Martin's "Giant Sapphire" Declared Worth About \$50

The so called "great sapphire" of the Cowee Valley gem fields of Macon County that gem experts the country over have acclaimed as "a fabulous find" and worth "several thousand dollars" has been declared worth about fifty dollars at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Paul DeSautels, curator of the Minerals Division of the Smithsonian Institute said that Kermit Martin of Bryson City brought the stone to the Institute recently for appraisal. Dr. DeSautels said that Martin told him that it was the same stone that had been in all the newspapers.

Dr. DeSautels said, "We tried to let him down as easily as we could so as not to hurt his feelings. But when he asked directly the stone's value, we had to tell him that it was worth about \$50."

"We also told him that we had no use for it and could not offer him anything for it," Dr. DeSautels added.

Dr. DeSautels spoke in Asheville Saturday, January 13, at the banquet meeting of the Southern Appalachian Mineral Society.

During this meeting in a discussion with Dr. George Size of Murphy the subject of Mr. Martin's reported sapphire find was brought up.

Dr. DeSautels mentioned to Dr. Size, "Did you know that Mr. Martin brought the sapphire up to the Smithsonian Institute for appraisal." Thus the story of the stone owner's efforts to have the correct value placed on his "fabulous find" came to light.

Dr. Size said, referring to recent editorials in Bryson City and Andrews newspapers, "Truth Is The Issue, And It Will Rule."

Letters To The Editor

The Editor:

The North Carolina Little Symphony coming to Murphy is to some maybe an extravagance. But for our children it is a chance to see and hear a part of culture that needs a deeper understanding to be really enjoyed.

Only the adult community can make it possible for them by their financial support.

For the sake of the young, who are still in the process of forming their likes and dislikes, we should be proud to be able to give them this chance toward an appreciation for one of the finer things in life.

And let us not look for excuses that will justify letting our children and our community down.

We are still planning to try and raise the \$500 we need, in the next two weeks, and we do hope we can count on your support.

Everybody interested, please attend the meeting on Thursday, January 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Health Department where the final plans will be discussed.

Helen J. Beckens, Chairman
Murphy, N. C.

Eye Witnesses Tell Conflicting Stories Of Carringer Death

Eye witnesses to the fatal shooting last Thursday night of Dallas Carringer by Glenn Beavers have told conflicting stories as to where the dead man was shot, Dorothy Carringer, sister-in-law of the dead man said he was shot while standing in the bathroom door. Glenn Beavers and his wife, Reba, say he was shot in a bedroom. Sheriff Claude Anderson said he could not tell whether Carringer was shot in the bedroom or the bathroom.

Due to the conflicting testimony and evidence presented at the coroner's inquest Friday, Jan. 12, the coroner's jury recommended that Glenn Beavers be held for Grand Jury action at the next term of Superior Court in April.

Glenn Beavers, 40, charged with murder in the shotgun slaying of Dallas Hugh Carringer, 23, Thursday night Jan. 11, was released under \$6,000 bond Tuesday. Beavers' bond was signed by Hoyt Waldroup, Robert J. Rhodes, Robert Beavers, and Reba Beavers.

Beavers, a Murphy plumber and construction worker, admitted shooting Carringer at his home on Old Hospital Hill around 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11.

Cherokee County Corner J. C. Townson stated that the time of death was set at about 10 minutes before 8 o'clock.

Beavers testified that "I was laying on the couch (in the living room) when Dallas came up and started beating and kicking on the door. I told him to go away and he said he would bust the door down. He forced his way in and hit me. He grabbed a bottle and hit me with it. I got loose and grabbed my shot gun. I told him to get out and he said - - - - - you, I will kill you and started at me, so I shot him."

Beavers further testified that the gun was in the kitchen and he was in the hallway by the door when he shot Carringer.

"He (Carringer) was coming towards me. He was in the bedroom, I was in the hall," Beavers added. "I was about 10 feet away when I shot him."

Beavers said he hit Carringer a time or two with his fist after he had been hit with an empty liquor bottle by Carringer.

Sheriff Claude Anderson said Carringer was found lying in the bedroom and Beavers was in the front room when he arrived with Murphy Police-man Glenn Bates.

Sheriff Anderson said that Beavers admitted shooting Carringer, after he (Carringer) had broken the door and entered the house. Beavers testified that the door was not unlocked "it will come unlocked when you keep shaking it," he said.

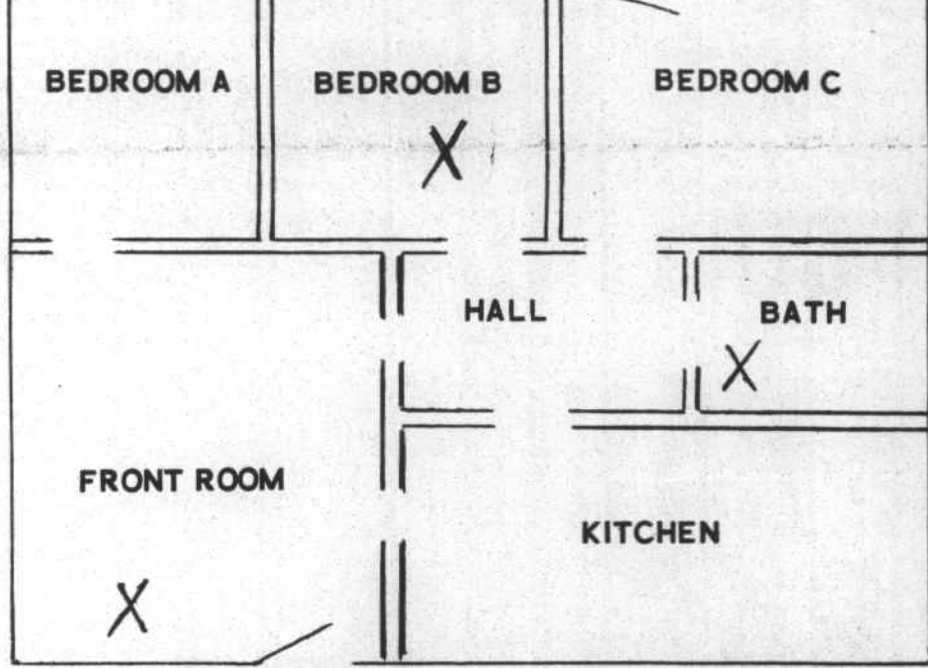
The sheriff took Beavers to the hospital after he put the two women (Reba Beavers and Dorothy Carringer) in jail. Dorothy Carringer testified that she was in the bed asleep in the Beavers' son's room when the argument between her brother-in-law and Glenn Beavers started.

"When I woke up, I started into the kitchen. Glenn was in the hall with a gun in his hand. He dropped a shell and I picked it up and went on into the kitchen and the gun shot."

Mrs. Carringer testified that she had been at the Beavers home since "night before last." (Wednesday night.)



GLENN BEAVERS, charged with murder in the death of Dallas Hugh Carringer, is shown shortly after he was treated at a Murphy hospital for wounds he received in a fight with Carringer prior to the fatal shooting. (Scout Photo)



SCENE OF SHOOTING-- The diagram above shows the layout of the Glenn Beavers home on Old Hospital Hill. Beavers was asleep on a couch at the (X) mark in the front room when Dallas Carringer came to his house last Thursday night. Beavers claims he shot Carringer in bedroom "B" while he was standing in the hall. Dorothy Carringer, sister-in-law of Dallas Carringer, was asleep in bedroom "C" when the incident started. She claims Carringer was shot while standing at the basin in the bathroom and that she tried to get him on a bed in the bedroom. Sheriff Claude Anderson said he found Carringer's body in bedroom "B".

She stated that Carringer was in the bathroom when she came out of her room, and that he was shot in the bathroom. She said she tried to get her brother-in-law onto a bed and went to call an ambulance. "I helped him into the bedroom and tried to get him onto the bed," she said.

"Glenn was standing in front of the bedroom door facing the bathroom, Dallas was standing at the basin in the bathroom." "Just as I came out (of the kitchen the shot went off." When asked at the inquest "Was Glenn drinking?" Mrs. Carringer replied, "I don't know. We were all drinking. Dallas had left when I went to bed, I don't know when he came back."

Beavers' wife, Reba, told the coroner's jury, "I don't know what took place at my house last night (Thursday). I was passed out on the couch. The shot or something woke me up. I saw Dallas on the floor. Glenn was in the hall with the gun in his hands, his head was bleeding."

Mrs. Beavers added that Carringer was in the bedroom when the sheriff found him when he was shot. She said Carringer was mad because he wanted to get in the bed and Glenn said no, and that he would have to leave.

Calvin Stiles, testified that Carringer was shot in the back bedroom following efforts by Beavers to get Carringer to leave. Stiles said he called law enforcement officers to the house.

Carringer died from the blast of a shotgun at close range. The #5 shot entered his left shoulder above the level of his arm pit.

Reba Beavers and Dorothy Carringer were released from jail immediately following the inquest Friday.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carringer; four brothers, Ralph of Montgomery, Ala., Broadus of Murphy, Jerry, and Pat of Carringer of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Wallace Arrowwood and Mrs. Andrew Green Jr. of Demorest, Ga., Mrs. Herschell Hayes of Fort Bragg, and Miss Mary Grace Carringer of the home; and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Carringer of Murphy.

Services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Little Glade Church of which he was a member.

The Rev. Ham Coffey and the Rev. Lee Chastain officiated and burial was in New Martins Creek Cemetery. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Store Has Basement Upstairs

A Murphy department store now has a basement upstairs. Collins - Crain Department Store on Valley River Avenue opened its Bargain Basement on the second floor of the store Monday, January 15, at 9 a.m.

Thus the first basement on the second floor in Murphy was opened. The grand opening of this new department was held on Monday. Free prizes are being given away all this week as the public came to see this "basement upstairs".

Collins - Crain manager, Wally Williams, said that he has stocked the new department with over \$10,000 worth of merchandise that will be sold at bargain prices.

March Of Dimes Basketball Game

Andrews -- Andrews All Stars will sponsor a basketball game on Saturday night at High School Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

The price of admission is strictly a donation to the March of Dimes and proceeds from game will go to 1962 Cherokee County campaign. Every one is urged to attend.

Girl Scouts Plan Cookie Sale

The Girl Scouts Troop of this area held a meeting in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon. During the meeting a film on camping was shown to the group. Plans were made for the Scout cookie sale to start soon. Refreshments were served during the social hour.

Scout Offers Home Delivery

The Cherokee Scout will offer a home delivery service starting in February. Residents of Murphy will be able to have their paper delivered to their homes if they so desire rather than have the paper mailed and delivered by the postman. This new service will start with the first edition of the Scout in February.

Readers have a choice of two subscription rates plans, monthly and yearly. The monthly subscription rates for home delivery will be 40¢ per month when the month has four weeks, 50¢ per month when the month has five weeks. Yearly subscription rates for home delivery are the same as the mail rates, \$5.00 per year plus 3% N. C. sales tax paid in advance. The six month rate is \$1.75 plus tax paid in advance.

Subscribers on Murphy city delivery and Murphy box-holders that would like to have their paper delivered to their homes should call Bud Morgan at VE 7-2222.

Carl "Red" Henson, former Asheville Citizen paperboy, will be in charge of the route. Carl is also an apprentice pressman for the Scout. The papers will be delivered to the home before 8 a.m. each Thursday morning.

Home delivery is also available to residents on the Murphy route that live close-in to town. Anyone living on a Murphy route that want home delivery should call VE 7-2222 and have their paper when off the mail list.

This new service will replace the delivery of the Scout to the homes.

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