

Taxi Driver Faces Murder Charge In Fatal Shooting

DUCKTOWN, TENN. - A McCaysville, Ga., taxi driver surrendered early Monday, Feb. 18, and was jailed at Benton, Tenn., in the death of a man who was shot in a tavern here Saturday night.

Charlie Brown, 44, was charged with murder in the death of Wendell Hoyt Hedden, 27, of Atlanta. Brown surrendered at Ducktown, ending a manhunt which had begun Saturday, Feb. 16, at 10:00 p.m.

Maynard Loudermilk, Polk County deputy sheriff, said Brown and Hedden, who was visiting relatives in his native Copper Basin, argued in the tavern on State Highway #68. Brown, he said, is accused of pulling a .38 caliber pistol and shooting Hedden in the heart.

Both Brown and Hedden, employed by Atlanta's Fisher Body Co., have two children. "We don't know what they were arguing about," Loudermilk said. "Brown ran off after it happened."



Murphy's Margaret Cole Wins Top Honors

ASHEVILLE - Former Murphy High School basketball star Margaret Cole won top honors as the Western North Carolina's top high school athlete at the Awards Night banquet of the Mountain Amateur Club and Land of the Sky Touchdown Clubs in Asheville Monday night, Feb. 18. Miss Cole, second from left above, is shown with the other finalists in the girls' division. They are left to right, Claudia Camp, Waynesville, diver; Miss Cole; Marion Elizabeth Dodson, Hendersonville basketball; Linda Drake, West Henderson basketball; and Ann Sossaman, Bryson City basketball. Miss Cole, the all-time high scoring star of the Murphy girls' basketball team in 1961 and 1962, is now a student at Truett-McConnell College, Cleveland, Ga. (Citizen's Photo)

Traffic Deaths

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, February 18:

Killed To Date 133
Killed To Date Last Year 121



Carolyn Graves . Rosalind Johnson Share Student Of Month Honors

CAROLYN GRAVES
Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Graves of Route 3, Murphy. She is taking a college entrance course. Some of the subjects she is taking are College Algebra, Latin I and Latin II, Chemistry, U. S. History. She has also taken courses in typing, bookkeeping, and home economics. She is on the Alpha Honor Roll.

She has won the Latin award for two years. She is associate Editor of the school newspaper, "The Boomerang." She is also on the yearbook staff. She has been a member of the Pep Club, The Future Homemakers of America Club, and plans to enter Western Carolina College next fall, where she will major in History or English. She hopes to teach in elementary school. Carolyn is also very active in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of which she is a member.



DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH - Linda Ruth Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Al Smith, was chosen as December Student of the Month by the Murphy Business and Professional Women's Club, Throughout High School, Linda has maintained a near A average, serving last year as Chief Marshal at Commencement time.

She does a commendable job of playing forward on the local basketball team. She served one year as representative down State to the Student Council Meeting.

Linda is very active in the Methodist Church, having served as president of the Sub-District MYF, and president and vice-president of the local MYF.

(Editor's Note: Linda's picture was not run as scheduled in December.)

ROSALIND JOHNSON
Rosalind is the daughter of Mrs. Neal D. Johnson, and the late Mr. Johnson. She is an outstanding senior and is also taking a college entrance course. She has taken chemistry, algebra, U.S. History, and French. She is on the Beta Honor Roll.

Some of her activities have included the Pep Club, Library Club of which she is reporter. She is news editor of the school paper, "The Boomerang." She is also on the yearbook staff. She has been a member of the Future Teachers of America Club. Rosalind is a member of the First Baptist Church of Murphy. She is very active in both Training Union and Sunday School and is an officer in the Young Women's Auxiliary.



DATE	H	L	PERC.
13	40	13	0
14	40	14	trace
15	40	12	0
16	46	7	0
17	48	10	0.02
18	55	13	0
19	54	33	0.80

Forecast: Thursday, broken to overcast cloudiness with scattered light rain or snow. Friday, scattered cloudiness. Saturday, broken cloudiness with chance of snow. Sunday, scattered cloudiness.

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Balloon Set Free In Alabama Found Here

ANNISTON, Ala. - Bob Lipman has a "pen pal" from Murphy, N. C.

The mailman recently delivered Lipman, an employee of a local automobile company a letter from Glenn Ellis in Murphy, N. C. The two men have never met.

According to the letter from North Carolina, Ellis was walking along the shoreline of Hiwassee Lake at Grape Creek recently when something green caught his eye. The green object was lying at the foot of a large pine tree on a steep slope.

Picking the object up, Ellis found it to be the remains of a green balloon with a card bearing Lipman's name and address inside. Ellis became curious about the balloon and

the note so he wrote Lipman in care of the address given on the card.

Ellis asked, in his letter, if Lipman had turned the balloon loose in Alabama or if he had been through North Carolina and happened to turn it loose while there. He also asked for additional information concerning the balloon.

Lipman told The Star that he turned the balloon loose here September 28, 1962. Ellis found the remains in North Carolina Feb. 3, 1963.

Ellis, an employee of the L & N in Murphy, said the rubber of the balloon was rotten but the card was lying with the printed side down and was in good condition and was easily read.



FINDS BALLOON RELEASED IN ALABAMA - Glen Ellis of Murphy is shown above with the remains of a balloon sent aloft at Anniston, Ala., Sept. 28, 1962. The ruptured balloon and the attached note were found by Mr. Ellis, an L & N Railway employee, along Grape Creek February 3. (Scout Photo)

Utilities Committee Loaded With Nine W. N. C. Legislators

Area Solons Named To Committees

RALEIGH - Two western North Carolina senators picked off choice committee chairmanships Tuesday while WNC House members strengthened their position on three vital House committees.

Senator W. Frank Forsyth of Murphy was named chairman of the Senate Banks and Banking Committee, nailing down a post he had been expected to receive. A banker himself, Forsyth will play a key role in whatever position the legislature finally takes on proposals for regulation of the branch banking explosions throughout the state.

Senator H. J. Hatcher of Morganton was named chairman of the Senate Highway Safety Committee.

In the House, meanwhile, the long awaited appointment of that chamber's Utilities Committee came through. Nine of the 40 members are from WNC, where the Nantahala Power and Light Co., and Western Carolina Telephone Co., rate cases, together with the proposed sale of NP & L to Duke Power Co., have generated keen interest in utilities legislation.

In general, proposals for revisions grow out of the contest across the state between private investor-owned power companies and rural electrification cooperatives over territorial rights, state regulations of co-ops, co-op tax exemptions and other points of conflict.

At least one western legislator on the committee, however, let it be known immediately that he favored the position of the private investor-owned companies. Representative Herman West (R) told a reporter he was "100 per cent for free enterprise" and felt that the co-operatives should be curbed.

Rep. West was also named to Banks and Banking committee. He was named earlier to the committee on Insurance in the N. C. House; the committee on Conservation and Development; the committee on Education; and the committee on Roads.

Clay County Representative Wayne G. West has been named to the committee on Commissions and Institutions for Blind; committee on Library; and the committee on Water Resources and Control.

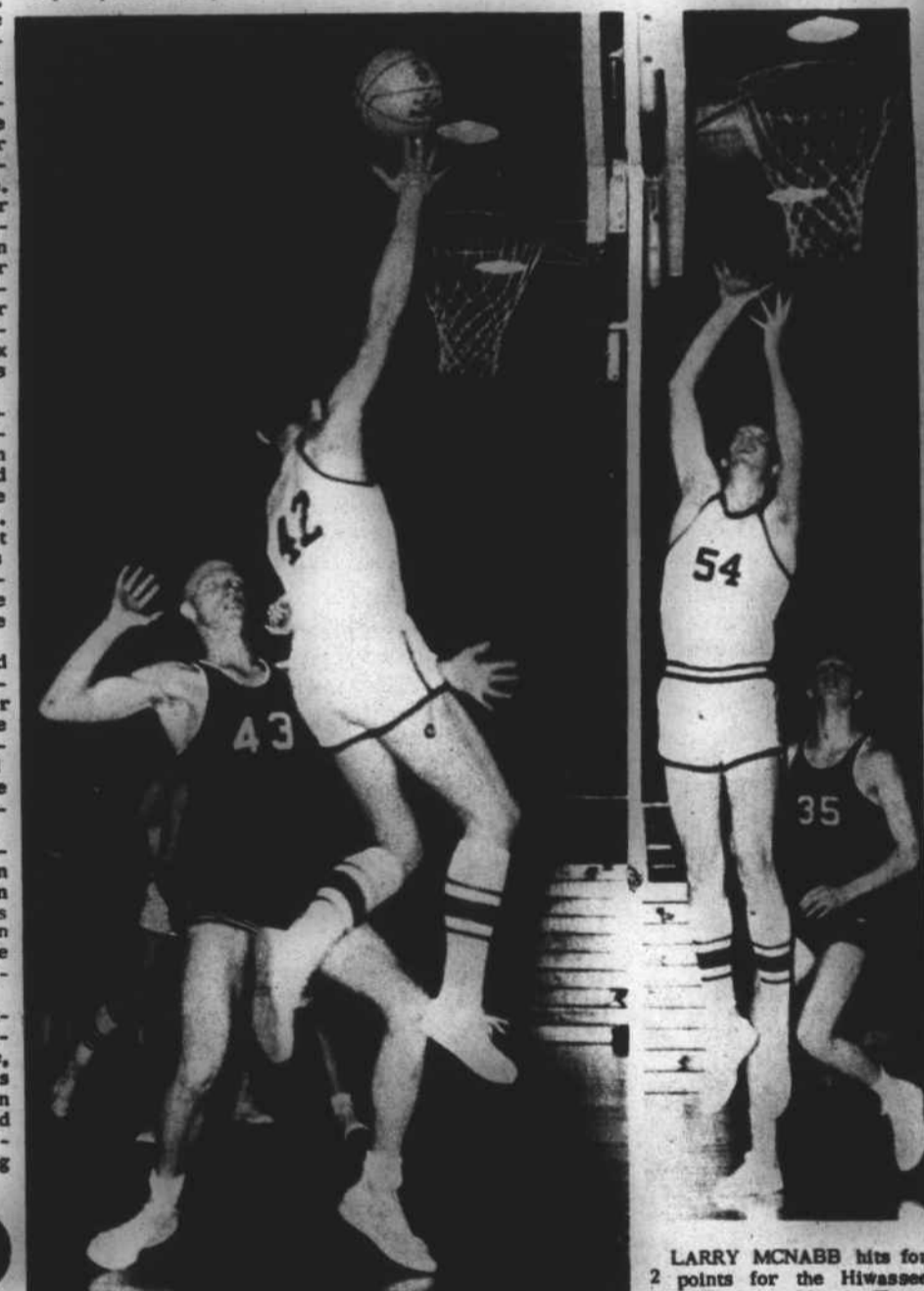
In addition to his appointment as chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Senator W. Frank Forsyth was named to the committee on Utilities; Conservation and Development; Roads; vice-chairman of Manufacturing and Labor; and Insurance.



FIRE DESTROYS DWELLING - The frame home pictured above, on the outskirts of Murphy was destroyed by fire late Monday afternoon, leaving Mrs. Mary Baker and her children homeless.

The Murphy Volunteer Fire Department was unable to save the dwelling, but fought the fire for about an hour to keep it from spreading to adjacent houses. Chief Bob White said a wood stove in the house was probably the cause of the blaze.

One of the children in the yard saw the fire and came running into the house to warn her mother and the others, who fled without injury. All of their possessions were destroyed. (Scout Photo)



LARRY MCNABB hits for 2 points for the Hiwassee Dam Eagles at Murphy Tuesday, Feb. 12. The defending Murphy player is No. 35, Lewis Foster. McNabb scored 7 points. (Photo by Jack Ware)

Andrews Boys Wins First Conference Title In History

ANDREWS - The Andrews Wildcats, in a hard contested race, won the Smoky Mountain Conference Western Division Championship, thus being the first Andrews' boys basketball team to win the conference title.

Through the years, Andrews' girls teams dominated conference play, chalking up championship after championship. The boys' teams usually have broken about even on wins and losses and always one heard the excuse, "Andrews is a football town, the boys don't care about basketball."

However, when Cecil Mashburn took over the basketball coaching last year, he made it plain that he expected the

same enthusiasm, the same strong desire to win, the same dedication to learning the game that has characterized football teams. His own enthusiasm began to pay off. Last season fans began to realize that they had something in the making as the Wildcats came through with a 15-3 record to win runner-up position.

This season, Mashburn kept telling his boys that they were going to be No. 1 team. As the season progressed, the Andrews gym has been inadequate for the crowds who have learned that boys basketball can also be exciting.

The team boasts no seniors. Posting a 17-2 game record, the team has a 62.1 points

game average. Opponents have a 42.3 average. Taking scoring honors is Bunch Sursavage with a 17-9 game average. The 6'2" junior is a strong competitor, weighing 195 lbs., yet extremely agile, he has developed his backboards defense into a terrific fast-break offense with Terry Winfrey, the smallest man on the team, as his favorite target. John Gernart, also 6'2", has a 12.7 average, specializes as floor man and sets up plays. The most improved man on the team is Thomas Brooks, who seemed to lack confidence early in the season, but who steadily improved and has been able to account for more than 30 points in three out of four of the last games. His season average is 10.3

Terry Winfrey specializes on fast break, is a skillful floor man, and handles the ball well. His season average is 8.8. The lone sophomore on the team is Larry Owenby. A great asset under the boards, Owenby has preferred to feed the ball to a teammate. However, he has a good jump shot and his average of 4.8 is not indicative of his present ability.

The Wildcat bunch of sophomores and junior includes Jerry Lambert, Ronald Kirby, Jerry Thompson, Jimmy Watkins, David Single, Randy Stanley, and Stubby Almond.

Coach Mashburn has proved that enthusiasm, dedication, and a group of boys who enjoy the game can produce a championship.