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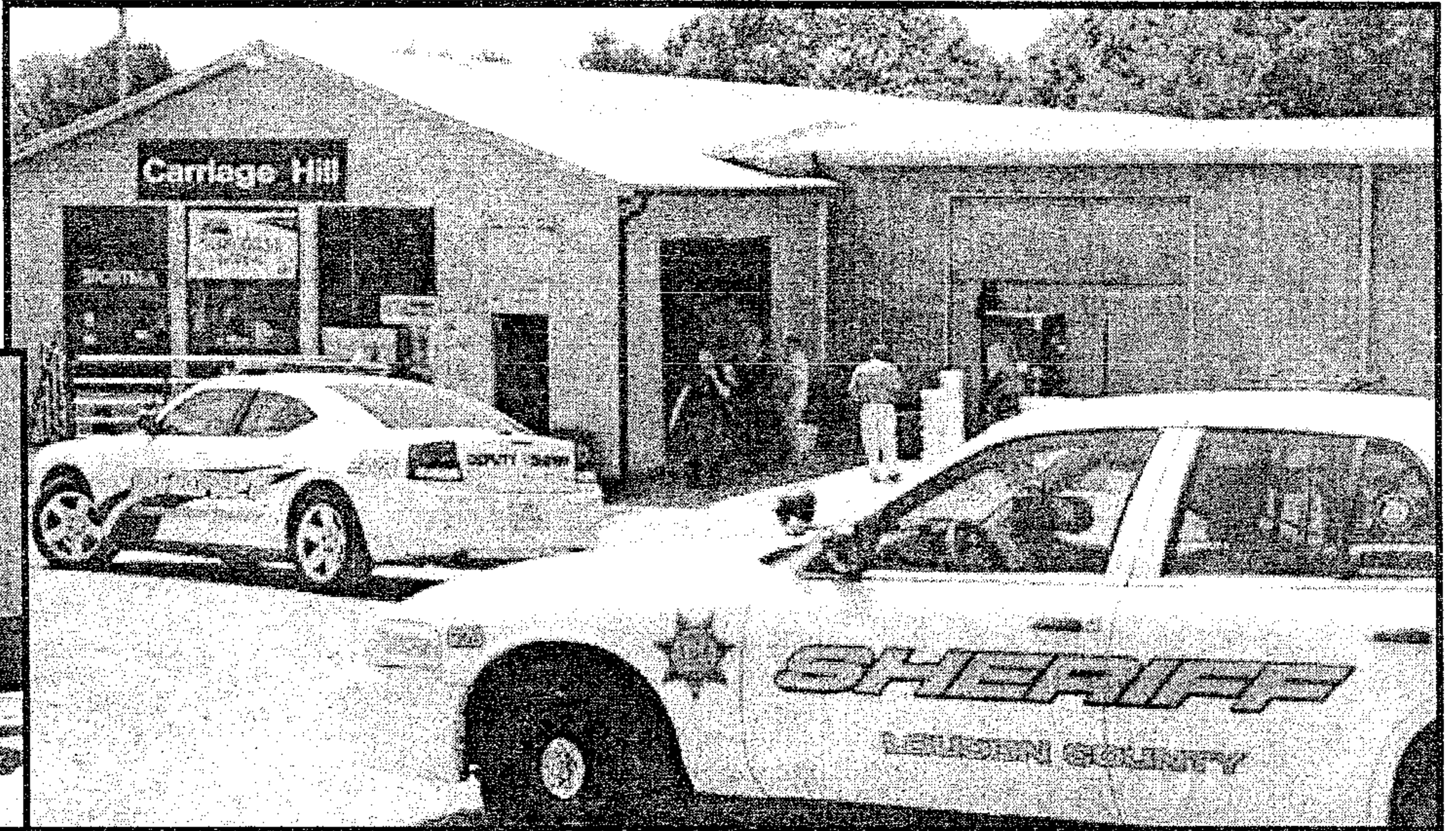
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Monday, May 3, 2010

Lenoir City businessman indicted on meth charges; more arrests forthcoming

On Thursday afternoon a year-long investigation into methamphetamine manufacturing in East Tennessee resulted in the arrest of a Lenoir City businessman at a store he also owns in Rogersville.

(see Trent pg. 8)



A search warrant was served at Carriage Hill Feed (above) in Loudon County Thursday. (Top left): Sheriff Tim W. Guider of Loudon County and Sheriff Butch Burgess of Cumberland County review evidence seized at the business

Verse of the day

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14

Obituaries

Velma L. Johnson

John Joseph Manning

Wazzup

Sure appreciate the "speed-checker wagon" being put on Pond Creek Road last week; there are no speed limit signs on that road. Drivers, according to the wagon, the speed limit on Pond Creek is 50 m.p.h. (At least between Highway 11 and the Interstate!)

Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy
(see More pg. 2)

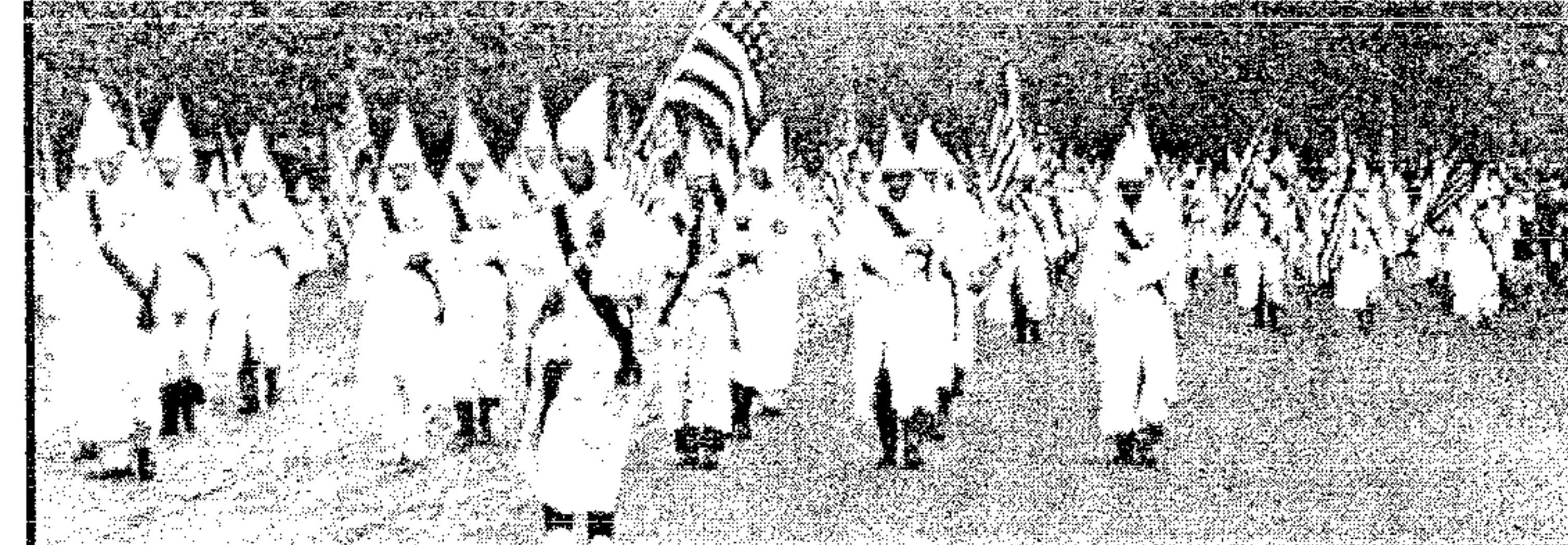


I don't want you to see what's in my blood!

A Loudon woman reportedly told authorities she refused to submit to a blood test after she received her second DUI charge because she didn't want police to see what was in her blood.

The FBI versus the Klan

Part 2: Trouble in the 1920s



The KKK marching down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington in 1925.

The Roaring Twenties were a heady time, full of innovation and exploration—

from the novelty of "talking pictures" to the utility of mass-produced

(see FBI pg. 3)

Angela Marie McDonald, 44, Corinth Church Road, Loudon was charged with

(see McIntosh pg. 6)

Fishing with Gus

Boy, what a mess! Me and Coonfoot was going crappie fishing on Fort Loudon last weekend and we liked to never got the boat launched. It took us the better part of an hour to get in the water and we soon found out that every spot between Tellico Ramp and George's Creek had one of those FLW fellows fishing.

(see Gus pg. 10)

FBI

Model Ts...from the distinct jazz sounds of Duke Ellington to the calculated social rebellion of the "flappers"...from the pioneering flights of Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart to the pioneering prose of F. Scott Fitzgerald and William Faulkner.

It was also a lawless decade—an age of highly violent and well-heeled gangsters and racketeers who fueled a growing underworld of crime and

corruption. Al Capone and his archrival Bugs Moran had formed powerful, warring criminal enterprises that ruled the streets of Chicago, while the early Mafia was crystallizing in New York and other cities, running various gambling, bootlegging, and other illegal operations.

Contributing to criminal chaos of the 1920s was the sudden rise of the Ku Klux Klan, or KKK. In the early 1920s, membership in the

KKK quickly escalated to six figures under the leadership of "Colonel" William Simmons and advertising guru Edward Young Clarke. By the middle of the decade, the group boasted several million members. The crimes committed in the name of its bigoted beliefs were despicable—hangings, floggings, mutilations, tarring and featherings, kidnappings, brandings by acid, along with a new intimidation tac-

tic, cross-burnings. The Klan had become a clear threat to public safety and order.

Matters were getting so out of hand in the state of Louisiana that Governor John M. Parker petitioned the federal government for help. In a memo dated September 25, 1922, J. Edgar Hoover—then assistant director of the Bureau—informed Director Burns that a reporter had brought a personal letter from Parker to the Department of Justice. "The Governor has been unable to use either the mails, telegraph, or telephone because of interference by the Klan ... Conditions have been brought to a head at Mer Rouge, when two white men ... were done away with mysteriously," Hoover wrote. He also said that the governor was seeking assistance because "local authorities are absolutely inactive" and because he feared judges and prosecuting attorneys had been corrupted.

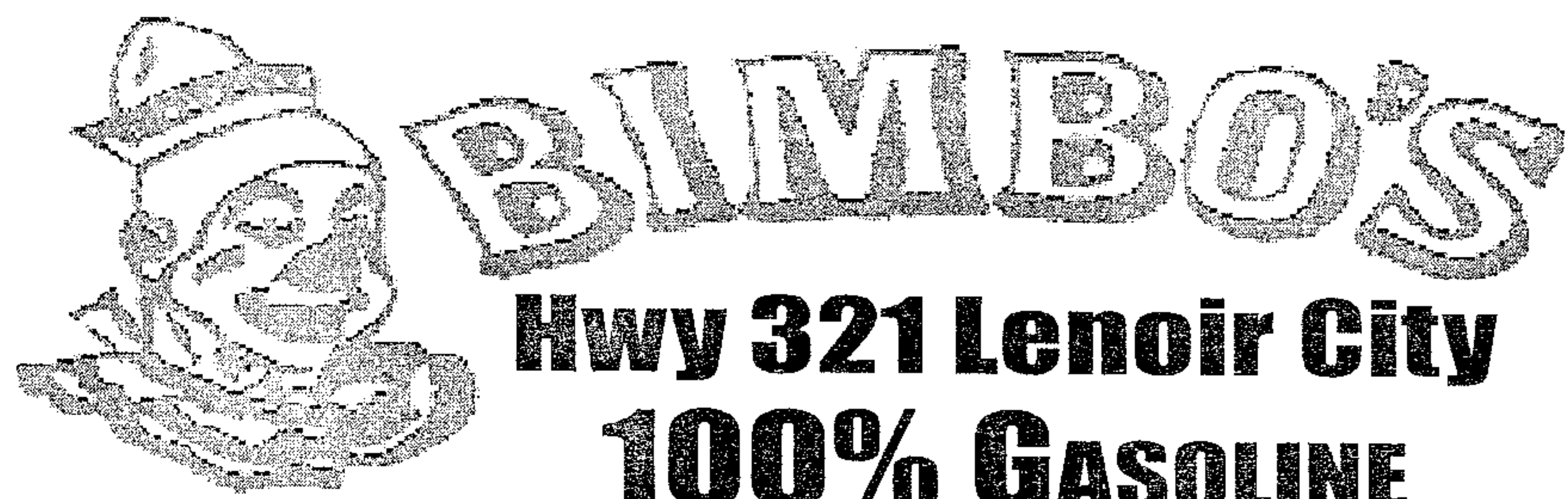
The Department responded, immediately sending four Bureau agents—A. E. Farland, J. D. Rooney, J. P. Huddleston, and W. M. Arkens—to work with the Louisiana attorney general to gather evidence of state and federal crimes. The agents soon found the bodies of the two men and pinpointed members of the vigilante mob that kidnapped and brutally murdered them. They also identified the mob's leader—Dr. B.M. McKoin, the former mayor of Mer Rouge.

The agents' work put their own lives in danger. On November 13, 1922, an FBI Headquarters memo

noted that "confirmation has just been received of the organized attempt of klansmen and their friends to arrest, kidnap, and do away with special agents of the Department who were in Mer Rouge." To make matters worse, the plot was "stimulated by the United States Attorney at Shreveport," reportedly an active KKK member. The U.S. attorney had already ordered the investigating agents, detailed from the Houston Division, to leave the area or be arrested because he thought they had no business investigating those matters. "Only their hurried exit saved them," the memo said. Still, the agents continued their work.

In 1923, McKoin was arrested and charged with the murders of the two men. Despite National Guard security, witnesses were kidnapped by the Klan, and other attempts were made to sabotage the trial. The grand jury refused to return an indictment. Other KKK members, though, ended up paying fines or being sentenced to short jail terms for miscellaneous misdemeanors related to the murders.

Despite the Bureau's work, the power of the KKK in certain places was too strong to crack. But as revelations of leadership scandals spread and figures like Edward Young Clarke went to jail, the Klan's membership dropped off precipitously. By the end of the decade, thanks in part to the Bureau, the KKK had faded into the background—at least for a time.



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McDonald

with driving under the influence 2nd offense and violation of the implied consent law.

The report states, Deputy Chad Petty, LCSO observed a silver GMC Yukon cross the double yellow line on Steekee Creek Road and drive in the center of the road multiple times.

The deputy stopped the vehicle on Steekee Road at Corinth Church Road.

Ms. McDonald had a strong odor of an

alcoholic beverage coming from her person, bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. She performed poorly on field sobriety tasks.

Ms. McDonald was read the Tennessee Implied Con-

sent Law and refused stating, she didn't want Deputy Petty to see what was in her blood.

Police Beat

Joshua Leo Beck, 27, Church Street, Loudon, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Dan-

iel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest.

Michael Eugene Chastain, 36, Vale Street, Loudon was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO made the arrest.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board (LCUB) Personnel Committee will have a meeting on May 7, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in the small conference room at the Main Office Building, 200 Depot Street, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

1. To consider fillings position(s) in accordance with the LCUB Hiring Policy.

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I am Katy Miller, retired from Lenoir City Post Office, and I would like to ask for your support and vote for my brother, Eddie Simpson, for Loudon County Road Superintendent.

Paid for by Candidate

Trent

Sheriff Tim Guider stated "this culminated a year long investigation where several agencies worked together when it became apparent there was a common thread in methamphetamine manufacturing in middle and east Tennessee. That common thread being Carriage Hill Feed on Hwy. 321 in Lenoir City and another location in Rogersville."

A federal grand jury in Chattanooga had indicted Eugene Allen Trent, 50, on Tuesday on multiple counts, including conspiring to manufacture more than 500 grams of

methamphetamine, conspiring to distribute iodine knowing or having reasonable cause to believe it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, and eight counts of distributing iodine knowing or having reasonable cause to believe it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

The indictment remains sealed and includes similar charges against other individuals in East Tennessee, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The investigation involved numerous undercover purchases, numerous traffic

stops and two federal search warrants, Sheriff Guider stated. Guider concluded by saying he applauds the cooperation between all the agencies including the Drug Enforcement Administration, Loudon County, Roane County, Rhea County and Cumberland County sheriff's departments and the Tennessee Meth Task Force.

Authorities executed a search warrant about 10:30 am at Trent's Carriage Hill Feed and Supply, 1216 Hwy. 321 in Lenoir City.

At the same time another search warrant was served at the Rogersville location where Trent

was working and was taken into custody.

Trent is scheduled to appear Friday before a U.S. magistrate judge in Chattanooga.

If Trent is convicted of the methamphetamine charge, he faces a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison, five years of supervised release and a fine of \$4 mil-

lion. On the iodine charges, he faces 10 years in prison for each charge, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.


Police Beat


Michael John Heeke, 30, Corinth Road, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Steve Helm, LCSO made the arrest.

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Gus

Now, I was sort of shocked that these was FLW folks. If'n you all will remember the last story I told about them, it went along the lines of everything matching: the truck matched the boat with all the fancy decals and the two fishermen looked identical in their uniforms.

Why, it was even told that they had matching underwear on, but

that was never verified.

What was different this time was they looked like normal folks; dressed just like us. Well, not like Coonfoot, but the rest of us. No decals on the boats or FLW hats.

We spoke to two guys fishing later on and asked what was the deal and they stated most of their sponsor's were lost;

said the biggest one now sponsoring the FLW is GM.

Coonfoot looked

back at the old boy and said, "Heck, with Government Motors sponsoring, you think

they would of at least bought you separate boats."

-Gus

Why You Should

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- * To protect our communities by providing service which will ensure that our county is a safe place to live, work, and visit.
- * Hold the Sheriff's office accountable to the highest ethical standards
- * To demand nothing less than excellence from my administration and staff
- * Strive, as an organization, to obtain and preserve the trust of the citizens we serve through an open and honest administration that emphasizes service to the citizens.
- * To restore HONESTY and INTEGRITY to the Sheriff's office
- * That all present employees will have an opportunity to work for me and will be treated equally *paid for by candidate*

As The Loudon County Sheriff, my policies will be:

- * To strengthen relationships with all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies
- * To improve community relations
- * To keep and open door policy with direct contact with me as your sheriff
- * To stay hands on with all day to day operations
- * To be diligent in all my efforts as sheriff to make Loudon County a safer place
- * To increase the deputies on the street by using the existing personnel more meaningfully, therefore, cutting response time
- * All employees will be held accountable for their actions and will be expected to abide by the policy