

Jackson Farmers To Vote On Committeemen Dec. 14

Jackson County Jury Drawn To Hear Shedd Murder Trial In Macon

N. C. And Georgia Officers Tell Of "Confession"

FRANKLIN — Trial of Curtis Shedd, charged with the strangulation slaying of two sisters, got under way in Macon Superior Court Tuesday afternoon, before a packed—but orderly—courtroom.

The 31-year-old former convict of Walhalla, S. C., is charged with murdering Johnnie Mae Boyter, 14, and her sister, Jo Ann Boyter, 8. Shedd has signed a statement that he also killed the girls' father, John Boyter, 38, but he is not being tried for this slaying at present.

Woody Wilson, Georgia Bureau of Investigation special agent, testified Shedd told him and other officers that he killed the two girls in Georgia and brought the bodies to North Carolina.

Wilson said Shedd took officers to the scene near Highlands where the bodies were found and demonstrated how he killed Johnnie Mae.

Shedd told officers he raped Johnny Mae twice before killing her, Wilson said. The Georgia officer added, however, that the defendant had changed his story several times.

Wilson said he came into the case when Boyter's body was found in Georgia near the North Carolina line.

The agent testified that Shedd told him Jo Ann Boyter had been killed by her father.

Mrs. Christine Boyter, widow of the slain man and an expectant mother, testified that Shedd had raped her in the presence of Johnny Mae.

Mrs. Boyter said Shedd had known her husband while the two attended a veteran's training school near Walhalla, S. C.

She said the first time she saw Shedd was when he came to her home for a visit. She said she, her husband and Johnny Mae asked him to take them to a circus; that he presumably started to take them but stopped on a bridge.

Boyter left the auto, she said, and while he was gone Shedd threatened her and Johnny Mae with a knife and then raped her.

Mrs. Boyter said she, her husband, Johnny Mae and Shedd were out all that night and that the following morning was the last time she saw her daughter alive.

Mrs. Ida Pace of West Union, S. C., mother of Mrs. Boyter, with whom the slain children had lived, tearfully identified articles she said belonged to Johnnie Mae.

She said that after the two girls failed to return, she talked to neighborhood children, who reported they had seen them get into a car with Shedd. She said she went to see Shedd but that he denied knowing anything about the children.

Others who testified Tuesday (Continued on page 8)

Defense Department Calls For Double Amount of Blood

Jackson County Red Cross heads announce the urgent call by the Defense Department upon the Red Cross to double its blood collections during December to provide the greatly increased quantities of blood needed for processing into plasma for military use.

Blood is now being collected at the rate of over 90,000 pints a month. To meet the demands, the Red Cross will have to increase present collections by nearly 100 per cent in December. The armed forces and 2,100 civilian hospitals are now being served by the Red

Marcellus Buchanan Moves Law Office

Attorney Marcellus Buchanan III has moved his law office from over Sylva Supply to the second story of the new post office building, occupying two rooms, one facing on Main Street and one adjoining on the left side next to Allison's used car lot.

Also occupying the new building are the offices of the Draft Board and U. S. Army and Air Force Recruiter, and James A. Turpin, Justice of the Peace.

Cullowhee Baptist Choir To Sing

The Cullowhee Baptist Choir will be heard Sunday morning, December 10, in a pre-Christmas service at the Cullowhee Baptist Church. Dr. H. P. Smith is choir director.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. HENSON HELD AT WEBSTER

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home in Webster for Mrs. Hester Henson, 86, who died at the home of her son, Roy Henson in Webster Sunday afternoon. Burial was in the Long family cemetery at Webster. Rev. S. J. Lawrence, pastor of Loves Chapel church, of which the deceased was a member, officiated.

Moody Funeral Home was in charge.

Pallbearers were the following grandsons, Bud Reed, Jack Henson, Charles Warren, James, Billy and Harold Potts.

Flower girls were granddaughters of the deceased.

Mrs. Henson, the widow of John Henson, who passed away some 45 years ago, was a native of Haywood county, but spent the greater part of her life in Jackson county.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. T. E. Reed and Mrs. Walter Warren, of Sylva; and Mrs. Hubert Potts, of Dillsboro; three sons, Frank Henson, of Sylva, and Roy and Rufus Henson, of Webster; two brothers, Leon and John Long, of Franklin, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Bumgarner, Webster, and a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

PAYNE ARRESTED ON CAR THEFT CHARGE

Oliver Payne, of the Tuckasee area of Jackson County, was arrested as he abandoned a stolen car near Tuckasee late Sunday evening. Making the arrest were Deputy Sheriff Frank Allen and State Highway Patrolman Hayden Ferguson. Payne was also charged with driving drunk and without operators license. He is being held in Jackson County jail at Sylva.

The Industrial committee will continue under the chairmanship of Sol Schulman, with Dr. W. A. Ashbrook and John Parris as committee members.

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Blood is being sent daily from 36 Red Cross regional collection centers and participating blood banks to processing laboratories at Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

COUNTY GETS CALL FOR 35 MEN TO TAKE PHYSICAL

Jackson County Selective Service Board reports a call for 35 young men to leave Sylva at 8 o'clock this morning, Thursday, for Charlotte for physical examinations and to be classified for possible armed service. Mrs. Wilson, clerk to the board, said that all the men have been notified and should report to the Sylva office before 8 o'clock Thursday as bus and meal tickets will have to be provided each man before time to leave.

A call for men to be inducted will be announced soon, Mrs. Wilson said.

CHRISTMAS PLAY TO BE GIVEN BY CULLOWHEE GROUP

The Wesley Foundation of the Cullowhee Methodist church will present Henry Van Dyke's Christmas Story, "The Other Wise Man", on Sunday night, December 10, at 8 p.m. The play is an original dramatization, written by Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., of this well known story.

Members of the Methodist student group on the campus of Western Carolina Teachers College will take leading parts in the play. They are:

Jo Anne Sutton, Bill Reid, Charles Bagwell, Bill Honeycutt, Dave Whitesides, Bill Banes, Dorothy Dodson, Bobby West and Janet Robeson.

A cordial invitation is extended to all friends in the surrounding community to attend this special service.

Directors Of Chamber Of Commerce Re-elect Picklesimer President

Col. Lee Hooper Named Vice Pres., Kemmerer Sec.

At a joint meeting of the members of the new and retiring members of the Board of Directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce held Monday night Felix Picklesimer was re-elected president of the organization, a position he filled so well during the past year. Col. D. Lee Hooper, a new board member, was elected vice-president and Ralph Kemmerer, another new member, was elected secretary-treasurer, to succeed retiring member William McKee.

The board discussed the possibility of some kind of a special celebration next summer on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the organization of Jackson County. President Picklesimer, J. A. Gray and John Parris were named on a committee to make further study of the matter. Mr. Parris was named chairman of the committee.

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Cocke, 29, Is Youngest To Head Legion



ERLE COCKE, JR., Dawson, Georgia National Commander The American Legion

Erle Cocke, Jr., of Dawson, Georgia, unanimously elected National Commander at the Los Angeles national convention, made his first visit as the Legion's chief to North Carolina where he addressed a meeting of the 16th District in Sanford on December 1.

Cocke spoke in the high school auditorium following a full day of activities which included a parade, a part of the annual Christmas festival, crowning of the beauty queen, and a banquet.

Declaring that "ours is a fighting job," Commander Cocke accepted The American Legion's highest office, pledging to pursue a program of "peace through strength."

Commander Cocke, a 29-year-old veteran of World War II and (Continued on page 8)

SINK SAYS HE WILL HAVE NO MERCY ON E. S. LAW VIOLATORS

Col. Lee Hooper Named Vice Pres., Kemmerer Sec.

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of the Superior Court of North Carolina, stated in open court that any person convicted in his court for violation of the Employment Security Law "can expect no mercy from me or from the Court," while presiding over the November term of the Stanly County Superior Court in Albemarle.

The case was the charge that Sidney J. Ritchie had filed claims for benefits and had drawn \$120 in overpayments, as a result of having been employed while drawing the benefits. He was found guilty and the judgment was that he serve 60 days on the roads and pay a fine of \$200 and the costs. No provision was made requiring the refund of the \$120 overdrawn, as is done in most such cases.

The case was brought into court by James C. Bradham, ESC claims deputy, stationed in Concord and operating in that area. Judge Sink, stating that he was not too familiar with the Employment Security Law, kept Mr. Bradham on the witness stand for half an (Continued on page 8)

CANCER CLINIC TO MEET at C. J. Harris Hospital, in Sylva, Friday, Dec. 8. Registration from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The Division of Cancer Control 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.

COMMISSIONERS MAKE NO CHANGES IN COUNTY SET-UP

One of the first official acts of business taken up by the Board of County Commissioners following their taking the oath of office for their new four-year terms on Monday, was that of making reappointments of the various positions and agencies. There were no changes made in a single instance. Tom Clayton remains as County Auditor and Tax Collector; C. C. Buchanan as County Attorney; and Dr. Grover Wilkes as County Physician. All agencies sponsored by the county jointly with the State and Federal Government, remain just as they were regarding the personnel. They are the Farm and Home Agents and assistant agents, and the PMA office.

NEIGHBORS SEEKING FUNDS AND HELP FOR HARLIE SIMS FAMILY

Friends and neighbors in the county and in Sylva are this week seeking funds and aid for the family of Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Sims and for their six year old son, Charlie, who had his arm pulled off in a skidder accident early last fall. The Sims family having suffered the loss of their home by fire before the son's horrible accident, have not sought help from their friends but their burden has touched the hearts of everyone and they are receiving aid. But not enough so far to take care of Little Charlie's hospital and doctor bills, although the doctors and the hospital are contributing their share to the worthy cause. The little fellow, who has surprised the doctors and nurses in his rapid recovery, has been in the hospital since Sept. 30, the day he tripped and fell into the skidder his father was operating and he will have to remain in the hospital for some time.

Those in Sylva contributing to the aid of this family are leaving their gifts with Mr. Herbert Landis, who has been named treasurer for the local contributions. All persons who would like to help little Charles in his gallant fight should see Mr. Landis, a member of the family or Mr. Andrews, manager of the hospital.

M'Arthur Can Halt Red Hordes, Some Officers Think

Some high military sources have insisted that the position of UN Forces in Korea is not hopeless and flatly denied there is any plan for a general withdrawal from the embattled peninsula. They think that MacArthur eventually will be able to establish his shattered defense lines and halt the grinding advance of the Chinese Communists toward the South.

This statement came after Gen. Bradley, chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff, told senators that American troops trapped in north-east Korea by the rapid Red advance now have reached a point where they can be evacuated.

Cullowhee PTA To Meet Friday

The Cullowhee PTA will meet Friday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Training School. A short Christmas film, "The Night Before Christmas", will be shown. Rev. C. B. McConnell will preside and Dr. Freida Anne Greider will be guest speaker. There will also be a selection of readings and poems on the program.

The average loan rate for 1950-crop burley tobacco is 45.7 cents a pound. This is 90 per cent of the parity price as of October 1, 1950.

SYLVA CITY MARKET . . . In A&F

Three Farmers In Each Community To Be Picked To Carry On Program

Sylva PTA Will Meet Monday, Dec. 11 At 7 P.M.

It has been announced that Sylva Parent-Teacher Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, instead of 7:30 as is the usual hour. The meeting is being moved up 30 minutes on account of the Wally Fowler Oak Ridge Quartet which will play at the elementary auditorium that night.

PARRIS FUNERAL RITES HELD AT WILLETS MONDAY

Funeral rites for Fidellis (Dill) Parris, 72, were held at Mount Pleasant Baptist church near Willets on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial was in the Crawford cemetery.

A native of Jackson County, Mr. Parris was a well-known farmer of the Addie community. He was a son of the late William and Margaret Cogdill Parris, and was a faithful member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Lela Cogdill Parris; two sons, Jake and Glenn Parris, Balsam; two daughters, Mrs. Claude Gilreath, Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Kelly Hyatt, Whittier; four brothers, Manley, Nelson, John, and Ed; Sylva; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Laney, Bryson City, and Mrs. Dale Shepherd, West Asheville; 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

The body was in charge of Garrett Funeral Home.

TRUMAN'S PRESS SECRETARY DIES

President Truman's press secretary and life-long friend, Chas. G. Ross, 65, died of a heart attack while sitting at his desk in the White House on Tuesday. He had just completed briefing nearly 50 reporters on the momentous talks between President Truman and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

Ross was still sitting at his desk making a recording for a radio network, when the attack occurred.

The President's personal physician said that Ross had had several minor attacks during the past few months, and that death came instantly.

Baptist Choir To Give Cantata

A Christmas Cantata, "The Choir of Bethlehem", by Benson, will be presented on Sunday evening, December 17, at the First Baptist Church by the members of the church choir.

An invitation to attend is extended the public.

Jackson County Officers Took Oath Of Office Monday A. M.

Surveyor And Coroner Only New Men To Take Office This Year

A large number of citizens gathered at the courthouse Monday morning to witness the taking of the oath of office by the county officials before John Henson, Clerk of Superior Court. The ceremony was very simple and held in the Clerk's office. Mr. Henson was sworn in first by Justice of the Peace John Morris which made him eligible to administer the oath to the other officer holders.

Taking the oath first was Jennings A. Bryson, Commissioner of

Polls Will Open At 9 A. M. At 16 Places In County

Farmers of Jackson County on December 14, will have an opportunity to elect the committeemen who will administer the Agricultural Conservation Program, price support, acreage allotment, marketing quota and other production program in 1951.

Elections will be held as follows:

Barkers Creek — Lewis Davises Store.
Qualla — Qualla School.
Caney Fork — John's Creek School.

River—E. L. Lannings Store.
Canada—Jess Brown's Store.
Cullowhee—Cullowhee Post Office.

Sylva — P. M. A. Office.
Dillsboro — Dillsboro Post office
Webster—Cannon's Store.
Scott's Creek — W. O. Robinson's Store.

Savannah — Gay Community Building.
Green's Creek — Ebb Hall's Store.
Hamburg — E. W. McCoy's Store.

Cashiers — Charlie Hooper's Store.
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At these elections farmers will vote for three members of a community committee and a delegate to the county convention where a county committee will be elected. According to J. L. Stewart, Chairman of the Jackson County Production and Marketing Administration Committee, no farmer who is eligible to vote should pass up the opportunity to "voice" his choice of the three farmers in his community best qualified to administer farm programs in 1951.

In the chairman's words "The coming year can be expected to call for decisions and actions which will demand the most able leadership available. This places the responsibility of electing able committee on the shoulders of the farmers in each of the 15 communities in Jackson County. "Without mounting defense activities, problems having to do with obtaining fertilizer, seed, construction materials, transportation, etc., can be expected to increase. At these elections, the farmers in each of the 15 communities in the county will have the responsibility of electing committeemen who will help make the local decisions on these materials. "These elections put it squarely up to the farmers of Jackson County."

Polls will be open from 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p.m. on December 14. Nominations will be held when a sufficient number of farmers have gathered to make the nominations. PLEASE GO TO THE POLLS AND VOTE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ELECTION!

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