

CIVIL TERM OF COURT TO OPEN ON JANUARY 23

Judge Zeb V. Nettles To Preside Over Session Here

A session of Cherokee county Superior court for the trial of civil cases only will convene here on Monday, January 23.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, who will make his first appearance on the superior court bench here, will preside over the two weeks session.

Juries selected by the jury commission is as follows: First week—C. J. Lunsford, Murphy; Arthur Cook, Marble; Dale Lee, Murphy; J. H. Christy, Andrews; S. F. Taylor, Murphy, Route 2; A. C. McDonald, Murphy, Route 3; Harve Radford, Grandview; Ed Waldroupe, Brasstown; Earnest Whitaker, Andrews; Sam Postell, Andrews; N. C. Hay, Andrews; G. O. Reed, Patrick.

Carl Stiles, Murphy, Route 1; Kero Ladd, Marble; B. P. Lovingood, Grandview; John W. Truett, Andrews; Jack Clack, Andrews; L. R. Kilby, Unaka; Frank Mulkey, Murphy; F. C. Carroll, Murphy; Jim Martin, Ranger, J. D. Holloway, Andrews; Alvin Nichols, Culberson, and T. F. Breedlove, Murphy.

Second week—Forest Crews, Andrews; Zeb Gibson, Murphy; W. J. Sneed, Ranger; E. S. Garrett, Culberson; Jimmie Allen, Postell; Henry Nelson, Andrews; W. T. Stalcup, Murphy; Cleve Cornwell, Murphy; Fred Dalrimple, Murphy; Oscar Palmer, Murphy; L. C. McDonald, Andrews; Will Moore, Murphy; Victor Ellis, Murphy.

A. W. Chambers, Unaka; Rollin Lovingood, Murphy; B. M. Luther, Murphy; Frank Coffey, Marble; J. M. McGuire, Murphy; B. F. Hughes, Murphy; L. L. Mason, Murphy; Dillard Morrow, Unaka; Henry Moss, Marble; V. M. Johnson, Murphy, and M. F. Farmer, Murphy.

Link of Road To Dam Nearing Completion

Work on the new road from Suit to the TVA access road leading to Hiwassee Dam is reported rapidly progressing and is expected to be finished soon.

The two and one-half mile stretch, which will delete one of the worst links in the highway from here to the dam, will be paved. Contract for grading has been let to the Asheville Contracting company.

At present a detour is being used.

AVERAGE RAINFALL IS RECORDED HERE DURING PAST YEAR

Nineteen thirty-eight was an average wet year in Cherokee county (from a precipitation standpoint) with 56.40 inches of rainfall recorded here through December 28.

In 1937 according to records kept by the engineering data division of TVA here of which James Smallshaw is head, there were 50.38 inches of rainfall.

Records reveal that 56 inches is the county's average.

The rainfall here during the entire year has been even and exceptionally favorable to crops.

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year.

Date	1938		1937	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
21	50	39	48	28
22	57	14	40	19
23	48	21	49	37
24	51	40	57	44
25	51	21	64	33
26	52	34	54	35
27	52	30	50	35
RAINFALL INCHES				
Since December 1	938		1937	
Since January	3.21		1.80	
	56.40		50.38	

Coleman Appointed High Deputy Here

Patton Coleman, of the Unaka section, has been appointed high deputy sheriff in Cherokee county. Sheriff Carl Townson said Wednesday.

No other appointments in the office have been made so far, the sheriff said.

Mr. Townson, running on the Republican ticket, was elected to the office for a four-year term on November 8.

Mr. Coleman is widely known in the county and is considered one of the best candidates available for the post.

Dr. Parker Is Holding Series Of Lectures Here

Dr. Willis A. Parker, of Western Carolina Teachers College, began a series of lectures on World Problems at the Murphy Carnegie Library on December 2. They will continue through April. Twenty public-spirited citizens have made it possible for the public to hear these lectures free of charge.

The plan is to take up each of the "problem nations" Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan, and discuss their recent history, their ideals, and their leaders; then show, in the light of current happenings, their influence on present-day history. The schedule as approved by the group is as follows:

Meetings are held on Thursday from 7:30—8:30 p. m.

December 2, Introduction; December 9, Problem nations: Germany; January 5, Problem nations: Italy; January 19, Problem nations: Russia; January 26, Problem nations: Japan;

February throughout April specific subjects to be announced.

New Tags Must Be On Car By January First

Saturday night is the last night you can use that 1938 tag on your car or truck. The new 1939 tags must be displayed on the car by midnight Saturday.

So if you don't get your tag, you better jack the old struggle—buggy up in the garage until you do get one.

Patrolman E. B. Quinn, Jr., advises us he is going to be very much in evidence on the highways looking for old tags, and that the law will be his only recourse.

"The receipts aren't any good either", Mr. Quinn states. "You've got to have the tag on the car".

CCC Enrollees In January Will Be Accepted At Camp

North Carolina has received requisition for 1077 juniors for CCC enrollment between January 1-20, 1939, T. L. Grier CCC Selection supervisor, announced the week.

Plans have been worked out with Fourth Corps Area headquarters and CCC District "A" at Fort Bragg whereby enrollees may be accepted at the camp nearest the local selection agency. Former practice of the CCC organization was to establish certain towns as enrolling points throughout the state, and the new system will be a saving in miles for applicants seeking admission to the Corps, Grier pointed out.

The State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, designated as the selecting agent by the War Department, has delegated actual choosing of the applicants to welfare officials in the counties.

Dr. Paisley will preach and conduct a Communion service at Hayesville next Sunday. There will be no service, other than the Sunday School, at the church in Murphy as the pastor has been placed upon the Commission of Asheville Presbytery that is to perfect the organization of the church at Robbinsville next Sunday evening.

Town's 'Future' Is Discussed By Lions Club

Plans for a general meeting of the business men of the town to "discuss the future of Murphy when the Hiwassee Dam is completed" at a near date, were discussed by members of the Murphy Lions Club at a regular meeting in the Regal hotel here Tuesday night.

W. M. Fain led the discussion which is designated to derive the greatest benefits in town from the resources that will be made available by the completion of the \$22,000,000 TVA project which is at the peak of construction now and which will be completed in 1941.

Mr. Fain announced that the Mountain Valley Mutual cannery here would operate again in 1939 but that a new site for the cannery must be selected as the present one is being inundated by the water backed up by the Hiwassee dam.

Lion president, H. G. Elkins, announced that the club had donated funds for the purchase of three pairs of glasses in furtherance of the club's blind work.

Three visitors at the meeting were: Dr. Herbert McCall, of Richmond, Va.; Robert Wells, superintendent of the Macon county schools, and Dr. W. A. Hoover, owner of the Patrie hospital here. Murphy is the original home of Dr. McCall and Mr. Wells.

FLORINE BRYANT, 11, OF PATRICK, DIES ON TUESDAY

Funeral services for Miss Florine Bryant, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bryant, of the Patrick section of Cherokee county, were conducted from the Liberty church Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock with the Rev. John Brown officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Peyton G. Ivie was in charge of funeral arrangements.

The popular young Shearer school student had been ill only three days when she died Tuesday night. Her father was in Oklahoma when she became ill and got home just one day before she died. Florence had perfect attendance in school the past three years.

Surviving besides the parents are two brothers, Virgil and Clarence, and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Williamson, all of Patrick.

Hiwassee Inn Sold To Jack Lovelady

The Hiwassee Inn, popular road-house on the Hiwassee Dam access highway, was purchased at auction this week by Jack Lovelady of Ball Ground, Ga. It was reported here this week.

The establishment was owned by Boos Alvarez and Ben Guthrie.

A number of persons in this section bid at the auction, it was reported, with Mr. Lovelady being high bidder.

Murphy Bowlers Win Second Contest At Dam

The Murphy Independent bowling team won its second consecutive game from the Hiwassee Dam bowlers last week by a score of 1574 to 1554.

Those playing for Murphy were: Joe Miller Elkins, Pruden and Jerry Davidson and J. A. Pitzer. Playing on the dam team were: Cable, Leach, Mills, Ball and Johnson. Pitzer was high scorer with 485 while Johnson was one point behind.

BASKETEERS LOSE TO ROBBINSVILLE

That two-point jinx is still following the local independent basketball team. They lost 24-22 at Robbinsville Tuesday night. The locals won on Saturday night against the Indians from Cherokee on the local floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holland, of Bristol, Tenn., are spending a few days at the Henry House.

Three To Be Tried For Murder Of Zimmerman

Land Settlement Expected Soon

The land evaluation dispute between the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Southern States Power Company will be placed in the hands of a three-man commission in Federal court in Asheville this week following two days of argument by attorneys for both sides.

Rebuttal in the case was completed last Wednesday, and lawyers are scheduled to speak before the commission two days before the end of the week.

Testimony began in October. The commission was appointed to hear the case and to place an evaluation on 12,000 acres of land owned by the Power company and other minor interests in the county which will be required by the TVA for construction of its \$22,000,000 Hiwassee Dam 22 miles below here.

It is not known when the commission will hand down its decision, but as one of the members must attend the state legislature which convenes January 2, it is expected sometime within the next week.

Members of the commission are: O. M. Mull, Shelby attorney and textile manufacturer, chairman; Albert R. Bauman, business manager of the Presbyterian assembly at Montreat, and J. K. Cowan, Asheville contractor.

A number of persons from Cherokee county have attended various sessions and appeared on the witness stand.

Jarrett To Leave For New Post At Raleigh

Clyde H. Jarrett, Andrews attorney who was elected to the state legislature as representative from Cherokee county on November 8, will leave Sunday for Raleigh where he will attend the first session of the 1939 legislature.

Both houses are scheduled to convene on January 2, but the first few days are generally devoted to routine matters of organization and appointments.

R. B. (Jack) Morphew, of Robbinsville, is the state senator elected in the 33rd district which comprises the counties of Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Macon and Swain.

Mr. Jarrett is a republican. Mr. Morphew is a democrat.

Christmas Decoration Winners Announced

The Christmas Decoration contest sponsored by the Murphy Woman's Club was ended Saturday and according to the decision of the judges winners were: first prize for doorway, Mrs. W. G. Darnell, Peachtree Street; second prize, Mrs. Edna Hastings, Tennessee Street; and third prize, Mrs. Ben Warner, Beal Town. Prizes for the trees were: first, Mrs. Joe Ray, Valley River Avenue; second, Mr. T. A. Case, Valley River Avenue; and third, Mrs. B. W. Whitfield, Tennessee Street.

It was stated that the judges found it very difficult to arrive at a decision in awarding the prizes and it was also noted that many other homes in the city were deserving special mention, but after two or three trips around it was decided on the above winners.

The club wishes to thank all who cooperated in making this contest a success. There were 24 entering and the club feels that much was accomplished in the stimulation of outdoor lighting of homes and grounds during Yuletide.

The judges were, Miss Melba Greer, president of the Konnaheeta club, of Andrews, Mrs. D. H. Tillitt, and Mrs. W. W. Ashe, members of the Andrews Womans club.

Wife, Two Others Are Held; Questioned By Sheriff Carl Townson

A preliminary hearing will be held in magistrate's court here Friday morning for three persons of the Brassstown section who are charged with the death of Wayne Zimmerman, 34-year-old farmer of the same Cherokee-Clay county section, whose partially-clothed skeleton was found on a mountain top near the road leading to the Power company dam December 17.

They are: Mrs. Zimmerman, wife of the deceased man, Roy Scroggs and Aud Wilson.

Sheriff Carl Townson arrested the trio late Friday night and has been holding them incommunicado in the county jail since. He has been questioning them in connection with the death of Zimmerman.

The hearing will be held before Justice of the Peace D. M. Reese in the court house at 10 a. m. At the hearing Mr. Reese will decide if there is enough evidence in the murder warrant to bind them over to Cherokee County Superior court which will convene for criminal session again on April 3.

Trio Arrested

Mrs. Zimmerman and Scroggs were arrested late last Friday night by Sheriff Townson, several deputies and Clay counties officers. Later, toward morning, Wilson was arrested.

Sheriff Townson has been grilling all three persons during the week and lining up evidence which he says leads him to believe that Zimmerman was murdered and carried to the desolate spot where his body was found.

Among the evidence unearthed by the sheriff is traces of blood found on the dead man's blue denim pants, and the fact that "hard feelings" existed between Zimmerman and Scroggs over Zimmerman's wife.

A great deal of other information has not been disclosed by the sheriff.

Zimmerman's skeleton was found on a desolate mountain side about three miles from Murphy on the Old Hitchcock property Saturday a week ago by Allen James.

The remains were found in a clump of bushes about 150 yards off the road that leads to the Southern States Power company's dam. A pair of pants were on the lower limbs of the skeleton. A hat and a pair of shoes were found near the body. All of the clothing was identified as that of Zimmerman by his father, Jim Zimmerman, his cousin, Jim Evans, and other members of the family. Almost positive identification was made by the almost perfect teeth found in the skull. The size of the remains conformed with the stature of Zimmerman who was 34 years old, five feet, six inches tall and weighed about 130 pounds.

Find Wine Bottles

The first party to arrive at the scene of the skeleton after it was reported by James, was led by Constable Sheridan Stiles. Sheriff Townson was in another part of the county at the time and could not be reached immediately.

Three half-pint wine bottles, containing a white sediment, were found side-by-side between 50 and 75 feet from the body. Coroner Dr. Harry Miller said the contents of the bottles would not be analyzed unless ordered by a grand jury.

A guard was kept over the body the first night by a group of deputies and an inquest was held the following day. The coroner's jury, composed of Press Gentry, Z. C. Ramsey, Ed King, Felix Palmer, Fred O. Scroggs and John Deal, decided that the remains were those of Zimmerman and that "he came to his death by causes unknown."

Zimmerman was last seen in Murphy on Saturday, July 2. He had started walking home on the Brass-town highway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson are spending a few days in Chattanooga.