



## Cherokee County And Others Bring Suit Against Donley

Suits have been brought by Cherokee County, the County Board of Education, and J. L. Hall, clerk of superior court, to recover a total of \$12,126.45, which an audit shows unremitted by Former Clerk of Court John Donley.

There are six suits involved, three against each of two sets of bondsmen.

Sureties on the first bond, from December 3, 1934, to December 5, 1938, for \$10,000, were: T. H. Cole, E. A. Anderson, Mrs. Delma McClure, M. J. Simonds, J. R. Simonds, J. M. Payne, R. T. Stiles, and B. H. Stiles. Cherokee county has brought a suit against Donley and the above sureties for \$623.93. The Cherokee county Board of Education has an action on that bond for \$749.45. J. L. Hall, clerk of superior court, has a suit on the same bond for \$3251.40 to require him to turn over to him as his successor that sum due others, which the audit shows unremitted. The total of these three actions is \$4624.78.

Sureties for the second bond, from December 5, 1938 to December 7, 1942, the bond also for \$10,000, were: M. P. Coleman, J. N. Bell, Z. C. Ramsey, A. M. Simonds, Harley Carringer, B. R. Carroll, E. A. Anderson, N. E. Dockery, Fred Dickey, and Roy H. Wells. Four of that number, Z. C. Ramsey, B. R. Carroll, N. E. Dockery, and Fred T. Dickey, are deceased and the burden falls on their administrators.

Cherokee county has an action against Donley and the last group of bondsmen for \$738.78. The Board of Education of Cherokee county has an action for \$3675.38. J. L. Hall has one for \$3087.51, as

clerk of superior court. The total of these three is \$7501.67, making the total of all six suits \$12,126.45. The first audit of the books showed unremitted \$12,735.98. A supplemental audit has been filed correcting a few figures, making the amount indicated above.

The actions are entitled "State of North Carolina on Relation of Cherokee county" vs. the defendants.

## County Agents List Phosphate Meeting Places

Phosphate requisition meetings for Cherokee county farmers will be held at the following places according to announcement by farm agents:

Jan. 24, 9-11 o'clock, Hangingdog — Fred Davis' Store; 2-4 o'clock, Grape Creek — Fred Carroll's store; Jan. 25, 9-11 o'clock — Shady Grove — W. A. Nichols' store; 1-2 o'clock, Hot House — McAllister's store; 2:30 - 3:30 o'clock, Hot House, Mrs. H. C. Tilton's home; Jan. 26, 9-11 o'clock, Suit — O. C. Payne's store; 2-4 o'clock, Wolf Creek — Simond's store; 10-12 o'clock, Little Brasstown — Maggie's chapel; Jan. 27, 9-11, Unaka — Odom's store; 2-4 o'clock, Beaberdam — Dockery's store; Jan. 28, 9-11 o'clock, Postell — Torrence's store; 12-1, Liberty — J. M. Verner's store; 1:30-3 o'clock, Liberty — M. T. Raper's store.

Mrs. J. B. Gray spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Hoyle, in Asheville.

## Red Cross Selects Officers For Year

Miss Addie Mae Cooke was elected chairman of the Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross at its annual meeting held in the home economics building Friday evening. Mrs. T. A. Case, who has served as chairman for the past two years, was elected vice-chairman; Mrs. C. W. Savage and Frank Forsyth were reelected secretary and treasurer, respectively. Names of officers presented by H. Bueck, chairman of the nominating committee. Committees will be appointed later.

Mrs. Case presided at the meeting, reviewed the work of the past year, and heard reports of various officers and chairmen of committees.

Mrs. Bueck, chairman of Junior Red Cross, told of the number enrolled in the schools, and of the work done by the juniors for the army and navy and the camp and hospital council.

Mrs. H. G. Elkins, home service chairman was absent. Mrs. D. L.

Wells and Miss Elizabeth Gray, who have been appointed assistants to Mrs. Elkins, reported on their phases of the work.

Mr. Bueck, disaster chairman, reported on disaster preparedness. He stated that he would like to have a first aid course for teachers, and the Rev. A. B. Cash expressed a desire for such a course for Boy Scouts.

Mrs. C. W. Savage made a report for Miss Cooke, who was out of town, on the activities of the camp and hospital council. She stated that \$200 had been contributed to the general treasury of the WNC council, which had been used for the purchase of draperies and other things needed for the comfort and pleasure of Moore General hospital patients. In addition, \$23.50 was contributed for the purchase of a suite of sun-room furniture, and the Junior Red Cross furnished a like amount, making two sets from this chapter. The council gave a dozen horse shoes for Lake Lure rest center recently.

## Birthday Ball At Hiwassee Dam Is Planned For 29th

R. H. Douglas, Hiwassee Dam chairman, announces that the President's Birthday Ball will be held in the School building at Hiwassee Dam on January 29, to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis Drive. The hours are from 8:30 p. m. to 12:00 midnight. Tickets are now on sale by members of the Sponsoring Organization.

The program is sponsored by the Women's Dormitory group. Miss Mary Margaret Burns, Chairman of the group, has announced the following committees:

Decoration — Margaret Brown, Mary Erwin, Tribly Glenn, Pauline Kiselburg.

Refreshments — Ester Prickett, Rebecca Anderson, Lillie Locke, Pauline Davis, Maggie Bell Kisselburg, Peggy Dunn.

Property — Julia Cummings, Dorothy Bowser, Helen Neil.

Entertainment — Lucille Matherson, Frances McClure.

Plans for the ball are almost complete. In addition to the dance, a Variety Program is planned, and refreshments will be served. Assistance of various individuals at Hiwassee and Murphy in providing equipment for the ball and the interest of the sponsoring group promise a successful program.



**TWO NO. 1's**—Shown here is North Carolina's Governor Broughton, the state's No. 1 war bond salesman, presenting the first 4th war loan shield to Mrs. Beulah Hicks, gold star mother of Raleigh. Mrs. Hicks, whose son, Lt. Norman Hicks, was lost in India in combat flying, purchases her bond from the governor to receive the official bond buyer identification shield that is expected to be displayed by every war bond buyer during the fourth war loan drive opening today.

## Bert Russell, War Casualty, Buried Andrews Sunday

**ANDREWS** — On Sunday afternoon Bert Russell was laid to rest in the Andrews cemetery. Bert was one of the men lost when a board the U. S. patrol boat which sank 74 minutes after colliding with another blacked out craft out at sea from New York on the morning of January 8.

The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Baptist church here with Rev. L. P. Smith and Rev. C. C. Washam officiating. The church had hardly seen such a throng of people since the funeral several years ago of Miss Annie McGuire, popular Andrews grade teacher. Andrews and its environs has had nearly a dozen war deaths reported, on the sea, on land, and in the air, but Bert Russell was the first casualty to be sent back home whose death did not arise from natural causes. His was a sort of a composite funeral for all the others. On the audience was noticeable a mother who had already lost a son, parents whose sons have sustained wounds, or those whose sons have been given medical discharges after running the war's

gamut. Adding point to Bert Russell's funeral was the fact that he was a widow's son, that he had three brothers in the military services — two home from separate army camps in California, and one in New Guinea. His father died seventeen years ago. His mother reared a family of ten children — eight boys and two girls.

The deceased was 28 years old. He entered the service of his country in August 1942. Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Sam Russell, and the following brothers and sisters, Garland of Knoxville, Willie in U. S. Medical corps in California, Doyle in defense work in California, Noland in New Guinea, Jimmie U. S. Army, Los Angeles, California; Marjorie, Mrs. Alvin Russell, Sammy and Alvin.

Bert Russell was given a semi-military funeral. Participating was the American Legion, a Naval escort, and several service men from the army and navy branches who were on furlough here at the time. Taps were sounded at the grave side by Boys Scouts Whitaker Davis and Joe Womack.

## Civil Cases Set For Court Trial

The following cases are on the calendar for trial at the civil term of Superior court to be held here next week:

**Monday, Jan. 24**  
Mamie Johnson Arnold, vs. J. E. Arnold.

Edna Pace McTiger, vs. Zeb Vincent McTiger.  
Clyde C. Mills, vs. Isabelle Mills.  
Neal West, vs. Patricia West.  
W. E. Studstill, vs. Elizabeth Studstill.

Bess Crawford, vs. Ton Crawford.

Christine Bell Burgess, vs. Walter Burgess.

Gertrude Weaver, vs. Tom Weaver.

William F. Ray, vs. Doris Wooten Ray.

D. L. Ashe, vs. Elita Ashe.

Lela Bateman Thompson, vs. John Allen Thompson.

Hattie Jones Hardin, vs. Romas Henry Hardin.

The J. R. Watkins Co. vs. William Oscar Cole, et als.

Woodbury Mauney Lumber Co. vs. C. B. Farmer, et als.

Southern Fertilizer Co. vs. W. M. Pain.

**Tuesday, Jan. 25**

Robert Brown, vs. Ezra Price.

J. B. Colt Co. vs. Ernest Cook, et als.

Fidelity & Casualty Co. vs. Murphy Lumber & Mfg. Co.

Southern Railway Co. vs. Rass Duval, et als.

H. A. Barton, vs. Vlyde Amos.

**Wednesday, Jan. 26**

A. D. Dockery, vs. Coca-Cola Bottling Co. (Protested)

Frank Laney, vs. W. P. Cuthbertson.

**Motions.**

Lockyear vs. Lockyear.

Crawford vs. Railroad.

## Mrs. Ezra Price Is In Critical Condition As Result Of Gunshot Wound

### Mrs. H. Bueck Is Appointed Head Of Region 1 In War Finance

Mrs. H. Bueck of Murphy has been appointed Regional chairman of the Women's Division of War Finance committee, for Region 1, which comprises six counties, by Mrs. Karl Bishopric, state chairman, of Spray.

Her appointment as regional chairman is on a dollar a year basis direct from the Treasury Department.

Mrs. Bueck is an active civic and church worker and holds several important offices in this county and city. This new regional work will be in the counties of Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay, Macon and Cherokee.

Mrs. Bueck announces that she has appointed Miss Frances Cover of Andrews as Cherokee county chairman of the Women's Division.

### MOVE TO ATHENS

Mr and Mrs. W. R. Green moved Saturday to Athens, Tenn., where Mr. Green will be engaged in jewelry business.

## Prominent Dairyman Dies Of Heart Attack

John Silas Shields, 45, prominent Cherokee county farmer and dairy operator, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Shields of Culbertson, died at a Murphy hospital at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday morning of a heart attack. He was getting into his truck at his dairy Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock when he suffered an attack and was brought to the hospital but failed to respond to treatment.

He was the owner of Notia farms and dairy, which he had operated since 1936. He maintained a herd of purebred Guernsey cows, and for several years sold milk to customers in Murphy. Recently, however he had been selling his milk to Southern Dairies here.

For six years he was supervisor of the Farm Security administration in Cherokee and Clay counties, but he resigned that post more than a year ago to devote his full time to his dairy and farm.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Kate McAllister; two sons, Cpl. James Randolph Shields of the U. S. marines, and Harold Eugene, who is at Berry School, Rome, Ga.; six brothers, I. A., L. M., L. W., E. L., J. A. and J. B., all of Murphy; three sisters, Mrs. Lella Hall, of Coal Gate, Okla., Mrs. Dora Gladson, of Culbertson, and Mrs. R. W. Brown, of Isabella, Tenn.; two uncles, R. M. Shields and Commodore Shields of Isabella; and three aunts, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds of Akron, Ohio, Mrs. Margaret Rice of Culbertson and Mrs. Mary Nicholson of Lafayette, Ga.

Funeral arrangements which are under the direction of Townson funeral home, are incomplete, pending the arrival of his son, Cpl. James Randolph Shields, who graduated from the quartermaster school at Camp Lejeune Jan. 14, and now is en route to the west coast.

### HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Rufus Morgan will hold Holy Communion services at the Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Smith vs. Laney.

Graves vs. Carroll.

Johnson vs. Calvert Insurance Co.

Ingram & Stiles vs. Stiles.

Peoples Furniture Co. vs. Grindstaff.

Kiselburg vs. Owenby.

Laney vs. Laney.

Abbe vs. Predmore et ux.



**RETURN TO STATION** — Harry T. Christopher, 21, of the Coast Guard, son of E. O. Christopher and the late Mrs. Emily Christopher of Murphy, who has returned to his station in Curtiss Bay, Md., after spending the holidays with relatives in Murphy.

He entered the Coast Guard in December of 1942. Prior to that he was employed with the Henn theatre and attended Murphy high school, where he was an outstanding football player. Recently he has been stationed in Virginia, New York and Chicago.

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Mrs. Ezra Price, wife of Cherokee county's jailer, received a gunshot wound above her heart Wednesday morning about 12:30 o'clock, at the jail where the couple make their home. She is in a critical condition at Murphy General hospital.

According to Chief of Police Frank Crawford, who was present when the shooting occurred, the wound was inflicted by Mrs. Price. Since he was the only person present at the shooting, Chief Crawford requested Dr. B. W. Whitfield, attending physician, to question Mrs. Price in the presence of witnesses as to who shot her. Patrolman Pritchard Smith who was called shortly after the shooting, was one of the witnesses at this questioning, and he stated that Mrs. Price said she shot herself.

Sheriff L. L. Mason stated that he and Crawford went to the jail about 12 o'clock, and that while Crawford was talking with Mrs. Price, he went in and talked with Mrs. Ruth Padgett McCombs, Mrs. Toby Fain and Miss Inez Hogged, who were having a chicken supper there. Mrs. McCombs and Miss Hogged requested him to take them home, he stated, and he said he would do so after Crawford came out. They were in the car when Crawford and Mrs. Price came out to the car. Soon they went back into the house, and the shooting occurred about a minute later, the sheriff said, explaining that Crawford came to the door and said: "Come in here, Mrs. Price has shot herself."

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evening will take place between the Murphy all-stars and Young Harris college boys. Between the halves of this game two volleyball teams made up of members of the Lions Club will give an exhibition of straining and grunting and groaning as they make an effort to bat the ball back and forth across the net. During all this music sweet and hot will flow forth from the loud speaker from the leading bands of the country.

All proceeds above bare expenses will go to the infantile paralysis fund. Even the players will be obliged to purchase a ticket before gaining admission to the gym. Tickets will be on sale in advance.

## Dance For Polio Fund To Be Held 29th At Andrews

Plans are shaping up for the President's Birthday ball to be held at the youth building in Andrews on Saturday evening, January 29, from 8:30 to 12 o'clock. The ball is being sponsored by the Andrews Rotary Club. The Konaheta club will have charge of refreshments.

E. S. Christenbury, president of the Rotary club, announces the following arrangements committee: Mrs. Starr Pullium, Miss Frances Cover, Zed Whitaker, and I. B. Hudson.

Tickets are on sale by members of the Rotary club.