

# Mrs. Sherrill Is Named Home Agent

## Judge Moore Gives 4 Road Sentences

### Many Suspended Terms Imposed At August Term Of Court

Four defendants were sentenced to the roads and many were given fines and suspended sentences by Judge Dan K. Moore, presiding, in the trial Monday and Tuesday of the criminal docket of the August term of Macon superior court.

The criminal docket was completed in mid-afternoon Tuesday, and the court turned to trial of civil cases, which was expected to continue the remainder of this week, and possibly into next.

The four sentenced to the roads are Junior Allston, Negro, charged with misappropriating funds of a Negro baseball team, but whose plea of forcible trespass was accepted, eight months; Lloyd Hampton, charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and with larceny and injury to personal property, six months; and Harvey L. LaBoone and Walter M. Burch, both charged with operating motor vehicles intoxicated. LaBoone was given six months, and Burch four.

Twenty-one other defendants were charged with operating motor vehicles while intoxicated. Earl Keith Warden was given six months, suspended for three years on payment of a fine of \$250 and the costs, and on condition he not drive a motor vehicle for two years; Billy Eugene Wood was given four months, suspended for three years, on payment of a fine of \$100 and the costs, that he not drive a motor vehicle for 24 months; Jesse Bynum Case, William Dee Thompson, Walter Taylor, and Albert Howard Totter.—Continued on Page Six

### Court's Purpose To Make Better Place To Live, Judge Moore Says

The purpose of the courts is to help to create a better place to live, Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, told the Macon County grand jury at the opening of the August term of superior court here Monday morning.

"We are here this week", Judge Moore concluded his charge to the grand jurors, "for the purpose of serving the people of this county. And we shall have done our duty well, if, when this court adjourns, Macon County is a little better place to live in than it was before."

Selection of the grand jurors and the judge's brief charge marked the opening of the court term.

The courtroom was filled to capacity as the term got under way.

The names of the 18 to serve on the grand jury were drawn from the box by Linda Kay Smith, six-year old daughter of Patrolman and Mrs. Pritchard Smith, Jr., and Judge Moore selected A. R. (Alf) Higdon to serve as grand jury foreman.

The seventeen drawn for the grand jury, in addition to Mr. Higdon, are E. B. May, Jewell Smith, D. L. Clark, Robert Taylor, C. J. Frady, J. E. Poindexter, Austin Raby, Ed D. Denny, Ralph Henson, J. E. Bradley, Frank Sanders, V. C. DeHart, Morris Ledford, Clarence Peek, N. G. Davis, George Nix, and R. M. Wright.

In his charge, the judge outlined the three major functions of the grand jury: The responsibility for acting on bills of indictment presented by the solicitor; "the power of presentment", under which the grand jury can start criminal proceedings on its own initiative—"the power given the grand jury to check up, if necessary, on county officers"; and the duty to examine the offices of the county officials and inspect the county and state institutions and property within the county—the power to make a check to see if public officials are properly carrying out their duties and if public institutions are properly operated and public property is in good condition". In emphasizing the importance of inspection of public institutions, Judge Moore said a grand jury in his home county of Jackson possibly saved the lives of many school children by reporting that the building in which they were attending school was unsafe.

"Our system of law", Judge Moore pointed out, "is based on the idea of right and wrong. You are intelligent men, and you know what is right and wrong, so it is not necessary for me to define to you all the criminal offenses under the law", and in this connection he remarked that "it takes four large volumes simply to enumerate all the criminal offenses in this state.

Judge Moore, however, did emphasize the importance of enforcement, and observance, of the regulations governing motor vehicle traffic, and discussed the prohibition law.

The Turlington act, the original state-wide prohibition law, is still in effect in this county, he said, with one exception. The exception is that it is legal for an individual to buy not more than one gallon of whiskey from a legal liquor store and transport it to his home. It is illegal, however to transport it or possess it at any place other than his home, and it is illegal to transport it at random.

Some persons, he said, have an idea that it is legal to transport one gallon for each person in an automobile.

"The supreme court has not passed on that question, but it is my opinion—and I shall so hold—that you can transport only one gallon in a car."

Weaver Cabe was assigned to serve as grand jury officer.

## N. C. Governor Visits In Macon



Gov. W. Kerr Scott, accompanied by Mrs. Scott and Miss Martha Fleming, spent the week-end resting at the Nantahala home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slagle. The governor (right) and Mrs. Scott (next to him) are pictured above with their host and hostess, standing in front of the big fireplace in which a huge fire was burning when the photo was made Sunday morning. Arriving shortly before noon Sunday morning, the governor and his party remained until mid-afternoon Monday, when they left for Cullowhee, where Gov. Scott spoke on a Western North Carolina Farm and Home Week program Monday night. While here, they spent their time quietly resting or fishing.

Monday Governor and Mrs. Scott took about 30 fish from the Slagles' private lake, Mrs. Scott besting the governor, both in the number and size of her catch. Sunday evening Gov. and Mrs. Scott and Miss Fleming, who was Governor Scott's secretary when he was commission of agriculture, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Slagle, at their home nearby. En route to Cullowhee, the party stopped in Franklin to inspect the Slagle Memorial building. It was the first time, so far as could be learned, in many years that a North Carolina governor, while in office, had been an overnight guest in Macon County.

—Photo by Crisp Stull

## BUT SHE MUST RESIGN SCHOOL BOARD POSITION

### Raleigh Official Makes Announcement After Meet With Clubs

Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill has been appointed Macon County home demonstration agent.

The appointment was announced by Miss Ruth Current, of Raleigh, state home agent, following a two-hour conference Miss Current held with the council of home demonstration clubs at the Slagle Memorial building Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Sherrill has accepted the appointment, and will take up her new duties September 15.

Acceptance of the home agent post means that Mrs. Sherrill will have to resign as a member of the county board of education, Miss Current said. Since a part of the home agent's salary is paid by the federal government, it is understood that Mrs. Sherrill would be barred from serving on the school board, under terms of the Hatch act forbidding federal employees to engage in political activity.

Under the law, the vacancy on the school board will be filled by the county Democratic executive committee, according to R. S. Jones, county attorney. If, however, that board fails to make an appointment within 30 days after the vacancy occurs, the State Board of Education may fill the vacancy. In either case, the person appointed will serve only until the general assembly, at its next session, appoints someone to fill the vacancy.

While she has not yet resigned from the school board, Mrs. Sherrill indicated that she would submit her resignation to Chairman C. Gordon Moore in the near future.

County and home agents are appointed jointly by the State Extension service and the board of county commissioners, but the commissioners already had unanimously endorsed Mrs. Sherrill for the post at their meeting August 22. Miss Current, however, while she was in Franklin, confirmed the arrangement with Chairman W. E. (Gene) Baldwin.

Mrs. Sherrill, who will succeed Mrs. Carolyn Corry Cogan, resigned, previously held the position of home demonstration agent in this county, from 1939 to 1947.

A graduate of Franklin High school and of the Woman's college of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, she served briefly as home economist in Asheville for the Carolina Power and Light company and with the Farm Security Administration before going into home demonstration work in 1937.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stalcup and the wife of B. L. (Buck) Sherrill. She and Mr. Sherrill, who make their home on the Murphy road, have a two-year old son, Tommy.

About 30 persons from 12 of the 17 home demonstration clubs.—Continued on Page Six

## Three Baseball Games Set For This Week-end

A big baseball week-end is in store for Franklin fans, with the local nine having three games scheduled here Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's game, which starts at 2:30 p. m., pits Franklin against Simpsonville, S. C.

The same two teams will meet Sunday, with the first game starting at 1:30 p. m.

## Old Love Residence Is Being Demolished

The old Love house, which formerly was situated on East Main street but years ago was moved to a point just back of The Press office, is being demolished. The owner, Kansas Stewart, started workmen tearing down the building yesterday. The house was condemned for human occupancy about two years ago.

## COWEETA TO GET SERVICE AWARD

### Washington Official Will Make Presentation Here Sept. 9

For its unique and outstanding work in determining the relation of climate, soil, and forest vegetation to stream flow, the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory (experiment forest), near Franklin, will be presented a Superior Service Award by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in a ceremony at Coweeta at 2 p. m. September 9, it has been announced.

The presentation will be made by Dr. W. A. Minor, of Washington, assistant to the secretary of agriculture. Representative Monroe M. Redden will be present, and has been asked to act as master of ceremonies. The award will be accepted, on behalf of the laboratory, by Dr. Charles R. Hursh, of Asheville, chief of the division of watershed management and protection of the Southeastern Forest Experiment station, near Asheville. The work at Coweeta has been done under Dr. Hursh's direction.

Earlier in the day, an informal home-coming program will be held for all those who have worked on the Coweeta area since it was established in 1934. E. A. Johnson, technician in charge, announced.

Mr. Johnson also announced that some 20 forestry professors and deans of forest schools, from Maine to California, will visit Coweeta Labor Day (September 5).

## First Football Camp In History Of Local High 'Is Being Held

A football camp is being conducted by Coach Milburn Atkins for the local high school football squad for the first time in the history of the school. Between 18 and 22 boys are now attending the camp and more are expected before the end of the two weeks' session.

The camp is being held near Rainbow Springs, and the boys are living in a camp, loaned them by a group of local citizens.

Two practice sessions are being conducted daily, in order to ready the squad for the rugged nine-game schedule which opens with Andrews, there, September 16.

## Macon FFA Boys Win State Championship Second Year In Row

### Draft Board To Close; Welch Will Register Youths

The Macon County draft board—Local Board No. 58—will close tomorrow (Friday), and its records moved to a sub-depot in Asheville, it was announced this week by Chairman E. W. Long.

Youths still are required to register, however, when they attend their 18th birthdays. Mr. Long pointed out, and should register with R. E. (Tony) Welch, veterans service officer, at his office in the courthouse. Mr. Welch has been appointed official registrar for this county.

The move to Asheville is a part of nation-wide consolidation, necessitated by reduced appropriations, Mr. Long explained.

Macon County registrants should address any communications, he added, to Local Board No. 58, 410 Courthouse, Asheville.

The board, set up a year ago under selective service, has registered 1,032 white and 29 Negro youths between the ages of 18 and 25. Since the draft stimulated enlistments, it has been necessary to draft only three men during the period the board has been in existence.

The same board—Mr. Long, Charles Rogers, and Lawrence Limer—that was functioning at the end of the war took over the peacetime draft job. Mr. Limer, however, was succeeded by Phil McCollum some months ago. Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, who was wartime board clerk, has served in that capacity for the peacetime draft.

## Revival Meet Under Way At Presbyterian Church

The series of evangelistic services that got under way at the Franklin Presbyterian church Monday will continue through next Sunday, according to the pastor, the Rev. Hoyt Evans. The Rev. Walter K. Beaty, of Columbia, S. C., is doing the preaching. Services are being held each evening at 8 o'clock, except Saturday.

## Trio Wins Right To Enter National Judging Contest

A livestock judging team from the Franklin Furniture Farmers won first place in North Carolina, in the contest held last week at N. C. State college, Raleigh.

It was the second year in a row—and the fourth in a decade—that a local team has won the state championship.

Their win in Raleigh entitles the three youths making up the local team to go to Kansas City, Mo., in October to enter the national Future Farmers Judging contest, held each October in Kansas City, Mo., in connection with the American Royal Livestock show.

Members of the Franklin team are Clifford Ledford, Jr., 17-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ledford of Rainbow Spring, Preaulo Crawford, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crawford, of the Cartoogechay community, and Frederick (Bo) Setser, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Setser, also of Cartoogechay.

Young Setser was a member of the winning team last year, but was unable to compete in Kansas City, due to illness, and thus was eligible to enter the national competition this year.

The expenses of the trip for the boys and their coach and teacher, E. J. Whitmire, Jr., vocational agriculture teacher at the Franklin High school, will be paid by the Sears Roebuck foundation.

The Franklin team competed in Raleigh against nine other teams, those winning the two top positions in the competitions in each of the state's five districts being entered. Hereford breeding cattle and Duroc breeding hogs were judged.

Prior to going to Raleigh, the local team won in the federation (comprising Haywood and other counties west) contest at Waynesville, and later took second place in the district contest at Statesville.

## 47 CARS RECORDED

The theft bureau of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles assisted in the recovery of 47 stolen motor vehicles during July.

## Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.** St. Agnes Home and Day School for Girls opens August 21, 1899. Miss M. A. Hosner, M. B., Principal. Mrs. M. J. Hosner, B. Ed., Matron. Rev. J. A. Deal, Rector.—Advertisement.

H. G. Trotter and Son are moving their brickyard plant to Will Downs' place.

Macon County has the honor of entertaining within her borders a distinguished personage, Judge Day, of President McKinley's cabinet. He is at the Davis House at Highlands.

**25 YEARS AGO** Everything is now set for a hot fight between the two political parties for the county offices at the election to be held in November. The Democratic nominees are as follows:

For representatives, A. W. Horn; for sheriff, C. L. Ingram; for register of deeds, Horace J. Hurst; for coroner, J. J. Conley; for surveyor, John H. Dalton; for county commissioners, A. B. Slagle, C. R. Cabe, S. P. Pierson.

The Republicans nominated the following:

For representative, Charles A. Lowry; for sheriff, Chas. H. McClure; for register of deeds, Robert Rogers; for coroner, T. W. Angel; for surveyor, E. I. Long; for county commissioners, W. B. McGuire, John H. Fulton, Carey Hall.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Henry Slagle and Fred Slagle returned last week from a visit to the Slagle brothers at Randle, Wash.

Those attending the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority meeting in Asheville and the Smoky Mountains next week will be presented souvenir copies of Mrs. F. L. Siler's book on "Cherokee Lore and the Smoky Mountains".