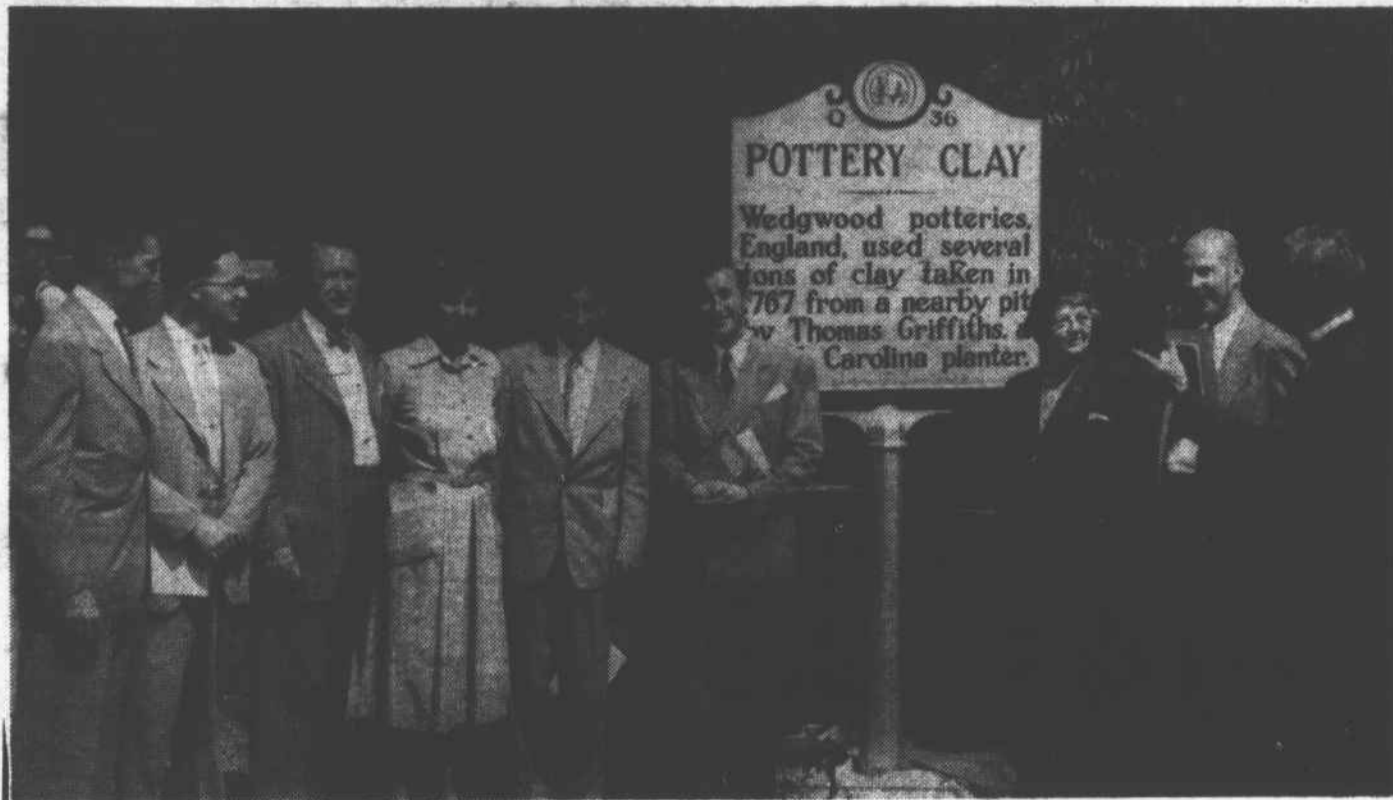


Accused Killer Of Girl To Be Tried Here

Take Part In Unveiling Of Marker



Special guests at the unveiling of the Wedgwood marker, on the Bryson City road, last Friday are shown above, gathered around the marker. Left to right, they are William S. Powell, of Raleigh, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, Carroll Rogers, Tryon, Miss Annie Reece, New York City, McKinley Ross, Cherokee, Hensleigh Wedgwood, direct descendant of Josiah Wedgwood, Mrs. Sadie S. Patton, Hendersonville, Dr. Christopher Crittenden, Raleigh, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Franklin.

PLAN BARN DANCE

The Parent-Teacher association of the Otto school, will sponsor a barn dance at the school tomorrow (Friday) night, Mrs. Ralph Henson, association president, has announced. Proceeds from the dance will go into the P. T. A. fund.

PLAN REUNION

The Poindexter family will hold a reunion at the old J. L. Poindexter home, Iotla, Sunday.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. W. N. Allman met with the misfortune to have a fine mare killed Sunday evening by lightning striking his stable. Mr. Allman has lost 11 head of horses by accident since 1883.

Mr. W. W. Sloan left yesterday for Walhalla, S. C., to bring his mother and sister home.

Uncle "D" Cunningham went to Highlands and Sapphire the latter part of last week on a horse trading tour.

25 YEARS AGO

There are indications of a very successful meeting now in progress at Clark's Chapel. Rev. W. M. Smith is doing very effective preaching.

Pursuant to a call issued by Mayor R. D. Sisk, a large congregation of Franklin citizens assembled at the Court House last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock to pay a last tribute to our departed President, Warren G. Harding.

10 YEARS AGO

Bearing the names of 150 Franklin citizens, a petition requesting that material aid be extended to Great Britain in her present crisis was mailed to Senator Robert R. Reynolds and Congressman Zebulon Weaver in Washington yesterday.

The Lions club announced this week that it had signed a contract with the Wolfe Amusement company to bring a carnival here for a week, August 28-31.

Construction is already under way on the new Asbury Methodist church at Otto.

Bill Reece, 13, a Future Farmer of America, brought a twin peach into The Press office that throws the twin cucumber in the shade.

LIST TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

Additional One Brings Franklin School's Total To 35

An additional teacher has been added to the Franklin schools, bringing the total number to 35, according to the teacher assignment list made public by County School Supt. Guy L. Houk.

Following is a list of teachers for the coming year in the Macon County school system.

Franklin: R. G. Sutton, Mrs. Katherine M. O'Neil, Miss Annie Bailey, Mrs. Lois F. Fulton, Mrs. Frances K. Beck, Edwin T. Williams, Harry C. Corbin, Mrs. Marie G. Stewart, Miss Roberta Enloe, Wallace Martin, Mrs. Myra S. Waldrup, Ray Lowe, Mrs. Katherine P. Matthews, Samuel F. Beck, Milburn Atkins, Richard Stotts, Clayton Ramsey, Robert J. Angel, Mrs. Virginia Ramsey, Miss Mayberl Moody, Mrs. Lola S. Kiser, Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, Mrs. Margaret Flanagan, Mrs. Edith S. Hemphill, Miss Edna Jamison, Mrs. Pearl Huntef, Miss Esther Wallace, Mrs. Kate Williams, Mrs. Elsie Franks, Mrs. Lovicia J. Moses, Miss Amy Henderson, Mrs. Margaret Bradley, Miss Elizabeth Meadows, Mrs. Genevieve Barnard, Miss Alice D. Weaver.

Iotla: Mrs. Marie Roper, Miss Lolita Dean, Mrs. Mildred Richardson, Mrs. Bertha Smart, Mrs. Minnie Tallent, Mrs. Jessie Williams.

Union: Mrs. Lucy Bradley, Mrs. Gay Teague, Miss Grace Carpenter.

Clark's Chapel: Mrs. Hazel Sutton, Mrs. Lucille Wurst, Holly Springs: Miss May McCoy, Mrs. Nancy Taylor.

Oak Ridge: Mrs. Vernon D. Higdon, Mrs. Kathryn Ramey.

Watauga: John B. Brendle, Mrs. Gladys Kinsland.

Cullasaja: William G. Crawford. Continued On Page Eight—

Construction Of Nantahala School Is Started

Contracts for the four new schools, Franklin high, East Franklin elementary, Highlands, and Nantahala, were executed Thursday, and construction workers have already started work on the Nantahala school, County Supt. Guy L. Houk has announced.

Work on the other three schools should begin shortly, he said.

Federation's Picnic Is Set For Saturday

The annual Macon County Farmer's Federation picnic will be held Saturday, at the Cullasaja school, with string music, comic stunts, and farm information highlighting the affair, James G. K. McClure, Federation president, has announced.

Mr. McClure said that the best collection of talent ever assembled by the farm organization is scheduled to appear on the program, including Howard Nash, "the one-man band," who plays 17 different instruments at once; "Smiling Red Raper," Steve Ledford, ace fiddler from Little Rock Creek; Patsy Messer, agile Canton acrobat; Mrs. Bascom Lamar Lunsford, Jr., well-known ballad singer; Alex Houston, youthful ventriloquist; and many other entertainers.

Local musicians, quartets and choirs are especially invited to appear on the picnic program. This year for the first time, according to Mr. McClure, a cash prize of \$100 will be awarded for the best specialty entertainment number presented at any of the Federation picnics. A second prize of \$50, and third prize of \$25 also will be awarded. Fiddlers, banjo players, string bands, choirs, and quartets, and any other type of entertainers are eligible for these prizes, which will be awarded at the end of the picnic season, he said.

Mr. McClure will act as master of ceremonies, and the Rev. Dumont Clarke, director of the Federation's religious department, will make a report on the Lord's Acre movement. Joseph Higdon, Federation treasurer, who handles the purchase of Commodity Credit tobacco for the Federation, also will speak. A grand prize of \$25 is offered for the truck which brings the largest load of people to any of the 16 Federation picnics this summer. This prize, Mr. McClure said, will be awarded after all the picnics have been held and will be in addition to the regular prizes for the largest truckload at each picnic.

Crawford-Hogsed-Slagle Joint Reunion Planned

The Crawfords, Hogseds, and Slagles will meet in joint family reunion Sunday, August 27, at the Lions' pavilion on Lake Chatuge, near Hayesville, it has been announced. All members of the three families are invited to come, bringing basket lunch.

BULGIN WINNER OF SWEEPSTAKES

300 Attend Flower Show; Visitors Are Present From 19 States

Approximately 300 persons, including visitors from 19 states, attended the Franklin Garden Club-sponsored flower show, held at the Agricultural building Saturday.

Randolph Bulgin, of Franklin, was the sweepstakes winner in the colorful show of flowers, with his dahlias.

Entries in the show were from all sections of Macon County and blue, red, and white ribbons were awarded the winners. The ribbon winners in the show are as follows:

Dahlias: (largest and finest) Randolph Bulgin, blue ribbons; Mrs. I. T. Peek, red. Dahlias (mixed): Mrs. A. R. Higdon, blue; Mrs. John L. Crawford, red.

Zinnias (large), Mrs. Frank Reece, blue; Mrs. Frank M. Higdon, red; Mrs. James E. Perry, Sr., white.

Zinnias (small), Mrs. Frank Reece, blue; Mrs. Gene L. Jacobs, red; Mrs. W. E. Furr, white. Roses, Mrs. R. G. Lickenstein, blue; Mrs. Frank M. Higdon, red; Mrs. Prelo Dryman, white. Yellow Flowers, Mrs. B. L. McGlamery, blue; Mrs. W. W. Sloan, red.

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Mrs. B. L. McGlamery, blue; Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., red; Mrs. Allan Brooks, white.

Gladioli (large), Randolph Bulgin, blue; Mrs. James E. Perry, Sr., red. Gladioli (mixed), Mrs. Roy G. Beshears, blue; Mrs. Frank Higdon, red.

Marygolds, Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., blue; Mrs. Virgil Watkins, red. Modern Arrangement, Mrs. Allen Siler, blue; Mrs. Frank M. Continued On Page Eight—

Capacity Crowd Attends Macon Baptist Meeting

The Sugarfork Baptist church was filled to capacity last Thursday and Friday when the Macon County Baptist association held its forty-seventh annual meeting there.

The session was presided over by J. H. Stockton, who welcomed the large crowd attending the two-day affair.

"It is our purpose to promote God's program here on Earth," he told the capacity crowd, "for

WEDGWOOD CLAY PIT MARKER IS UNVEILED HERE

Descendant Of Famed Artist Is Speaker; 125 Attend

More than 125 persons were present at the unveiling of the historical marker, designating the site of the Macon County clay pit from which Josiah Wedgwood, the famous English ceramic artist who changed pottery making from the grotesque to the beautiful, obtained five tons of white clay in 1767.

Hensleigh Wedgwood, fifth generation descendant of the famous Englishman, unveiled the marker, which is the fourth to be erected in the state showing points of historical interest, in a roadside ceremony at the intersection of N. C. 28 and Cowee road.

"I have the honor to dedicate this marker to the memory of two great men, Wedgwood and Griffiths," said Mr. Wedgwood. "May I venture to hope that all who pass by and read this inscription may derive inspiration from their achievements."

Mr. Wedgwood said that his ancestor's popularity in this country was due to the fact that he typified that well-beloved American character, "the Local Boy Who Made Good."

"He was born of humble parentage, but he died the friend of great men and an ardent champion of civil liberties," he said.

He quoted William E. Gladstone as saying of the English potter: "He was reared without culture, and converted a rude and Inconsiderable Handicraft into an Elegant Art and an important part of National Commerce."

William S. Powell, research associate of N. C. Archives of History, spoke on North Carolina's marker program.

He said the marker program was started in 1935 and that about 35 markers were being erected each year. Research for the inscriptions, he said, is done by the State Department of Archives and History, and the inscriptions themselves are passed upon and written by a group of historians from the University of North Carolina, Duke university, Wake Forest college, Davidson college, and State college.

"It will be a good day for North Carolina when we are able to cease erecting markers

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History Repeats . . .

After 183 years, history is about to repeat, and the Macon County clay pit, from which Josiah Wedgwood obtained clay for his china in 1767, is again going to relinquish clay for Wedgwood wares.

After the dedication ceremony of the Wedgwood marker last Friday, Guy L. Houk took Hensleigh Wedgwood, fifth generation descendant of the potter, and some of the guests at the unveiling up to the old Rickman mine at the head of Cowee creek where Thomas Griffiths removed five tons of clay for Wedgwood 183 years ago.

According to Mr. Houk, Mr. Wedgwood asked him to send 50 pounds of the white clay to the Wedgwood corporation in England.

The Rickman mine at present is being worked for strip mica by Goodlow Bowman and Gene Panell.

Will Be Tried Here



Courtesy Asheville Citizen. CURTIS SHEDD

MURDER TRIAL SET FOR THIS TERM OF COURT

C. Man Confesses In Girl's Slaying Near Highlands

Curtis Shedd, 29-year old ex-convict, will be tried at the August term of superior court here for the slaying of Johnnie Mae Boyter, 14.

Shedd Sunday led officers to the bodies of the girl and her sister, Jo Ann, 8, at a spot near Highlands.

Picked up for questioning after the body of John Boyter, 38, of Walhalla, S. C., father of the two girls, was found by a hunter just across the state line in Georgia August 9, Shedd Sunday morning finally confessed, authorities said, and then led them to the place, on the Highlands-Dillard road, where the bodies of the girls were found. The triple slayings occurred August 3, authorities reported.

Boyer's body was riddled with shotgun shot, and the two girls had been strangled.

Shedd was removed from the Gainesville, Ga. jail, where he was being held, and brought to North Carolina Tuesday by Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr. and Sgt. T. A. Sandlin, of the N. C. State Highway patrol, and was placed in an undisclosed jail to await trial.

The move came after Solicitor Bryson had conferred with Solicitor General Winton Owen, of Toccoa, Ga., about the murders, and the Georgia officials released Shedd to North Carolina for trial. Solicitor Bryson and Sgt. Sandlin has been aiding Georgia and South Carolina officials in investigating the triple slaying.

Meanwhile, Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, who will preside at the court term opening here Monday, Tuesday appointed R. S. Jones, Franklin attorney, to defend Shedd, and an inquest was held the same day.

It is a court rule in North Carolina that no man be placed on trial for his life without being represented by counsel, so that he may be assured of such protection of his rights as the law provides, and so that all evidence in his favor may be brought before the jury.

The coroner's jury, impaneled by Coroner O. L. Blaine, found that "Johnnie Mae Boyter, 14, came to her death August 3 by strangulation at the hands of Curtis Shedd" and that "her sister, Jo Ann, 8, came to her death by choking either by the hands of Curtis Shedd or John Boyter, her father."

Members of the jury were Charles Rogers, Lawrence Crunkleton, Arthur Rogers, Bill McCall, Dave Rogers, and Grady Bryant.

Solicitor Bryson said Shedd's case probably will not be tried until the second week of court, in order to give officials time to summon a venire, which probably will number 150 persons, from which a jury will be picked. His announcement followed a telephone conference with Judge Pless.

Shedd's arrest followed discovery of the partially decomposed body of Boyter August 9 by a hunter in a heavily wooded area just inside the Georgia line, near Clayton. He was picked up for questioning after police.

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24 OF 53 CASES DRUNK DRIVING

Superior Court To Open Here Monday; Pless Will Preside

Drunk driving cases will dominate the criminal court docket when the Macon County superior court convenes Monday, with Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, presiding.

Out of 53 cases on the docket, made public by Clinton Brookshire, superior court clerk, 24 involve charges of operating motor vehicles under the influence of intoxicants.

The names of 54 jurors for the court session were drawn July 3 at a meeting of the board of county commissioners and included two women, Mrs. Mack Franks and Mrs. John C. Wright, both of Franklin.

The first 36 jurors drawn were summoned for duty the first week of court, and from this number the 18-member

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Farm Progress Seen On Annual Macon Tour

Approximately 400 Macon County farmers, farm women, and business men met at the Agricultural building yesterday morning and accompanied S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, on the annual Macon County farm tour.

More than 75 cars and trucks composed the motorcade which toured the farms of Walter Gibson, Iotla, Woodrow Gibson, West's Mill, and Fred Hannah, of the Patton Settlement. Good land pastures, alfalfa, corn, livestock, and a hay barn dryer were seen on these farms.

Stops were made at the vocational agricultural building at the Franklin High school, where 4-H club members and Future Farmers of America had beef and dairy cattle on exhibit. At the Quince Corpening farm the group looked over purebred Jersey cattle and inspected dairy and feed barns.

Lunch was served by the Slagle Parent-Teacher association and the proceeds from the meal went to the Slagle school lunchroom fund.

The farm tour is a cooperative project of the Extension service and the Vocational agricultural department, and is held each year to note the progress made in agriculture on Macon County farms.

Draft Board Office Is Opened Here; Mrs. Jones Clerk

The local draft board opened its office in the new Burrell building last Friday, and the registering of men under the selective service act of 1948 has begun, according to W. N. Sloan, board chairman.

Mr. Sloan announced that the appointment of Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones as clerk has been approved, but the official appointments of board members have not yet been received.

Office hours are 9 to 1, Mondays through Fridays.

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Cowetta Experiment station.

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	78	48	.03
Thursday	79	55	.01
Friday	80	54	.03
Saturday	84	47	trace
Sunday	80	54	.00
Monday	73	61	.03
Tuesday	82	59	.04
Wednesday	81	59	.15

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Mason Siler for TVA)

Wednesday, none; Thursday, .01 of an inch; Friday, .03; Sunday, none; Monday, .08; Tuesday, .08; Wednesday, .31.