

Shedd Murder Case Set For Next Tuesday

TOBACCO PRICE SUPPORT RAISE IS ANNOUNCED

45-Cent Figure Made Public At Picnic Of Federation

An increase in the support price of burley tobacco from 41.3 cents to 45 cents a pound for the 1950-51 sales season was announced by James E. Thigpen, tobacco purchase director of the Community Credit corporation, at the annual Macon County Farmers Federation picnic Saturday at the Cullasaja school.

More than 1,500 persons were present at the all-day gathering.

James McC. Clarke, secretary of the Farmers Federation, reported to the assembled farmers that the cooperative has set a goal of 200,000 broilers every 10 weeks in Western North Carolina to supply the Federation's modern poultry dressing plant.

He also announced that plans are under way to double the number of hatchery supply flocks supplying eggs to the Federation hatchery. He added that sales contracts are under negotiation to ship hatching eggs to Mississippi and Alabama during the coming year.

The Rev. Dumont Clarke, director of the Federation's religious department, outlined a program for developing recreation in rural areas through churches and Sunday schools which are using the Lord's Acre plan.

Carl S. Slagle, chairman of the Macon County Federation committee, and Sam W. Mendenhall, Macon County farm

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Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Frank Smith has just received a beautiful line of writing tablets.

LOST—Between Franklin and Iron Bridge a part of bicycle lamp with "Solar" stamped on it. Finder will please return it to this office.

The road from Nantahala Gap to the Wayah Bald has been greatly improved and is in good condition.

Complaint has been made that there are several hog pens in town that are a little too odoriferous for comfort, and they suggest typhoid fever and doctor bills. The board of health, if we have one, should look after these things.

25 YEARS AGO
At the meeting held here last Monday night between State Highway Commissioner Frank Page, District Commissioner James G. Stikeleather, and a number of Macon County citizens, definite assurance was given by Mr. Page that the work of repairing the streets of Franklin would be started within the next three or four weeks.

The farmers are through almost all their work except bugging beans, though we seemed to have received more than our portion of the pests.—Clear Creek News.

Don't forget to see "Over the Hill" which comes to the Idle Hour Theatre Friday and Saturday. The greatest picture the world has ever produced. A picture that will live forever. Where is my wandering boy tonight? Mothers especially urged to come.—adv.

10 YEARS AGO
Members of the Franklin fire department answered their first false alarm of the year Tuesday morning when the siren atop the county jail galvanized a court-week crowd into action.

Approximately \$50,000 damage was done to crops in the county by heavy rains and flooded streams last week, County Agent Sam Mendenhall estimated.

TAKEN BY DEATH



G. LYLE JONES

Lyle Jones, Well Known Lawyer, Dies

George Lyle Jones, Asheville attorney who formerly made his home here, died at his home in Asheville last Saturday afternoon, following an illness of more than a year. He was 71.

Born and reared in Franklin, Mr. Jones practiced law here and served as solicitor of this (the twentieth) judicial district prior to moving to Asheville about 30 years ago.

Funeral services were held at All Souls' Episcopal church, Asheville, at 12:45 p. m. Sunday, and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery here at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Considered a strong advocate, tactful and persuasive before juries, Mr. Jones was recognized among members of the bar for the thoroughness with which he prepared his cases. In his later years he specialized in civil practice, and that practice took him into the federal courts, and on several occasions he carried cases to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Though he was considered eminently successful in his profession, however, he was perhaps even better known as a man. It was remarked of him that, outside of his office and the courtroom, people forgot that he was a lawyer and thought of him, instead, as a human being—one who liked other human beings.

He was considered an exceptionally good story teller, and some of his mountain stories went far beyond the confines of the mountains. One of those who particularly enjoyed his stories was Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmer (Dorothy Dix), who has spent many vacations in Asheville.

The son of Judge George A. and Mrs. Lily Ellen Lyle Jones, he was born at Franklin February 15, 1879. After attending

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Slagle P. T. A. Makes \$162 From Farm Tour Dinner

The Slagle Parent-Teacher association reported this week that it received \$162.90 from the sale of dinners to persons making last week's farm tour.

The proceeds will be used toward buying equipment for the luncheon of the proposed new Cartoogechaye school.

Mrs. Bryan Setser, association president, expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the people of the Cartoogechaye community in preparing and serving the meal, and especially cited the help of A. G. Cagle, of Cagle's cafe, who made the coffee, and Edd Coates, of the Normandle, who prepared the meat.

PLAN RUMMAGE SALE

The Wesleyan Service guild of the Franklin Methodist church will hold a rummage sale on Main street Saturday morning. A wide variety of children's clothes will be on hand.

METHODISTS TO BUILD CHURCH AT HIGHLANDS

Quarterly Conference Moves To Construct \$35,000 Structure

At the fourth quarterly conference of the Highlands-Cashiers Methodist charge, which met at the Cashiers church Sunday, it was resolved to adopt a recommendation by Bishop Costen J. Harrell that immediate steps be taken to build new sanctuary and church school equipment on the present property of the Highlands' Methodist church.

The proposed church building program will cost an estimated \$35,000, and to help handle the increased responsibility, two additional church property trustees, Mrs. J. H. Smith and Dewey Hopper, and one new steward, William H. Melvin, were added to the present boards.

Bishop Harrell, Dr. C. N. Clark, district superintendent, Dr. Walter J. Miller, president of the conference joint board of missions and church extension, and Dr. L. B. Hayes, pastor of the Hendersonville church, made up a board which visited Highlands last week to study the Highlands' Methodist church situation.

The Highlands charge, presided over by Dr. Clark, also passed a resolution authorizing the Highlands' Methodist church board of trustees to accept a conditional donation of \$3,000 from the Duke Foundation toward the building of a church and church school at Highlands.

A building committee for the new project, consisting of Dan Edwards, Dewey Hopper, William H. Melvin, Miss Marian Norton, Lyman Picklesimer, and Mrs. J. H. Smith, was nominated by the pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Early, and appointed.

Mineralogists Visit Several Mines In This Area

The joint meeting of the Georgia Mineral society and the Southern Appalachian Mineral society, held in Franklin, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, was described as being highly successful by those attending the session.

Carter Hudgins, of Marion, president of the S. A. M. S., organized the collecting trip, and Major Higdon and Andy Reid, of Franklin, acted as guides for the group.

Capt. Garland Peyton, director of the Georgia State Department of Mines, Mining and Geology, and Dr. A. S. Furcron, assistant Georgia geologist, led the group from the Peach state.

They visited collecting sites at Corundum Hill, Mincey Mine, Cowee creek, Mason mountain, and Buck creek. Members of both societies found interesting specimens of corundum, vermiculite, rhodolite garnet, kyanite, chlorite, and apatite, and two members of the Georgia group found minute rubies at the Cowee creek site, they reported.

Capt. Price Serving In Korean Campaign

Capt. Howard Irving Price, husband of Mrs. Alba Peek Price, formerly of Franklin, is now assigned to one of the Far East Air Forces' bases to aid in the United States Armed Forces' effort to assist the United Nations to restore peace to Korea, according to an Air Forces announcement received here. He formerly was stationed with the 13th Air Force at Clark Air Force base in the Philippines.

Capt. Price, who began his military career in 1942, during the last war served in four battle campaigns in the European Theatre. He holds the Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters.

ROPER REUNION

The Roper family reunion will be held at the home of Mrs. Arlessa Roper, at Oak Dale. Friends and relatives are invited to come and bring picnic lunch.

Half Million Dollars For Schools Arrives Here



Lak V. Shope (right), secretary of the board of county commissioners, is shown handing Guy L. Houk, county superintendent of schools, a check for \$517,178.92, the proceeds of this county's school building bond issue. The check, which came Friday, is believed to be the largest ever received in this county. The sale of the bonds was handled by the N. C. Local Government commission, and the check, which was dated August 16, was signed by Brandon P. Hodges, state treasurer. It was payable to "The County Of Macon, N. C." After it had been indorsed by W. E. Baldwin, chairman, and Mr. Shope, secretary of the board of commissioners, it was deposited Saturday to the county's special school building account in the Bank of Franklin. The amount of the check was greater, by more than \$3,000 than the \$514,000 bonds issued, the difference representing interest between the date of the bonds and the time the money was received.

Mica Theft, Netting \$3.25, Proves Costly To Three Men

Each Defendant Given Eight Months; Other Cases Heard

Three sacks of mica, which brought only \$3.25 when sold, proved costly to Ernest Messer, 34, Weaver Winkle, 28, and Everett Hurst, 28, when they appeared in superior court Monday morning to answer to charges of larceny.

Each of the three men pleaded guilty to petty larceny and was sentenced by Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., to eight months in the common jail of Macon County, to be assigned to work the public roads under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works commission.

The three men stated that on the night of May 5 they removed three sacks of mica from a mine being worked by Sam Jones, near Franklin. They told the court they knew nothing about mica and sold it to the Franklin Mineral Products company as scrap mica, and received in return \$3.75, for what was really block mica, later valued at about \$75.

Clyde Clark, employe of the mineral company, told the court he was busy at the time the men sold him the mica and didn't realize that it wasn't scrap mica. Later, he said, he looked inside the bags and knew that something was wrong, and put the mica to one side.

When the mica was reported stolen, a check at the mineral company proved that the mica was the same, and the three men were arrested.

Ben Giles, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and later charged with transporting liquor, upon advice of counsel, pleaded

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Burningtown Church Plans Home-Coming

The Burningtown Baptist church will hold its annual home-coming day program Sunday, September 3, it was announced this week. Dinner will be served on the grounds at noon. Features of the program will be a talk by the Rev. M. W. Chapman at 1:15 o'clock and singing, including selections by Henson's and the WNC quartets.

PLAN SING

The fourth Sunday sing of the northern division of the Macon County Singing convention will be held with the Oakdale Baptist church August 27, at 1:30 p. m. It has been announced by Harley B. Mason, president.

PLAN BRYSON REUNION

The Bryson family will hold its annual reunion Sunday at the Cowee Baptist church.

KILLER OF 3 IS INDICTED ON 2 COUNTS

Brought To Franklin By Six Patrolmen For Arraignment

Curtis Shedd, 29-year-old confessed killer, was arraigned Tuesday morning on two counts of murder, and will go on trial Tuesday in the Macon County courthouse for the August 3 slaying of Johnnie May Boyter, 14, and Jo Ann Boyter, 8, near Highlands.

Shedd, of Walhalla, S. C., was ushered into the courtroom which rapidly filled when the news he was in town spread, by six State Highway patrolmen and took a seat at a table facing the judge's bench. He was dressed in a white shirt and tan slacks and seemed unaware of the interest his entrance caused.

The blonde-headed defendant displayed no emotion as he stood, listening to Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., read the indictments charging him with murder on two separate counts. He pleaded not guilty to both charges.

He listened intently as Judge J. Will Pless, who is presiding over this term of court, set the date for the trial and ordered Sheriff J. P. Bradley to summon a venire of 60 persons, from which to choose a jury for the trial.

The judge recommended to the sheriff, who will select those to be summoned, that persons from the Highlands area be excluded from the venire, since the slayings took place in that section of the county.

As Shedd was led out of the courtroom by way of the back door, people in the courtroom craned their necks to get a better look at him.

Judge Pless formally announced in open court the appointment of Jones and Jones, Franklin law firm, to handle the defense in the Shedd trial. He earlier had informally appointed Gilmer A. and R. S. Jones, the members of the firm, to defend Shedd.

Shedd was picked up for questioning August 9 after the shotgun-riddled body of John Boyter, 38, of Walhalla, S. C., father of the girls, was found by a hunter in a heavily wooded area just across the Georgia line. He and Boyter attended a trade school together and it was reported that he was seen in the company of Boyter and the girls on the day of the slaying.

On Sunday, August 12, Shedd confessed to the murders and led officers, who had been combing the mountain area where North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia join, searching for the girls, to a place on the Highlands-Dillard road where the bodies of the girls had been hidden. Both had been strangled.

In a series of confessions, Shedd first implicated Mrs. Boyter in the bizarre slaying, but she was later released after

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WILL HOLD REUNION

The annual reunion of the Donaldson family will be held at the home of A. W. Donaldson Sunday.

The American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a benefit Bunco party at the Agricultural building Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	81	59	.15
Thursday	84	57	.61
Friday	80	57	.00
Saturday	79	56	.00
Sunday	81	58	trace
Monday	78	52	.00
Tuesday	77	49	.00
Wednesday	81	46	trace

Franklin Rainfall (As recorded by Macon Stiles for TVA)
Wednesday, 21 of an inch;
Thursday, 1.25; Friday, .09; Saturday, none; Sunday, .66; Monday, none; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, none.