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Shedd Murder Trial Here Is Postponed

Draft Board Here Gets Call For 30 Men September 7

Group Ordered To Report For Pre-Induction Examinations

The local draft board has received a call for 30 men from Macon County.

W. N. Sloan, chairman, announced Monday that the board that day received orders from Selective Service headquarters in Raleigh to send the 30 men to Charlotte for pre-induction examinations next Thursday.

The call is the first one received in Macon County since the draft board was reactivated in July.

The three-man draft board met last night (Wednesday) to choose those men who will make the trip to Charlotte, but Mr. Sloan said the names will not be made public until all of the men have been notified.

Those picked by the board will be notified by mail not later than Friday of this week, he said.

The local draft board was closed last year and its records were forwarded to Asheville where a full-time board has been in operation.

At the beginning of the present Korean conflict most of the inactive boards in the state, Macon County included, were reactivated and the reclassification of men between the ages of 19 and 25 was begun, under provisions of the selective service act.

Men from Buncombe county have already been sent to various points for examinations, while the inactive boards in the western part of the state were being reorganized.

PLAN RUMMAGE SALE

The F. S. Johnston Bible class will hold a rummage sale Saturday in the building on Main street formerly occupied by West's Florist shop.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
The editor started to Raleigh last week, but did not go further than Asheville. The train on the Murphy branch of the Southern was two and a half hours late and missed connections at Asheville, so he returned home next day.

Mr. E. P. Snider is putting up machinery in the upper story of the Love store building for working mica for insulating purposes. He has put up stamping machines and will soon be ready to commence operations.

The Franklin brass band has kindly offered to furnish music for the Confederate veteran's reunion here next week.

25 YEARS AGO

The Franklin Graded School will open Monday, September 3rd. The new building has been put in condition and the furniture and laboratory equipment has been moved from the old building to the new.

Mr. Lee, the road contractor on the Georgia road, had several mules to get hold of sneezeweed this week and lost one good mule.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Leola M. Byerly, worthy grand matron, and John L. Orr, worthy grand patron, of the North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star, made their official visit to the Nequassa Chapter 43 at a special meeting in the Masonic hall on Monday night, August 19.

Carl McCoy killed 20 rattlesnakes on his place on Bradley creek near Etna last Thursday.

\$400 Taken From Stores In Highlands

The Highlands Drug store and Anderson's Variety store in Highlands were broken into sometime Wednesday night of last week by an unknown person, or persons, according to M. A. Nelson, Highlands police chief.

He said he and Agent Kitchen, of the State Bureau of Investigation, have been investigating the robbery but have found no clues that would lead to the arrest of the thieves.

"It was a clean job," he said, and there were no fingerprints anywhere.

The chief said the front door of the drug store had been jimmied either with a crow bar or a chisel, and once inside, the thieves had little trouble looting the two stores, since only a partition with a doorway separates the two.

He said the drug store listed losses at \$356.25, and the variety store at from \$50 to \$75.

Miss Jackson Dies, Rites Held Monday

Miss May Adelaide Jackson died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hunnicutt Sunday night, following an illness of several months. She was 79 years old.

Miss Jackson, who made her home with the late E. S. Hunnicutt and Mrs. Hunnicutt, a cousin, came to Franklin with the Hunnicutts in 1916, and had lived here ever since. She had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hunnicutt since becoming ill.

To the Hunnicutts' children and grandchildren, she was "Cousin May," and she came to be affectionately so known to many friends here who were not related to her.

The daughter of Robert and Rebecca Adelaide Jackson, she was born at Gatesville, Ga., May 7, 1871.

Surviving are a brother, Ellison Jackson, of Gatesville, formerly of Franklin, and a number of cousins.

Funeral services were held at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Franklin Methodist church, of which she was a member, with the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Murray, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery here, with Potts funeral home directing the arrangements.

Palmer were R. S. Jones, O. C. H. H. H., Roane Bradley, Guy L. H. H., and Bob Sloan.

Death Claims

Judge T. D. Bryson, 76, At Bryson City

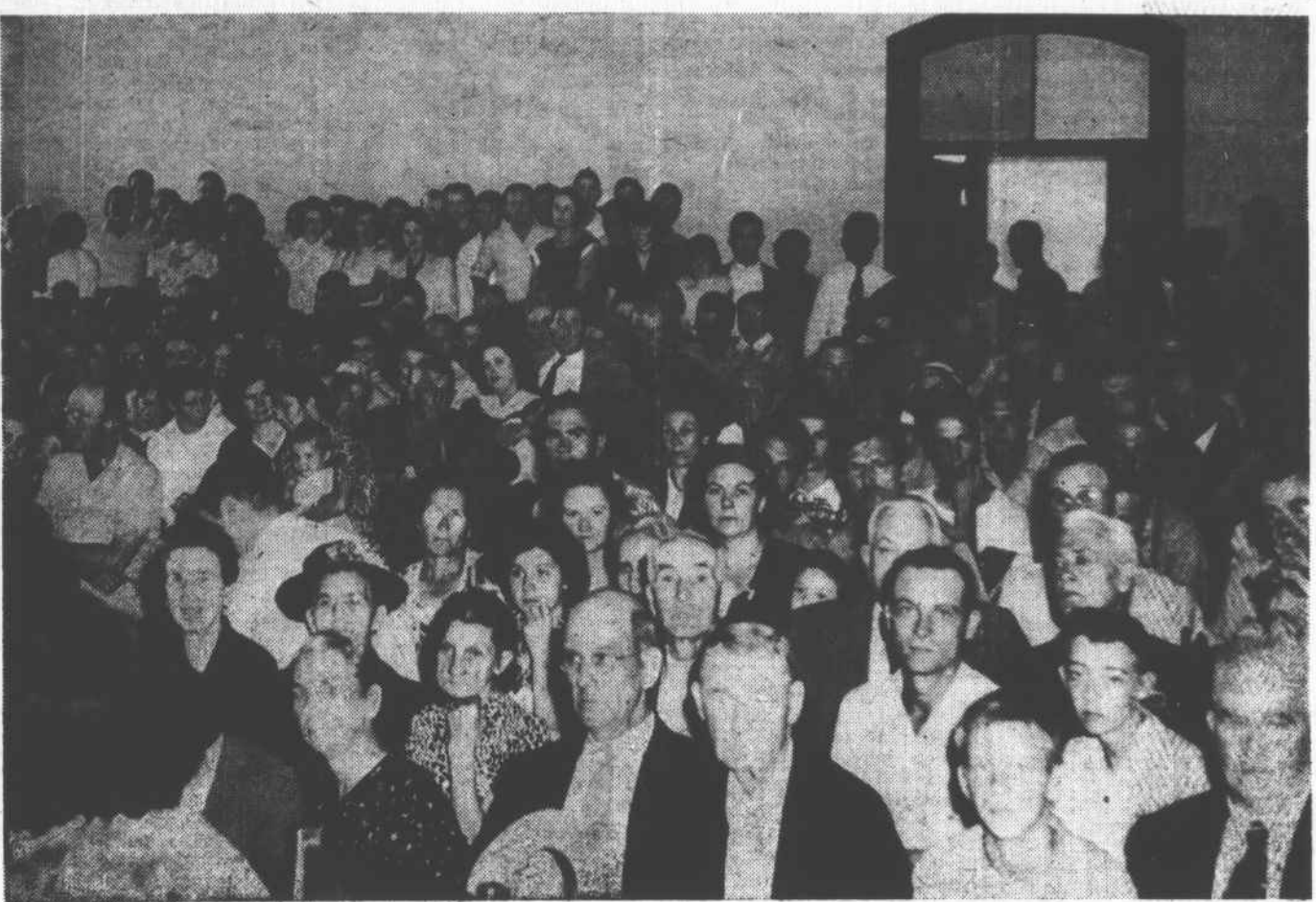
Judge Thaddeus Dillard Bryson, 76, father of Thad D. Bryson, Jr., of Franklin, died at his home in Bryson City Monday. He had been ill since 1947.

Mr. Bryson, a retired superior court judge and former professor of law at Duke university, was born October 4, 1873. For eight years he was solicitor for what is now the 20th judicial district, and from 1918 until retiring was resident judge of the district.

In 1927 Judge Bryson became professor of law at Duke, retiring there in 1947, due to ill health.

PLAN HIGDON REUNION

The Higdon family reunion will be held at the old Higdon home place Sunday, September 17.



Shown above is a part of the crowd that packed the courtroom here Tuesday morning, when Curtis Shedd was scheduled to go on trial for his life. Although word had got around that the case probably would be postponed, by 9 o'clock people were in line on the stairways, with the queue extending out into the street, waiting for the doors to be opened. The crowd was about equally divided between men and women.

Reproduction Film Is Shown To 3 P. T. A.'s

The showing of a sex education film and a talk by Mrs. Virginia S. Swain, family life specialist at N. C. State college, highlighted a picnic supper and joint meeting of the Cartoogechaye, Cullasaja, and Franklin Parent-Teacher associations at the Cullasaja school Monday night.

More than 75 persons attended the meeting, which was called for the showing of the sex education film, and for a discussion of the use of such films for teaching sex education in the local schools.

W. G. Crawford, principal of the Cullasaja school, presided, and Mrs. Allen Siler, president of the Franklin P. T. A., introduced Mrs. Swain.

Mrs. Swain told the group that Monday night's meeting was the second session for both men and women that she had attended, and she was very pleased with the large attendance of both men and women.

Parents should make it a point to win the confidence of their children, she emphasized, and should endeavor to help them develop the right attitudes toward sex.

"When a child starts asking questions about sex," she said, "parents should give simple answers and only answer the questions asked."

Developing the right attitudes, she told the group, will help make successful marriages and happy family relationships.

The film shown to the group was captioned "Human Birth," and is being used in many North Carolina schools to teach sex education.

No Inspector For New Schools To Be Named By County

No county inspector will be appointed, as originally planned by the county school board, to supervise the construction of the Nantahala, Franklin high, and Franklin elementary schools, Guy L. Houk, county school superintendent, has announced.

There is no need at the present time, he said, to name anyone to the position, since construction on the schools is hardly under way.

Mr. Houk said that the county would be able to use the services of T. R. Threlkeld, inspector for Ronald Greene, Asheville, architect, who drew the plans. Mr. Threlkeld now lives in Franklin, and is devoting his time to inspection of the construction of schools for his firm.

"It would be purely a waste of money," he said, "to appoint a man when Mr. Threlkeld can give the county this extra service along with his regular duties."

Crawford And Greene Enlist In Air Force

Grady J. Greene, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Greene, of Franklin, Route 1, and Gilmer Lee Crawford, 21, son of Mrs. Gilmer L. Crawford, of Franklin, were enlisted in the U. S. Air Force for four years August 23 in Charlotte, Sgt. David Calhoun, recruiter for Macon County, announced. Both young men are graduates of Franklin High school, and are at present taking basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

WILL HOLD SALE

The Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a rummage sale Saturday on Main street, near the courthouse.

Demonstration Of Farm Machinery Is Postponed

The farm machinery demonstration scheduled for yesterday (Wednesday) morning on the Will Parrish farm at Otto was canceled because of wet ground, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall announced. He said the demonstration will be moved ahead, tentatively to September 15, and the actual date will be announced later.

Sutton Calls Meeting Of Franklin Teachers

R. G. Sutton, principal of the Franklin high school, has called a meeting of the Franklin school teachers for September 6 at 2 p. m. at the Franklin school, he announced this week.

Will Hold YD Meeting Here On Saturday

A county-wide meeting of the Young Democrats organization will be held at the courthouse Saturday night at 8 p. m.

As part of the evening's program, Roy Taylor, Buncombe county representative and active member of the North Carolina general assembly, will speak. String music and other entertainment are being planned.

One of the principal items of business will be the election of officers for the coming year and the election of delegates to attend the state convention of Young Democrats, which will be held in Asheville September 16-17.

All members and persons interested in the Democratic party are invited to this rally, which is the first of a series planned for this fall.

Leach Wins Suit Against R. A. Patton

The oft-tried Frank Leach-R. A. (Bob) Patton damage suit ended with a verdict in Mr. Leach's favor last Wednesday in Macon superior court.

The jury awarded the plaintiff \$1,600 and one-fourth interest in certain unsold lots in the Golf Course development here.

The issue was whether Mr. Leach was a partner in the real estate firm which sold the golf course property at auction several years ago, or was an employee of Mr. Patton. Mr. Leach claimed he had a one-fourth interest in the firm, and was entitled to one-fourth of the firm's receipts for making the sale (less what he already had received) and one-fourth interest in the lots owned by the firm. The jury decided the case, which previously had twice ended in mistrial, in his favor.

A check for \$100, made payable to Mr. Leach and signed by Mr. Patton, was introduced in evidence. Mr. Leach testified that he wrote the check and Mr. Patton signed it. The check, as introduced, bore the notation "in full", but a photostatic copy made by the Charlotte bank which cashed the check did not show the notation.

Other cases on the civil docket heard by Judge J. "Will" Pless, Jr., were:

Helen Swafford vs. Harold Swafford, hearing transferred before Judge Dan K. Moore, resident judge of 20th judicial district.

Bonnie Higdon Guffey vs. McKinley Guffey, divorced granted.

Gladys T. Holbrook vs. James Swift Holbrook, divorce granted.

James Hall vs. Agnes Hall, divorce granted.

Alex Hopkins and wife, Bonnie Hopkins vs. Belton Waldroop and wife, Annie Mae Waldroop, case referred to Edwin B. Whitaker, of Swain county.

Mrs. Mary S. Higdon vs. Harry M. Strain and others, dismissed as of non-suit.

W. M. Conner vs. Fred Burnette et al, case remanded to the clerk for further proceedings.

Charles E. Palmer vs. Louisa E. Palmer, divorce granted.

J. C. Dalton vs. Vira Keesler Patton, action abated; Dalton deceased.

NO DATE SET; CASE MAY BE TRANSFERRED

Deferment Necessitated By Death Of Father Of Solicitor

The Shedd murder trial, which was scheduled to open here Tuesday morning, was postponed, due to the death Monday night of the father of Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr.

No date was set for the trial.

The announcement of the postponement, made at the convening of court at 10 a. m. Tuesday, was heard by a crowd that filled every seat in the courtroom, with many standing in the rear. The crowd was about equally divided between men and women, and a few children were present.

Walter Dean, deputy sheriff, convened court, and then announced that, because of the death in the solicitor's family, the murder case was "automatically postponed", with no new date set for its trial. Acting on telephone instructions from Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., who was not present, he told the second week jurors and the 60 veniremen summoned for jury duty that they were "dismissed but not discharged". If they were needed later this week, he said, they would be notified.

He then recessed court until 10 o'clock this (Thursday) morning.

At the opening of court this morning, Judge Pless is expected to impose sentences on several defendants whose trials have been held, but on whom judgment has not been pronounced. Most of these cases came up the first week of court.

The defendant, Curtiss Shedd, 29-year old Walhalla, S. C., confessed killer of three, was not present.

In the courtroom, however, was his 31-year old wife, bespectacled blonde, whose face indicated extreme weariness. Also present was Roy L. Boyter, brother of John Boyter. It was John Boyter and his two daughters, Jonnie Mae, 14, and Jo Ann, 8, also of Walhalla, whose slayings Shedd has confessed.

When Shedd will go on trial is problematical. Local officials expressed doubt that the case will be tried at this term of court, which ends Saturday.

If it isn't, it would be deferred until the December term, in the normal course of events.

A special term of Macon superior court for the trial of the case could be ordered by the governor, however, or the case could be transferred to another county which will have a regular term earlier than December. The next regular court in this district is that in Haywood, which will be convened September 18.

Another possibility would be for this state to surrender Shedd to Georgia for trial. The killing of Boyter occurred in that state, while the two girls met death near Highlands, in this county.

In recessing court Tuesday, Mr. Dean told the second week jurors and special veniremen that, even if they are not called back, they can come in next week, prove their attendance, and receive a day's pay for reporting Tuesday.

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	82	46	00
Thursday	80	54	00
Friday	80	56	.69
Saturday	76	57	.84
Sunday	76	57	.38
Monday	77	57	.62
Tuesday	81	56	.19
Wednesday	82	62	1.65

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)
Wednesday, none; Thursday, none; Friday, none; Saturday, .07 of an inch; Sunday, .03; Monday, .11; Tuesday, .19; Wednesday, 1.42.