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Moore Will Open Court Term Here

Shelton Slaying Tops Criminal Docket; Cases For Trial Are Listed

With the opening of Superior Court here Monday morning, Judge Dan K. Moore will face a criminal docket marked by a murder case and a large number of motor vehicles violations.

On trial for murder will be 34-year-old Mrs. Hazel Stuffel, who has been held in the county jail without bond since the October 22 pistol slaying of her step-father, Kenneth T. Shelton, at the Shelton home near Franklin. Mrs. Stuffel's son, Gene, 14, and the slain man's wife, Mrs. Gertrude Shelton, also are to appear in court in connection with the slaying, which climaxed a family squabble. Mrs. Shelton has been free on \$2,000 bond. Mrs. Stuffel has confessed to the shooting.

Court officials predict the murder trial will consume a large part of the opening week and trial of civil matters is not scheduled to begin until the following Monday, December 12.

In the number of cases pending, this term's docket is about "average," according to Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, clerk of court. About 100 new cases have been docketed since the August term. In addition, the clerk said there are 40 hold-overs from prior terms.

Cases docketed for trial on the criminal calendar include:

R. L. Anderson, abandonment; Clyde Jerome Simonds, drunk driving (2nd offense); Truman Moody, assault on a female; Bobby Lee Potts, speeding; Sidney Sutton, non-support of illegitimate child; Donald Lee Henson, non-support of illegitimate child; Ralph Homer Davenport, no driver's license; Ralph E. Baldwin, drunk driving (2nd offense), no driver's license; Charles Ray Norton, drunk driving; Harville Miller Parks, speeding; Charles Marshall Mincey, drunk driving; Samuel Lawson Shook, aiding and abetting drunk driving; James Marion Spencer, speeding; Robert Dersch, drunk driving, operating on restricted license, possession of non-paid whiskey; Robert A. Patton, aiding and abetting to drunk driving, possession of whiskey; E. L. Kennemore and John Deal, theft; Eddie Cleo Dalton, drunk driving; H. H. Roberts, assault on a female; Ernest Arwood Lyons, aiding and abetting to drunk driving, permitting non-licensed person to drive; Betty Higdon Rogers, stop sign violation; Arnold B. Garrison, drunk driving; Irvin J. King, escaping prison; Lewis Crane, escaping prison; William Hasea Cook, drunk driving, improper brakes, reckless driving; Add Thacker, fraud; Charlie Ray Dillard, drunk driving; Mell A. Cowart, drunk driving; Jimmy Thacker, fraud; Leona Norton Meadows, reckless driving; Frank Alton Holden, Jr., drunk driving; Jessie Gaillard Ledford, drunk driving; Henry Odell Stiwinter, drunk driving, reckless driving, speeding; Arthur Wilborn Moore, driving after license revoked.

Herbert Lake McClure, drunk driving, no driver's license; Everett Ducker, escaping prison; Lewis SEE NO. 1, PAGE 3



Judge Moore

Soil Election Called To Pick New Supervisor

An election is scheduled county-wide the week of December 5-10 to pick a supervisor for the Macon County Soil Conservation District.

Two men, W. W. Sloan and Edwin J. Bradley, have been nominated for the post by petition.

Mr. Sloan is a present member of the three-man board, ending the unexpired term of E. J. Whitmire, resigned. The other two members are J. S. Gray and Robert Parker.

A new supervisor is elected annually for a term of three years. Ballot boxes will be placed at the following locations: Farmers Federation, Downs and Dowdle, Sealy Post Office; Grady Henry Service Station; C. T. Bryson Store; Tom Rickman's Store; Carl Morgan's Store; Pressley's Store; Hopkins' Store; Fouts' Store; Ed McCoy's Store, Riverside Service Station, county agent's office, Owenby's Store, and the soil conservation office in the post office building.

Macon Third In Retail Sales In '54

In 1954, Macon County ranked third in this area in retail trade, but pulled into second place in per capita expenditures.

With 154 retail establishments, the county's trade during the year was \$9,970,000; giving an average per business of \$64,740, and on the basis of the 1950 census (16,174), a per capita expenditures of \$616.

Included in the area survey are Macon, Jackson, Swain, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, and Transylvania. Figures came from a retail trade report recently released by the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development.

In the seven-county area, Cherokee was tops in retail trade with 173 establishments doing \$10,093,000. In second place was Transylvania with 131 and \$10,036,000.

Transylvania led in per capita expenditures with \$690; Macon was second with \$616; Swain third with \$571; Cherokee fourth with \$546; Jackson fifth with \$458; Clay sixth with \$439; and Graham last with \$282.

In average sales per business, Transylvania again led with \$76,611. Macon was second with \$64,740 and Jackson third with \$60,021.

Retail establishments in the year numbered 38,056. Total sales hit \$3,230,610,000.

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F. F. A. And 4-H's Entertaining Tonight

Members of the Franklin Future Farmers of America and county 4-H clubs tonight (Thursday) are entertaining local businessmen who supported them at the recent W. N. C. Fat Stock Show and Sale.

A special dinner will be served at 7 o'clock in the high school cafeteria.

CAKE WALK AT CHAPEL

A cake walk, and other entertainment, is on tap Saturday night from 7 to 11 at Chapel School. It has been announced.

DEER KILLS THIS YEAR ARE LARGEST

59 Bagged By Hunters In Standing Indian; 10 In Wayah Reserve

Fifty-nine bucks — an all-time high — had been bagged by hunters in the Standing Indian area at sundown Monday.

Total number of hunters in the area since the deer season opened November 21 was not immediately available. However, 252 were reported on opening day.

In the Wayah area, only 10 bucks had been killed through Tuesday. Approximately 150 hunters had signed into this area since opening day.

The season ends Saturday.

TB Christmas Seal Drive On

A mail campaign this week kicked off the annual tuberculosis Christmas seal sale.

Fred S. Dowdle, chairman, has mailed 900 letters, each containing 100 seals. He hopes to realize at least \$1 per letter for the seals.

This year's quota is approximately \$600, the chairman said.

In reviewing the 1955 services offered by the local tuberculosis association, Mr. Dowdle reported that a mobile X-ray unit financed by TB contributions screened 3,712 persons in this county. Of this number, 3,694 were essentially negative to tuberculosis, two showed active tuberculosis, two inactive, and 14 showed other pathology unknown to the individual. In addition, the association rendered aid to families with relatives confined to sanatoriums.

CHAPEL P. T. A. MEETING

The Chapel P. T. A. will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30, it has been announced. Appearing on the program will be Mrs. Weimar Jones, former district P. T. A. official, and Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse.

Hospital Tax Proposal Beat In Township

By more than three to one, voters of the Highlands Township turned thumbs down on a proposal to support and maintain the Highlands Community Hospital, Inc., with tax money.

Balloting in a special election Tuesday of last week, they defeated the issue by 367 to 108.

The total vote was 485. Election officials reported 10 spoiled ballots.

By an act of the last General Assembly, the voters of the township were authorized to vote on whether or not a 40 cent per hundred valuation levy would be charged to support the hospital.

Local Teams To Open Cage Season Today

Franklin's lads and lassies will open the 1955-56 cage season tonight (Thursday), instead of tomorrow, as previously announced.

They will meet Webster teams in the Sylva High gymnasium. The girls will play at 7, the boys at 9.

Probable starters for the girls will be Mavis Gibson, Lucy Henry, and Carolyn Dowdle, in the forward slots, and Jean Sutton, Jean Phillips, and Frances McClure, in guard positions.

For the boys, Morris Jones is the probable center, Mitchell Houston and Bill Mendenhall, forwards, and Crawford Moore and Tommy Gnuse, guards.

Other girls on the traveling squad are forwards Betty Jean Allen, Joan Mincey, Bonnie Lee Geneva Garrett, Gladys Dehart, and Judy Mashburn, and guards Melba Moses, Jean Moffitt, and Sybil Labone.

Boys traveling are center J. L. Henry, forwards Willard Smith, Bruce Houston, Gary Clark, Frank McSwain, Lewis Cabe, and Don Henry, and guards Tony Orr, James Stuart, and Gilmer Henry.

Low Bids Received For Georgia Project

New Project In Jackson To Help Travel From Here

A new highway project in Jackson County that will provide improved travel between Franklin and Cullowhee has been disclosed by District Highway Engineer C. W. Lee.

The project, which probably will be let in December or January, is in Jackson. A relocation and paving of 4.7 miles, it will run from Speedwell to about half way up the mountain toward the Macon-Jackson line on Ellijay.

When this project is completed, Mr. Lee said funds already have been set up to pave the remainder of the road across Ellijay and into this county to the end of the present blacktop at the foot of the mountain. This will be done by state highway forces and will cover about eight miles. Mr. Lee said it probably will be done next spring.

This paving will see a hard-surfaced road running all the way to Cullowhee from here.

At the present time, more than 35 students in this county travel the gravel road across Ellijay to Western Carolina College, Cullowhee.

Mercury Brings On 'A.O. Day' In Macon

Tuesday was "A.O. Day" in Macon County: "anti-freeze and overcoat day".

The mercury tumbled to 7 degrees in Franklin and stayed around the freezing mark most of the day. The high was 37.

High mark a week ago (Nov. 22) was 74.

TAYLOR DIES IN FLA.

It has been learned here of the death on November 21 of Route 2, Taylor in Wauchula, Fla. Mr. Taylor has had a summer home in Highlands for some nine years.

Graham And Sons Low For Grading And Surfacing Job

W. E. Graham and Sons, of Cleveland, was low bidder for grading and paving a 12.46-mile link of US 23-441 from Franklin to the North Carolina-Georgia state line.

The company's bid was \$507,863.50.

Structures, Inc., was low for erecting structures with \$140,099.30.

A bid of \$27,935 submitted by Bower and Hurley, Jefferson, was low for moving buildings.

The bids, opened Tuesday, are subject to the approval of the State Highway Commission, which will review them tomorrow (Friday).

Meanwhile, Resident Engineer S. T. Usry has filled in with some facts about the long-awaited project:

Ten structures—one bridge and nine culverts, some four-barreled—are called for on the job.

Grading operations will entail moving approximately 800,000 yards of dirt.

The surface will be 22 feet wide. Right-of-way is 100 feet—50 feet to each side of the center line.

An estimated 100,000 tons of stone base will be used.

The project is expected to take two years to complete.

The highway will be closed to through traffic during construction.

CHURCH BAZAAR SET

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Mount Zion Methodist Church will hold a bazaar in the front office of the Nantahala Power and Light Company building Friday, December 2.

Proceeds will go to the church building fund.

FINDS WEATHER PARACHUTE

Geraldine Stockton, of Franklin, Route 2, reports finding a small parachute with a light attached. It is believed to be some kind of weather instrument.

THANKFUL FOR VISITS — 'Uncle Jim' Cloer Is 94

"Maybe the Lord knows how, I don't!" That's James (Uncle Jim) Cloer's philosophy on reaching the age of 94 this past Tuesday.

From his rocking chair, "Uncle Jim" apologized for not seeing and hearing too well. "I don't get around like I used to," he lamented.

"But I'm mighty thankful people come to see me once in a while," the old man added.

Son of Joshua and Louise Bates Cloer, "Uncle Jim" was born on Mason Branch. In his active life he farmed, did sawmill work, and "carpentered quite a bit".

He now lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Brown, near Otto. An individualist of the old

school, he "just refuses" to live in the main house with Mr. and Mrs. Brown. He has his own room in an out-building near the house.

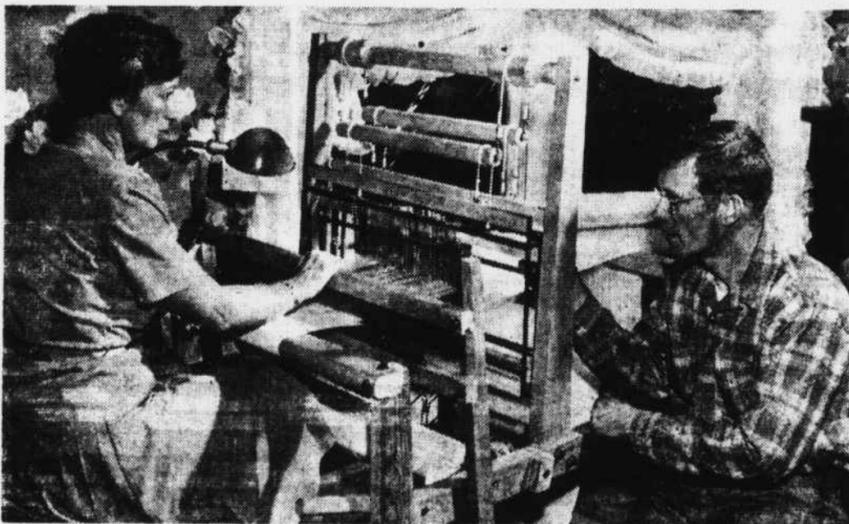
"The only time we can get him to come into the house with us is when he's not feeling well," Mrs. Brown revealed.

"Have my chair, Hattie," "Uncle Jim" invited his daughter, "so we can talk to these men."

"See what I mean?" Mrs. Brown said, motioning him back to his seat.

"Mighty glad you dropped by... come back and see me," said 94-year-old James Cloer, settling back in his chair.

(Longevity runs in "Uncle Jim's" family. His sister, Mrs. W. A. Setser, is 96).



MRS. JOHN BULGIN is shown weaving at the loom made by her husband, a "do-it-yourself" craftsman of considerable ability. Mr. Bulgin is making some adjustments in the machine, which has 77 moving parts.

'DO-IT-YOURSELF' — Bulgin's Latest Is A Loom

To John Bulgin, of Franklin, this new "do-it-yourself" craze is old hat.

For years he's qualified as a "do-it-yourself" craftsman and in some quarters it's held that he can make anything "he sets his mind to."

His wife is the latest recipient in his continuing chain of "do-it-yourself" items. Her gift is a handmade loom—a complicated little thing-a-majig on which she is currently turning out Christmas gifts.

The loom, consisting of 77 hand-made parts, is a scaled-down version of the one at Nonah Craft House on Cartoocchayee, where Mrs. Bulgin learned to weave. The metal gears were filed by hand.

Mr. Bulgin "looked over" the craft house model and decided to try his hand at making one.

His first model is now being used at Franklin High School.

He also made some operational changes in the loom's construction—"tail for the better, I think."

One of his other "spare time" items of note is the wrought iron stove in the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Bulgin's "bread and butter" job is chief machinist at Nantahala Power and Light Company.

Miss Hays Resigns As Henderson Agent

Miss Patricia Hays has resigned as assistant home agent in Henderson County to continue her school work.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hays, of Franklin, she has held the post for a year. Her resignation is effective today (Thursday).

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer, in Highlands by Duke N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Tue., Nov. 22	74	22	
Wednesday	65	41	.70
Thursday	66	37	
Friday	49	35	.26
Saturday	61	24	trace
Sunday	59	23	
Monday	51	26	
Tuesday	37	7	

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Tue., Nov. 22	73	24	.99
Wednesday	72	45	
Thursday	63	35	.11
Friday	49	36	.33
Saturday	58	25	
Sunday	58	24	
Monday	43	30	
Tuesday	37	10	



James (Uncle Jim) Cloer

This Is 'Safe Driving Day'. Drive Carefully—Today And EVERY Day.