

New Sheriff, Other Officials Take Office

200 Witness Ceremony As Broome Repeats Oath

Sheriff Robert K. Broome and other DeKalb county officers chosen in the November general election will assume office today and, except for the Legislators, have taken their oath of fealty to Georgia.

Mr. Broome, whose father, the late William L. Broome, served as sheriff from 1946 to 1951, took his oath in the Superior court room at 3 p. m. Tuesday before some 200 friends and well-wishers. Mrs. Katherine Mann, ordinary, administered the oath. Afterward the group was led in prayer by the Rev. J. W. Veatch of the First Methodist church.

"I am sure my father is proud and happy as he looks down on this scene today," Mr. Broome

told his friends. "I will do everything possible to advance the interest of DeKalb county. Please call on me when I can be of any service to you. And I want to feel free to call on you in carrying out the duties of my office."

Cherry Takes Oath

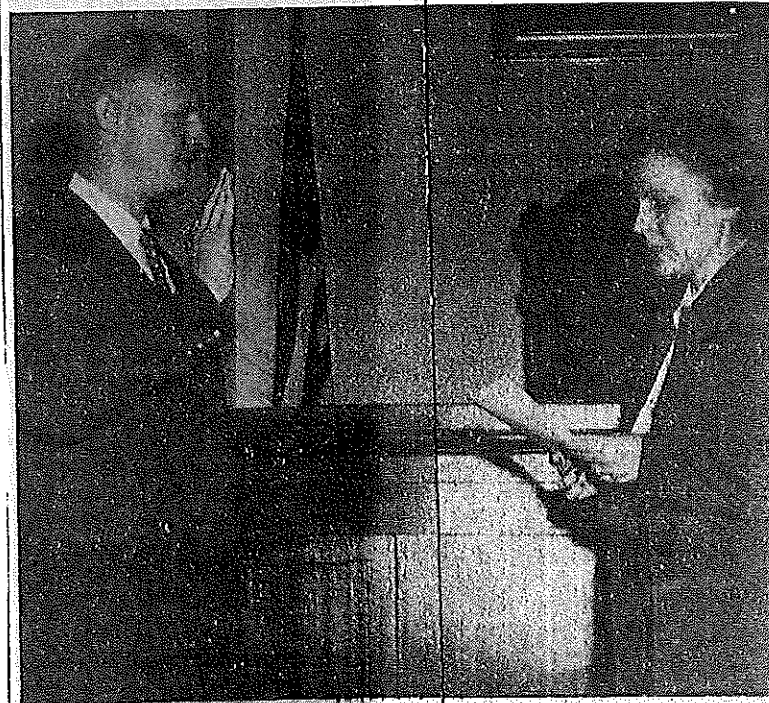
Under an amendment to the State Constitution, Superintendent of Schools Jim D. Cherry was elected this year by the Board of Education rather than the public, but was sworn into office Wednesday morning by Mrs. Mann. The ceremony was attended by members of the board and friends of Mr. Cherry.

Judge Frank Guess of Superior court and Mrs. Mann had the unusual experience of administering the oath of office to each other, in accordance with provisions of the Constitution.

Judge Oscar Mitchell of the Civil court took his oath of office at the Capitol in Atlanta.

Others to whom Mrs. Mann administered the oath were: Roy O. Leathers, solicitor general of the Superior court; Ben C. Burgess as clerk of the Superior court; W. Fred Nash as tax commissioner; Gordon Nalley as surveyor; and E. C. Harvey as coroner.

The three members of the Legislature from DeKalb county — W. Hugh McWhorter, A. Mell Turner and Guy W. Rutland, Jr. — will be sworn in by the justice of the Georgia Supreme court when that body convenes January 13.



BECOMES SHERIFF — Robert K. Broome takes the oath of office administered by Ordinary Katherine Mann to begin his term as sheriff of DeKalb county, succeeding Clem Jolly. — New Era staff photo.

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HARTWELL

Robert Broome, 78, former DeKalb sheriff

STAFF AND NEWS SERVICES

Robert Keith Broome, 78, of Hartwell was a former DeKalb County sheriff and Atlanta area Superior Court judge.

He died of complications from Alzheimer's disease Monday at Anderson (S.C.) Area Medical Center. The body will be cremated.

The memorial service will be 11 a.m. Monday at Sharon Presbyterian Church. Strickland Funeral Home of Hartwell is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Broome was a Superior Court judge of the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit 1975-1979, but he was most proud of his work as DeKalb County sheriff from 1953 to 1965, said his wife, Elizabeth Howell Broome.

"He wanted to be as sensitive and humane as possible when dealing with children and criminals as well," she said. "He felt he was contrib-



Robert Broome also served as a metro area Superior Court judge.

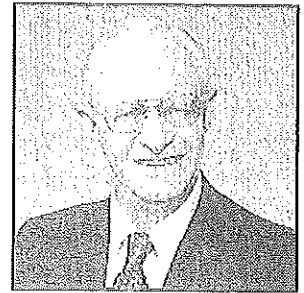
uting most to society as sheriff."

He was the first president of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association and was a graduate of John Marshall Law School and Emory University.

He retired to Hart County, on the South Carolina line, in the 1980s.

Other survivors include two sons, Robert Keith Broome Jr. of Norcross and James Dallas Broome of Suwanee; a daughter, Katherine Zachary of Middleton, Conn.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

BROOME



JUDGE ROBERT K. BROOME

The Honorable Judge Robert Keith Broome, 78, of Hartwell, died Monday, August 13 at Anderson Area Medical Center. Born in Greene Co., GA, he was the son of the late William Lovick Broome and Kate Maltby Harper Broome. He was a graduate of John Marshall Law School and Emory University. He was a former Superior Court Judge in the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit (1975-1979), and former DeKalb Co. Sheriff for 12 years (1953-1965). He was a partner in the Law Firm of Rich, Bass, Kidd and Broome, Emeritus member of the Georgia Bar Association, founding member of the DeKalb Co. Jaycees, founding member of the Georgia Sheriffs Association and its first president and former Grand Master of the Pythagoras Masonic Lodge of Decatur. He was a former member of the Decatur First United Methodist Church and attended the Sharon Presbyterian Church of Hartwell. He was a WWII U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran where he flew "The Hump", a job of flying supplies back and forth across the Himalayas to supply General Clare Chenault's Troops. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Howell Broome of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Keith Broome, Jr. of Norcross and Mr. and Mrs. James Dallas Broome of Suwanee; one daughter, Katherine Zachary of Middleton, CT; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive. A memorial service will be held Monday, August 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sharon Presbyterian Church, with Dr. Lawton Daugherty officiating. Entombment will be in the Garden at Sharon. The family will receive friends after the memorial service in the church Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sharon Presbyterian Church, 275 Sharon Church Rd., Hartwell, GA 30643 or to The United Methodist Children's Home, 500 South Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030-9982. The Strickland Funeral Home of Hartwell is in charge of all arrangements for The Honorable Judge Robert K. Broome. (706)376-3901.

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Robert Broome

Plan To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. White of Decatur announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce Marie, to Robert Keith Broome, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Broome; also from Decatur.

Miss White received her B.S. degree in early childhood education from Georgia State University and is currently employed by the DeKalb County Board of Education.

Mr. Broome attended Atlanta Baptist College and Georgia State University. He is presently self-employed as a building contractor.

The wedding will be Nov. 18 at the Chapel, First United Methodist Church of Decatur.



JOYCE WHITE