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W. M. PYRTLE KILLED BY NEGRO

Tragedy Occurred At Home Of John Hairston, Colored, Near Walnut Cove, Sunday Night. And Hairston Admits Committing The Crime—Two Ne- groes Held In Jail Here.

Early Monday morning of this week Sheriff John Taylor had a telephone message saying that a man had just been found dead in his car near Walnut Cove, on the old Pine Hall road, with a bullet hole in his right chest and another in his leg.

A hurried investigation revealed the fact that the dead man was W. M. Pyrtle, of the Kernersville community, and after further investigation and inquiry, John Hairston, colored, who resided nearby, was arrested and admitted that he shot Pyrtle while engaged in a gambling game.

Sing Welsh, colored, who was present when the trouble started, was also arrested and is being held in the county jail at Danbury with Hairston.

Hairston made a statement when arrested to the effect that he shot three times when Pyrtle attempted to strike him with a "black jack," and that after he shot him through the right lung and the leg Pyrtle said he could drive home if Hairston would help him to his car. Officers believe it to be absolutely untrue that Pyrtle drove the car after being shot.

The fact is that the "rumble" seat of Pyrtle's car, had blood in it, and the officials believe that Hairston first put the dead man in the rumble seat and drove him a mile down the road, then put him on the front seat behind the steering wheel where he was found early Monday morning.

Hairston, who is a very disreputable negro, and has served on the Stokes roads, admits that he sold Pyrtle a pint of whiskey before they started the "crap" game, and when arrested by Sheriff John Taylor and deputies he had two pistols on his person. Hairston only recently shot a negro woman in Walnut Cove.

Pyrtle was said to have had about \$80 in his pocket when he left home Sunday, but when found Monday morning he had only \$3.

He was a son of W. L. Pyrtle, of Greensboro, who, it is learned, is a native Stokes county man. Pyrtle was making his home with his brother, T. B. Pyrtle, near Kernersville. Several other bothers and sisters survive.

Stanley-Jones

Jimmy Jones, of Germanton, and Miss Viola Stanley, of Galax, Va., were united in marriage Dec. 25th at the home of the bride. The bride is one of the popular teachers in the Danbury school, while the groom holds a position in Rural Hall. The young couple have a host of friends who wish them much happiness.

Hays-Simmons

Engagement

Mrs. L. B. Simmons, of Walnut Cove, announces the engagement of her daughter, Nollie Mae to Robert Hays Jr., of Boston, Mass. The wedding will take place in the spring.

Interesting Items From The Cove

Walnut Cove, January, 2—The New Year was ushered into Walnut Cove quietly, without any celebrations. No business deals or changes in any of the business firms here have been heard of.

The ladies of the Eastern Star served their annual dinner to the masons and other guests on Tuesday evening in the dining room of the Stokes hotel. The room was artistically decorated in the holiday colors of red and green. The banquet tables held bowls of red berries with tall red tapers on either end. A delicious and beautifully appointed turkey dinner was served to about one hundred.

Mrs. Sarah Veach Ackerman, sister of Mrs. Laura Davis died at her home in Salem last Saturday. The funeral was held Sunday and attended by a number of Walnut Cove people.

A. J. Fair, who has been sick for sometime is said to be improving.

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones and Miss Nannie Jones spent the day Sunday with Mrs. Herbert Smith, at Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mathews spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. W. L. Vaughn.

Willis Campbell returned to Duke University to resume his studies. Robert Hedgecock and Billy Bowles have returned to Chapel Hill.

P. W. Davis, who underwent a major operation in Greensboro last Thursday is resting well and friends will be glad to know.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, and small daughter have returned home after a visit to relatives at Martinsville, Va.

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Moore of Winston-Salem visited Mrs. Moore's father, M. T. Chilton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed White, of Des Moines, Iowa are visiting Mrs. J. B. Woodruff. They have just returned from a few days visit to Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hairston and son, of Martinsville, Va. spent last week with their mother, Mrs. Julia Hairston.

Margaret the fourteen month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton is recovering from an attack of pneumonia and pleurisy.

Miss Kathleen Marshall underwent an operation at the Memorial hospital, Winston-Salem this week, friends will regret to know.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Davis spent Sunday in Winston-Salem.

Miss Elizabeth Bailey, of Asheville is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Miss Peggy Redline, of New York City who has been the guest of Miss Thelma Neal returned to her home today.

Miss Lavine Denny, of Greensboro visited Miss Helen Fulton this week.

Dr. and Mrs. B. N. Jones and children, of Winston spent New Year's day with Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones.

Mrs. A. T. Rothrock is quite sick at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewellyn attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Virginia Lewellyn in Winston-Salem today.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fulton and C. E. Davis went to Greensboro Sunday to see P. W. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slate, of High Point were visitors here

HELD HERE FOR N. J. OFFICIALS

W. B. Warren Arrested At Walnut Cove On Charge Of Rob- bing Home In New Jersey.

A telegram received at Walnut Cove Friday from Trenton, N. J., asked the railway officials to hold a trunk that had been shipped there to one W. B. Warren, the sender of the telegram alleging that the trunk contained clothing stolen from his home amounting to near \$1,000. Among the articles was a \$500 fur coat, it was stated.

Policeman W. M. Wheeler soon located Warren in Walnut Cove and arrested him for the Trenton officials. He is being held in Stokes jail here, pending the arrival of the New Jersey authorities.

A letter from the chief of police at Trenton states that Warren goes under several different names and is a very bad character.

J. F. DUNLAP TO OPERATE HOTEL

Former Stokes Sheriff Leases Dodson Hotel In Walnut Cove —Removed There From Dan- bury Monday.

Ex-Sheriff J. Frank Dunlap removed with his family from Danbury Monday to the Dodson hotel in Walnut Cove, which he has leased and will operate, opening for guests this week.

The Dodson hotel is an excellent brick building with 20 or 30 rooms and has steam heat, hot and cold running water and other modern conveniences. The hotel has enjoyed a nice patronage and friends of the ex-sheriff predict that he will make even greater success of it.

Since retiring from the sheriff's office Mr. Dunlap had his former residence in Walnut Cove remodeled and intended to occupy it but recently decided to remove to the hotel which had just become vacant.

Walnut Cove Route One

Walnut Cove, Route 1, Jan. 2.—Miss Blanche Marshall and brother Jones, of Windsor, Va., spent the Christmas holidays with Miss Bertha Richardson. Mr. and Mrs. Sefton Lewellyn visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Heath Friday afternoon.

The flu which has been raging in this section is not so bad now.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Richardson gave a turkey dinner Christmas day in honor of Miss Blanche and Mr. Jones Marshall. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Richardson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Heath and daughter, Lois, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Duggins, Miss Susie Southern, of Walnut Cove, and Mr. Harry Heath.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Duggins, Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Heath, and daughter, Lois and Mr. Clarence Richardson, motored to Roanoke, Va. for Christmas holidays, visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Duggins.

Virginia Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bailey who has been in a Winston-Salem hospital for several weeks as a result of an automobile accident has sufficiently recovered to be removed to the home of her aunt in Winston-Salem today.

ERROR IS CIRCULATED HERE

Roy Willard, In Stokes Jail On Charge of Bigamy, Did Not Marry Daughter of John E. Sisk.

Recently it became circulated in the county that Roy Willard who is in Stokes jail on a charge of bigamy, married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sisk, of Sandy Ridge Route 1. This is not true, as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sisk married Sammy Nelson, of Sandy Ridge Route 1.

The error probably became circulated on account of the similarity of names, of the two young ladies. Willard married Miss Alpha Jane Sisk, of Pinacle, as will be seen from the following statement by Register of Deeds Browder.

Sunday School Class Entertains

The Intermediate class of Mountain View Sunday School gathered at the home of Mr. E. C. Slate for a few hours of real pleasure. However, Christmas had already passed, but the spirit and good cheer that is with us on Christmas Day was ringing in the hearts and minds of each member of the class on that afternoon in the arm that pleasant evening.

The guests were warmly greeted at the door by Mr. Slate, who is the teacher of the class, and lead into the cozy living room which was beautifully decorated for the occasion with Christmas suggestions.

The evening was spent participating in interesting games and contests. Miss Clessie Ferguson and Harvey Bowles won the prizes of two contests. The "Rhyme and State" contests. Miss Huzie Ferguson and Hubert Barr was winner of the "Observation" contest.

Clever ideas were carried out in the selecting of partners for the contests.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. E. C. Slate, Marguerite Slate and Mattie Ferguson.

Those enjoying this jolly occasion were: Misses Alice George, Ella Burrow, Marguerite Slate, Agnes Slate, Nina Baker, Blumie Cramer, Irene Voss, Huzie and Mattie Ferguson, Lelah Bowles, Beulah Barr, Mary Salley, Clessie Ferguson, a guest of Miss Bowles, Dora Mitchell, of Bassett Virginia, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oakley's of Tobacoville, N. C. Messrs. Fred Slate, Oakley Hartgrove, "See" Baker, Thurman and Cecil Holland, Harvey and "Nick" Bowles, George Hugert, Robert and James Barr, "Speck" Voss, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Slate and Bartie Ellen Carroll.

The young people departed expressing their best wishes for a happy new year to Mr. and Mrs. Slate, and declaring that they had spent a lovely evening together.

Stokes Laurel For National Park

Last week Charley Martin, of Danbury, delivered to the keeper of the Guilford Court House National Military Park quite a lot of laurel and rhododendron to be transplanted in the park. The plants were secured near Danbury.

Save while you can and you'll not need when you can't.

Walnut Cove News And Society Items

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mitchell delightfully entertained Friday night at their home honoring their daughter, Ruth, the occasion being in celebration of her seventeenth birthday.

The guests were received by Miss Evelyn Mitchell who directed them to the spacious living room, which was attractively decorated with holly and mistle-toe together with a beautiful Christmas tree which was lighted by many vari colored lights and decorations.

After a while spent in music, conversation and games, a number of contests were held. Attractive prizes were awarded to Misses Frances Fulton and Frances Petree. The guests were invited into the dining room. The beautifully appointed table had as a central decoration a huge mound of cedar and holly and in this the lovely birthday cake with its white candles in pink rosebuds that spread a soft glow over the other special decorations, carrying out the color scheme of pink and white. A delicious salad course was served to about 25 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blum entertained at a lovely dinner Christmas day at their home in Winston-Salem.

The dining table had as a central decoration a miniature Christmas tree, four glowing red papers in silver holders carrying out the color scheme of red and green attractive place cards, suggestive of Christmas, designated the place of each guest. A delicious course dinner was served.

Covers were laid for: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Heath, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blum.

Mrs. C. H. Bunkemegn of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blum of Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Heath were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mitchell last Thursday evening.

Mrs. A. T. Rothrock, Thelma and Thomas Hardy spent last Friday afternoon in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hartman and Bob James were visitors in town Thursday.

Mrs. J. L. Mitchell spent the week-end with relatives in Hillsboro.

Mrs. J. H. Fowler spent Christmas holidays in Mount Airy with relatives.

Misses Alice and Frances Fulton spent last week with their mother Mrs. John G. Fulton.

Mr. A. J. Fair continues to be quite ill, friends will be sorry to know.

Tobacco Warehouses Opened Today

The first sales of the New Year were held at the Winston-Salem warehouses today when about 200,000 pounds of the weed brought an average of a little more than fourteen cents per pound.

Tom Tarheel says he knows a few good farmers in nearly every county who do not worry much about farm relief.

STOKES OFFICERS GET MORE STILLS

Large One Taken Saturday And Two Others On Sunday— Sam Shelton and Still Brought In Tuesday.

Sheriff John Taylor and deputies C. R. Lawson, A. G. Sisk, Corbett Priddy and Constable Rufus Mabe continue to follow up reports and bring in stills. At one time this week they had 8 reports.

On Saturday afternoon one of the largest stills so far located was seized, the copper had a capacity of near 120 gallons and was found in the Pine Hall section. Considerable beer was found but no whiskey, and no arrests were made, though the still was in operation when the officers arrived. As the still site was being approached the officers heard several pistol shots, which was supposed to have been a warning to the operators that the officers were approaching.

On Sunday afternoon two more stills were taken by the Stokes officers in northern Stokes over near the Virginia line. A considerable amount of beer was destroyed but no whiskey was found, and no arrests were made, as no one was found near either still.

Tuesday afternoon Sam Shelton was arrested when found at a still in Peters Creek township. The still and about five gallons of liquor was seized. Shelton will be given a hearing soon.

Preston-Hubbard

A wedding of interest to a wide circle of friends was solemnized at New York in the Little Church around the corner last Wednesday, Dec. 26, when Miss Martha Hubbard became the bride of Tom Preston. The vows were taken privately, only R. T. Chandler, of New York, an uncle of the bride, and L. W. Preston, of West Virginia, a brother of the groom, being present.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler of South Boston, Va. possessing a remarkable sweetness of disposition and a personality of rare charm. She is a graduate of State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Va. and has been a member of the faculty of the Pine Hall school for the past two years.

Mr. Preston is the son of A. W. Preston of Belevs Creek. He received his education at Elon College and is now a successful young business man of Pine Hall being engaged in the mercantile business there.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston are now at home to their friends at Pine Hall.

A number of excellent bulletins, free for the asking, are available from the extension service of State College to the farmer who would like to read the results of scientific research. A card to the agricultural editor will bring those desired.

Since good dairy cows are in demand at high prices, it may pay Tarheel dairymen to grow out the heifer calves from their best cows.

Legume hay provides the best roughage for dairy cattle and such hay is easily produced on the average North Carolina farm.