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CHARGED WITH SLAYING INFANT

Peter Stone in Stokes Jail Faces Charge of Murdering His Own 15-Months-Old Child—Stone Held Without Bail.

Peter Stone, young married man who moved to Stokes county from Virginia two years since, and who resided near the North Carolina-Virginia line, just north of Sandy Ridge, is being held in Stokes jail without bond on the charge of murdering his own 15-months-old child.

According to witnesses at a coroner's inquest held Friday last, the child died suddenly early Saturday morning, Aug. 17th, and was buried the following day. Before being buried it was rumored that bruises had been seen on the infant's head, with the result that foul play was suspected.

The facts were reported to coroner C. J. Helsabeck and Sheriff John Taylor, and on Friday the body was exhumed and an autopsy was performed at an inquest, the result being that fractures of the skull and bruises on the body were found, the coroner's jury returning a verdict that the infant came to its death from "blows on the head which caused fracture of the skull in two places."

Stone was promptly arrested and is being held in jail without bond pending a hearing next Monday at Danbury. Very little is known of Stone and his past by Sandy Ridge citizens, but it is reported that he is a man of bad reputation.

Stone denies beating the child and states that he does not know the cause of the infant's death.

Madison Man Is Drowned in River

Madison Aug. 21.—B. F. McGehee, 27, of this place, was drowned in Smith river, near Martinsville, Va., about 12 o'clock Friday night. Mr. McGehee was returning from Martinsville in an automobile with Whitt Wall, a young negro, of Madison, and, in rounding a sharp curve, the driver lost control of the car, and it went through the railing on the side of the road and rolled over into the stream, with the two occupants. The colored man managed to swim out and used his best efforts to save Mr. McGehee, but was unsuccessful. The body, however, was recovered later.

Mr. McGehee was a young man highly esteemed in the community. He was connected with the City Motor Company, of Madison. He is survived by his wife, who, before her marriage, was Miss Mary Webster, of this place, and a two-year-old daughter; also by his mother, Mrs. Fannie McGehee, of Baltimore.

Thomas Thore Has Stroke of Paralysis

Thomas Thore, aged and prominent citizen of Quaker Gap township, recently suffered a stroke of paralysis and is in a serious condition at present.

Anyway, the radio orator has to quit when his time is up.

COMMITTEE NAMED FOR STOKES CO.

All North Carolina Counties Asked To Prepare For Home Coming Week Oct. 13 to 19.

Stokes county is invited to join the other ninety-nine counties of North Carolina in having a Home-Coming Week Oct. 13 to 19, and the committee appointed by the Governor recently met in Raleigh and appointed committees in each county, who are expected to make preparation for the event in their respective counties. The personnel of the committee appointed for Stokes is as follows:

J. C. Carson, H. H. Leake, Jacob Fulton, A. J. Fagg, R. N. Browder, J. J. Taylor, H. M. Joyce, C. C. McGee, N. E. Pepper, E. P. Pepper.

It is likely that a meeting of the above named committee will be held at an early date and arrangements perfected for Home-Coming Week in Stokes.

The following letter received here recently gives an outline of the program suggested for the event, etc.:

Raleigh, N. C.,
Aug. 15, 1929.

There was a time when several thousand good citizens of North Carolina chose their places of residence in other states of our nation. Those were days when North Carolina hovered near the lower end of all lists giving the ratings of states in their order of accomplishments and progress. Those days, when we thanked God for the one or two states which were below us on all lists, are gone. Now we are setting our pace to keep abreast with the best states of the union.

North Carolina has made unequalled progress during the past twenty-five years and has now reached such a position amongst the states of the union that our 1929 Legislature decided by resolution (Resolution 17, Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1929) to invite all former citizens of this State who now live in other states to come back for a visit. Therefore, the Legislature of 1929 set aside the week of Oct. 13 to 19 as HOME-COMING WEEK and State Fair Week.

The central committee on HOME-COMING WEEK met in the Governor's office on Tuesday, July 30, and decided that it would be fitting for each county in North Carolina to have a home-coming on Saturday and Sunday of October 12 and 13. In order that your county may begin plans at once for your COUNTY HOME-COMING the committee named in Resolution No. 17 selected for your county the committee named on this letter. The county committee should have a meeting at once, elect a permanent chairman, expand the committee, and appoint additional committees, if it so wishes, and begin work without delay.

It is suggested that the home-coming program for the counties consist of a public meeting at the county seat, public speaking by some distinguished son of the county now living in another state or county, dinner, picnic or barbecue, and a sightseeing trip

TONSIL CLINIC HERE THIS WEEK

Twenty-Five Children Being Treated Each Day—Corps Of Doctors and Nurses With Temporary Hospital Doing Fine Work.

A corps of doctors, registered nurses and helpers, working under the direction of the State Board of Health, arrived here Saturday and on Tuesday morning of this week a tonsil and adenoid clinic was opened in the temporary hospital which they had fitted up in the school building.

The clinic is for school children between the ages of 6 and 12 years, and the little patients were selected last fall by Miss Lucile Pegram, when she visited all the schools of the county and examined several thousand children, notifying the parents of those who were found to have diseased and enlarged tonsils.

This week these children are being brought here to the clinic, twenty-five each day, and the clinic will continue for four days, treating one hundred in all. Applications for treatment have been received for more than 200 children, but only 100 can be treated. Up to this time fifty of the 100 children have been treated and all are getting along fine.

The personnel of the fine corps of physicians, nurses and helpers are as follows:

Dr. B. N. Jones, of Winston-Salem, surgeon; Dr. Lois Boyd Gaw, of Greensboro, attending physician; Miss Lucile Pegram, of Greensboro, Manager; Miss Flora Ray, of Sanford, head nurse; Miss Ruth Wells, of Greensboro, Miss Cora Beam, of Fallston; Miss Myrtle Thomas, of Sanford; Miss Bess Marshall, of Pamplin, Va.; Miss Mamie Shirley, of Winston-Salem; Miss Lois Hobbs, of Greensboro, registered nurses; Mr. Dewey Sappenfield, of Concord, general assistant; James Davis, janitor.

The members of this organization have conducted eighteen clinics in as many counties since May of this year, treating about eighteen hundred school children. They go from here to Asheboro for the next clinic.

Stokes Farmers Make Changes in Locations

Pleas H. Morefield, of the Hartman community, has sold his farm and will remove in the fall to the Lem Morefield place near Belews Creek. Abe Mabe will go with Mr. Morefield and make a crop on the farm purchased by Mr. Morefield. James Dodson, of Danbury Route 1, will remove in the fall to a farm on the Rock Hill road, in Southern Stokes. Harry Mabe, it is learned, will also likely remove to the Belews Creek community, leaving his present location on Danbury Route 1.

on Saturday, October 12. On Sunday, October 13, the churches might like to have native sons, now preaching elsewhere, return for sermons in the old home county.

Very truly yours,
J. W. HARRELSON,
Secretary to the Committee.

BIG HAUL MADE IN STOKES

Man, Car and Fifty Gallons of Whiskey Seized By Prohibition Agents Early This Morning Near Virginia Line.

J. H. Hodges, a former police officer of Lexington, was taken early today with 40 gallons of whiskey and 10 gallons of brandy on a Dodge automobile near the Virginia line in northern Stokes. Another man in the car with Hodges escaped.

The officers making the arrest were Prohibition Agents W. T. Kennedy and L. J. Trexler, and they stated that the car was not being "spotted." As it passed the officers the driver of the whiskey laden car made some suspicious moves and the car was held up. When this was done one of the men ran, and the other kept his seat.

The whiskey was poured out on the spot and the car and man were brought here where U. S. Commissioner N. A. Martin fixed Hodges bond at \$500, the bond being given promptly.

Studying The Highway Question

Today street and highway building absorbs a larger percentage of the tax dollar than any other item except schools.

The United States Chamber of Commerce, through committees, is studying the proper relationship of four chief sources of highway finance—general revenues, special property assessments, special taxes against the highway users and highway bond issues.

They will endeavor to determine when bond issues are justifiable and the best means of redeeming them, how gasoline taxes should be applied, what the property owner's contribution to the highway past his door should be, the proper relationship of the Federal government to the highway program and other important questions.

The improvement of secondary roads to open up the back country and relieve congestion on main highways is a question of outstanding importance.

Serving Fourteen Million Homes

The gas utilities of the United States are now serving approximately 14 million homes, of which 13 million have gas ranges.

New developments of the gas industry promise much for the future, such as automatic refrigeration, incineration and house heating and cooling. In both industrial and domestic life gas plays a steadily increasing part, as its efficiency, economy and cleanliness become better realized.

Rev. McKendree Long Preaching At Winston

Rev. McKendree Long, who is well known and greatly admired by hundreds of Stokes people, this week started a series of revival meetings at Winston-Salem. The services are being held in a tent at the corner of Mulberry and Academy streets, with services each night throughout this week and next. Mr. Long last year held revivals here and at Dan River Presbyterian church.

S. WILL RIERSON DIED TUESDAY

Prominent Walnut Cove Citizen Succumbs To Extended Illness—Other News Items and Personals.

Walnut Cove, Aug. 28.—S. Will Rierson, one of Walnut Cove's oldest and best citizens, passed away at his home here early Tuesday morning after an illness of more than a year. For the past several months Mr. Rierson had been critically ill and his death was not unexpected. The deceased was 72 years of age and was an excellent christian gentleman. He was an official in the Junior order here and was active in all religious and church work, having long been a faithful member of the M. E. church.

Mr. Rierson is survived by his wife, who is a sister of N. A. Martin, of Danbury, and by two sons, Charlie and Herbert, and three daughters, Mrs. Wilber Fowler and Misses Annie and Jean Rierson, all of Walnut Cove. A sister, Mrs. Nealie Rierson, and two grandchildren also survive.

Interment was made today in Stokesburg M. E. church cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Campbell, pastor of the M. E. church. The burial services were in charge of the Junior Order, of which he was a prominent member.

Mesdames J. W. Jones and Jacob Fulton, of Walnut Cove, and E. P. Pepper, of Danbury, were dinner guests of Miss Mattie Sue Taylor at Piedmont Springs Tuesday of this week.

Mesdames C. E. Davis and Howard Woodruff have returned from an extended western trip, visiting relatives and friends in Iowa and other States.

J. C. Bailey, Sr., who has been quite ill is improving. His daughters, Miss Elizabeth Bailey, of Asheville, and Mrs. W. G. McAloo, of Hendersonville, who have been at his bedside, have returned to their homes.

E. L. Vaughn and family are spending some time at Shattley Springs near West Jefferson.

Miss Sallie Matt Marshall was a member of a house party at Lake Waccamaw last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Adams spent a few days the past week in Winston-Salem with Mrs. Lizzie Rierson.

Miss Estelle Rierson, who holds a position with the S. P. U. Co., was at home last week on her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rothrock, Misses Thelma Rothrock and Frances Fulton spent Monday in Roanoke, Va.

Rev. D. W. Allen preached in Winston-Salem Sunday morning at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Rev. Clarkson, of Mt. Airy, filled Mr. Allen's appointment here on Sunday morning.

Stokes Banks Will Observe Labor Day

The banks of Stokes county at Danbury, Walnut Cove, Germanton and King will observe Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2nd.

If the rank and file of Russian and Chinese armies ever find out what they are fighting about it will be real news to them.

KING'S LIBRARY JOLNS SEPT. 16

A Number of Births Reported—Three Little Girls Undergo Operations—Personals—Items of Interest.

King, Aug. 26.—The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Spainhower, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. John McGee, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. James Vaughn, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mickey, a son; to James Jones, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Barker, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Escar Long, a son.

The King consolidated school will open September 16th. Prof. C. C. Carroll has been employed as principal again this year. A large attendance is expected for the opening.

Little Miss Pearl Bliss Walker, of Winston-Salem, is spending a few days with Misses Geneva, Thelma and Ozell Fulk.

Kermit and Homer Tuttle have purchased the business of the Hill Service station on east Main street and have already taken charge of the station.

Messrs. James Love and Walter J. White, of Winston-Salem, were among the visitors here Sunday.

Felix Harding, of Mocksville, is spending a few days here the guest of his uncle, Dr. H. G. Harding.

Oscar Calloway, of Winston-Salem, was here Friday looking after some business matters.

Little Francis Helsabeck, Rebecca Raines and Francis Hauser, all of whom underwent tonsil operations at a Winston-Salem hospital last week, have returned to their homes here and are getting on nicely.

Miss Jean Christy, of Emory, Va., is spending a few days with friends here.

David Calloway, of Boone, spent the week-end here the guest of relatives.

Bera W. Pullum and family, of West End, were visitors here Saturday.

Bryan White spent Saturday and Sunday with friends near High Point.

C. W. Patterson, of Pilot Mountain, was among the business visitors here Monday.

The Woman's Missionary Society of King Church met with Mrs. T. G. New Friday. "Jesus Is Calling" was used for the opening song, Mrs. W. H. Hauser led the first prayer, Mrs. New read the scripture lesson. The Frontier was the topic for the day. Several of the ladies took part in discussing the lesson. It was interesting to learn of the progress made in New Mexico. Miss Hattie Slate, secretary being absent, the roll was called by Mrs. W. H. Hauser. Seven members and three visitors were present. Mrs. C. T. McGee had charge of the program. During the social hour Mrs. New served delicious watermelon. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. C. D. Slate.

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Stokes Gets More School Money

From the second allotment of State school funds to the counties made by the Equalization Board last week, Stokes county gets \$1,061.12 more for her schools.