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Near Tragedy At Walnut Cove

H. H. WILLIAMSON FIRES TWICE AT CAR-WHEEL JAMES, ONE BULLET GRAZING JAMES' HEAD — JAMES DREW WEAPON ON WILLIAMSON, AFTER ORDERING HIM OUT OF VIRGE HAM'S BARBER SHOP — BOTH PARTIES ARRESTED, ARRANGE BOND — HEARING WAIVED BY WILLIAMSON

Harry H. Williamson, prominent Pine Hall citizen, ex-county commissioner, drew a revolver and fired twice at Car-wheel James, the first bullet grazing James' scalp, the second going wild.

The affair occurred at 3 P. M. today (Thursday) in Virge Ham's barber shop at Walnut Cove. James is a barber employed in the shop. Williamson had entered the shop and was sitting down awaiting his turn for a haircut, when he was accosted by James.

The particulars as related to the Reporter are that James ordered Williamson out of the shop, and that Williamson inquired if he (James) owned the shop. James seized a bottle of bay rum or some other hair tonic and advanced upon Williamson, with weapon drawn, when Williamson, who was in the act of going out, drew a pistol and fired twice.

Seven or eight persons were in the barber shop, these escaping hastily into an ante-room adjoining the barber shop when the gunplay started.

Mack Wall, a deputy Sheriff of Beaver Island township, was present. He took Williamson before magistrate Elkin Smith, who arranged bond for \$500.00. Williamson waived hearing.

James was then arrested, charged with assault.

The Reporter learned that there has been bad feeling between the two men for some time, growing out of a public school situation at Dillard or Pine Hall. It appears that Mrs. James had applied for a teaching position in the Pine Hall school, of which Williamson is one of the trustees or committee. Mrs. James' application was for some reason turned down. This incident, it is alleged, started the ill feeling which culminated in the affair as above stated.

Mr. Williamson was chairman of the board of county commissioners in Stokes for several years.

Charged With Seduction, Ed Moran Skips

Ed Moran, of Westfield, is missing from his home. Warrants have been issued for him charged with seduction of a young girl.

Scott Gets A Bill

Editor Reporter:

I understand Representative Scott has received a bill entitled "An Act Requiring Barber Shops to Provide More Exits and to Promote Easier and Safer Ingress and Egress, Especially Egress".

I think this bill should pass. CONSTANT READER. Walnut Cove, Jan. 29.

Mrs. R. L. Hall In Mount Airy Hospital

R. L. Hall, of Lawsonville, was here Tuesday. Mr. Hall informs the Reporter that his wife has been in the Mount Airy hospital for two weeks, where she sustained a serious operation, and that she must submit to a second operation probably this week.

Mrs. Evelyn McNairy, Stokes superintendent of welfare; Mrs. N. E. Pepper, her assistant, and Miss Evelyn Page, who is the chief of child welfare work in the county, attended a State conference of social workers at Raleigh this week.

Dallas Kirby At Mocksville

Mocksville, Jan. 28. — Dallas C. Kirby, local attorney, was bound over to Superior Court for operating an automobile while intoxicated and he and Dr. P. H. Mason, local dentist were each fined \$50 for an assault on Police Chief B. I. Smith after a hearing Monday before Magistrate F. R. Leagans. The defendants appealed to Superior court in the latter case.

The charges were based on an alleged occurrence last armistice day when Chief Smith attempted to arrest Dr. Mason for drunkenness and was resisted by him and Kirby, according to the complaints. Chief Smith was injured in the affray.

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawson, a baby girl. The mother and child are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gurner, of Winston-Salem, spent the weekend here with friends.

TERRIBLE AFFAIR NEAR STONEVILLE

ED MIZE KILLS FOUR PEOPLE INCLUDING HIS SWEETHEART MISS FRANCES GROGAN, HER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. BUD GROGAN, AND HIMSELF—TRIED TO KILL YOUNG THOMAS GROGAN.

Ed Mize, 50, shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Frances Grogan, 27, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Grogan at the Grogan home, four miles north of Stoneville, Tuesday afternoon and then shot himself at his home on the Mayo river, near Martinsville, Va., within the next two hours.

Mize left the bodies of his victims lying in the one-room but after a futile attempt to slay Thomas Grogan, 16, brother of the young woman with whom he quarrelled before the mass slaying.

Dr. C. R. Wharton, of Ruffin, Rockingham county coroner, said Mize killed the three members of the Grogan family and that an inquest was unnecessary.

Later, Sheriff Davis, of Henry county, Virginia, said that Mize had shot himself, and the Henry county coroner signed a certificate stating that death resulted from Mize's own hand.

Thomas Grogan was quoted by his uncle, Samuel Martin, as saying that Mize came to the Grogan home shortly after 1 p. m. and asked for Frances.

"I want my money," Mize was quoted as saying.

"I haven't got your money," the girl replied while nursing her three-year-old daughter, on her lap. "I've only got \$4 and you can have that if you want it."

"I don't want that, I want my money," Mize replied. "I'm going to have my money or I'm going to have blood."

Thomas Grogan was quoted as saying that Mize then drew his pistol and began shooting. He fired a bullet into Frances' head while the child was sitting on her lap. The child tumbled to the floor, striking her head on the floor and began crying.

Mize then shot Mrs. Virginia Grogan in the back of the head. She fell dead in front of the door.

Meanwhile, Mize had left the Grogan home in a truck with a boy known only to investigating officers as "Jack." He had remained in the truck while Mize had gone to the Grogan home.

Chief of Police G. E. Franklin, of Stoneville, who made the investigation, said Mize and Miss Grogan had been keeping company for sometime and recently made a trip to Florida together.

During the trip, Mize is alleged to have given Miss Grogan some money, some reports said it was \$400. He left Florida and returned home.

Young Grogan then fled from

A Good Insurance Company and a Live Agent.

W. M. Fulp, of Walnut Cove, was here Wednesday in the interest of his insurance company, the Security Life & Trust of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Fulp is just back from the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the company, at which a very fine report was made by the officers of last year's business. Each department showed substantial gains and fine progress. Business was increased 16.5 over the previous year.

Mr. Fulp is the agent of the Security Life & Trust Company in this territory and enjoys a splendid patronage of Stokes people.

22 Counties Report Schools Are Closed

Raleigh, Jan. 26. — State school authorities said today that 22 counties had closed rural schools because of rains.

Roads were left muddy and in some counties bridges were believed dangerous because of the long rains.

Schools in Rutherford and Catawba counties closed Wednesday.

S. W. Pulliam Wills Estate To His Wife

S. W. Pulliam, leading business man of King who died recently, leaves the bulk of his estate to his wife. The will of Mr. Pulliam, now a matter of public record, was probated here this week.

After making provision for the maintenance of the King Moravian church cemetery, and of the M. E. church cemetery, near King, Mr. Pulliam devised his estate to the sole use of his wife.

The estate is worth around \$40,000.

the house and said he did not know what became of his father.

Rescues Little Girl

After three shots had been fired, young Grogan returned to the house and got the three-year-old child to take her to safety. Young Grogan said that while he was running Mize fired three shots at him from the door of the Grogan home, but he was not hit.

Young Grogan found his father's body lying on a bed behind a door when he returned to the home after leaving the child at the home of his uncle, Sam Martin, about 100 yards from the Grogan home.

Mize committed suicide within an hour after the three members of the Grogan family were slain.

A single funeral service will be held for the Grogan family at the home of Sam Martin today at 2 o'clock. They will be buried in separate graves in the family cemetery near the home.

DAVID A. WHITE HANGS HIMSELF

GERMANTON FARMER COMMITTS SUICIDE IN STABLE AT HIS HOME — NO CAUSE ASSIGNED FOR ACT.

David A. White, Germanton farmer and life-long resident of Stokes county, was found hanged in a stable on his farm late Monday afternoon, his body suspended by a rope from a rafter.

Mr. White, about 60, had apparently been in good health, and no reason could be found for his act. He left his home about 4 o'clock, and after being gone for some time a search was started which resulted in the discovery of the body.

Mr. White is survived by his wife, one son, Evan White, of Germanton and one sister, Mrs. W. R. Petree of Stokes county.

Funeral services were conducted at Corinth Christian church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Death and Burial Of Nathan H. Scott

Rites were held in the Baptist church here Monday for Nathan H. Scott, aged 44, who died at his home a mile south of Danbury Saturday night after a lingering illness of paralysis. Services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Manuel, of Walnut Cove and by Pastor Davenport of the Baptist church here. Interment followed in the Danbury cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mallie Scott, and seven children, J. W. Scott, of Yanceyville, and Louise, Topsis, Juanita, Odell, Herbert and Herbert Scott, all of Walnut Cove, Route 1.

Stokes at Wake Forest

Two Stokes county men are among the 1,000 students enrolled at Wake Forest college this session, a check-up this week revealed.

Both of these men are from Pinnacle. They are:

J. H. Bowen, son of Mrs. J. W. Bowen.

C. T. Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hicks.

Bowen is a member of the junior class while Hicks is a senior in the academic school.

Alex Southern Makes Good Sale

Alex E. Southern made the following sale of tobacco at Taylor's Warehouse, Winston-Salem, last week:

100 pounds at 45.
44 at 66.
200 at 51.
106 at 56.
116 at 45.

ON WITH THE DANCE

PRESIDENT'S BALL AT DAN RIVER PARK NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT — ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH TO BE RADIOED BY E. M. TAYLOR — THE PROGRAM.

(Reported.)

The President's Ball will be held at Dan River park on Saturday night, Jan. 30, 8 P. M. The building will be comfortably heated, with good lights and an excellent floor. The hall will be decorated for the occasion with George Washington's picture, Roosevelt's picture and the American flag.

A big birthday cake—three tiers decorated with Roosevelt's picture, an eagle and American flag, dates, etc. will be on the cake. Inside the cake will be birthday fortunes. Each slice will be sold for 25 cents. Mrs. N. E. Pepper, of Danbury, will be in charge of the cake selling.

Mrs. Cable Mallonee will be in charge of a good orchestra.

The biggest crowd that has ever assembled in Stokes county is expected at this dance to have a pleasant evening.

Through the courtesy of E. M. Taylor, Radio Dealer of Walnut Cove, Roosevelt's speech will be broadcast.

A floor show will be presented at intermission.

Five minute talks will be given by Mr. J. L. Christian, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Hanes, Lawrence MacRae, Gilmer Sparger, Grace Taylor Stuart, and Ralph Scott.

Everyone is asked to register. Later the register will be sent to Warm Springs.

Chaperones will be: Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Hanes, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wright, Mr. and Mrs. James Charles Thompson, of Pinnacle, Sheriff and Mrs. J. J. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sisk, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Morefield, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fulton, Editor and Mrs. N. E. Pepper, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Byerly, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Davis.

Mrs. R. W. Sands and her helper will collect the money and tickets at the door.

Buy your tickets from Lois Martin, Mrs. Mary Gentry, Claudia Neal, Mrs. Jake Zimmerman, Mrs. Gilmer Sparger and Frances Petree.

Everybody is invited to come and help make Roosevelt's birthday ball a big success.

Mrs. J. Frank Martin has gone to Pittsburg, Pa. to visit her mother who is ill. Mrs. Martin is a native of Pittsburg.

W. W. Rhodes, of Danbury Route 1, was in town today.

Reed Venable, of Route 1, was in town Monday.