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## SUICIDE VERDICT IS RETURNED BY JURORS

The coroner's jury impaneled yesterday at the death of Don E. Herbert, son of State Senator J. C. Herbert, of Hayesville, Clay County, who died early yesterday morning shortly after he was found by the county authorities on the Swananoa road, found at the inquest held at Noland, Brown and company's undertaking parlors that the deceased had come to his death from a self inflicted wound. Miss Arey Watkins and Herman Owenby, held by the county authorities, were released following the report of the jury.

The principle witness in the case was Miss Watkins, of Andrews, who swore that she came to Asheville last Tuesday with Herbert, and that since coming here they had been spending most of their time driving around in automobiles. She testified that the deceased had been drinking a white liquid, which he had to weaken with ginger ale and water. The chauffeur who drove them on their last ride testified that it was alcohol.

Miss Watkins testified that they stopped shortly before midnight at the watering trough near the old Craig place on the Swananoa road to get water for Herbert to dilute his alcohol and then he offered her and Owenby a drink, but they refused.

The witness further testified that she and Herbert had asked the chauffeur where they could spend the night and he indicated an old house several hundred yards off the road. According to her testimony they then left the road for the house but as there had been a washout, it was not found practicable to get the car up to the house.

They sat down, Miss Watkins testified, by the side of the road and while the chauffeur was repairing the engine Herbert who had been talking about committing suicide all day, said to her, "I am going to kill you and then myself," but that when she began to cry and beg him not to kill her, he relented and said, "Oh, hush up I am not going to do that."

Other witnesses who testified in the case included Owenby, Deputy Sheriff Weldon Penland and Furman Ward. Their testimony, insofar as they were in a position to know the facts, corroborated in the main Miss Watkins' account of the shooting and incidents leading up to the suicide.

Miss Watkins, who lives at Andrews, N. C., stated to a Citizen reporter that she had known Herbert for about two years and that he had been paying her attentions for sometime past. She stated that he had been married but had secured a divorce. She said she knew the brother of the deceased, Dr. F. L. Herbert, who is a resident of her home town.

Two brothers of the deceased, Dr. Herbert, and W. H. Herbert, of Hayesville, came to Asheville last night in response to a telegram informing them of the death of their relative and made arrangements for the body to be shipped to Hayesville at 8:30 o'clock this morning. Several hundred curious persons have called at the undertaking parlors to view the remains but in deference to the wishes of the relatives only relatives and friends were permitted to see the body.—Citizen.

## MEN SERIOUSLY BURNED

As the result of the bursting of a boiler, J. A. Cline and J. Smathers, employes of the Champion Fiber Co. at Canton, were seriously scalded at Canton Tuesday.

Cline was scalded from head to foot and his condition is serious. Smathers' burns are confined largely to the lower part of his body. While they are very painful, they are not so serious.

Both men were sent to the Meriwether hospital at Asheville late Tuesday evening.

## CATTLE FED IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING THE PAST SEASON.

The following information in regard to the origin, location of feeding farm, distribution and selling price of thirty carloads of beef cattle fed in the State during the past season will be of interest to many farmers interested in feeding cattle during the coming winter. The figures below show the wide distribution and adaptability of North Carolina grown and fattened cattle to the chief consuming markets of the country.

It is taken as a matter of course that the cattle feeders of the State should produce their own feeders or at least the major portion of them. This is in accord with the fundamental principles of successful animal husbandry work and is based on the fact that during recent years the price of feeders has been out of proportion to the prices received for fat cattle. The records used in making up this summary were not produced on the farm when fattened, but the results from the market standpoint show that no matter under what conditions the cattle are produced there is a wide demand for them at current prices.—Farm New.

## CAUSING MUCH TALK.

The big closing out sale of T. C. Bryson is causing much talk nowadays as all of the goods in the stock are new, seasonable goods, and the prices on them are the lowest ever put on sale in this county.

Remember the date, Friday, July 30.

## MARRIAGE OF MISS DUN AND MR. BOONE.

Miss Ila Mae Dunn and Mr. C. G. Boone, both of Macon were quietly married Sunday evening in Augusta at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Sarah C. Ivey, while Miss Dunn was visiting in that city. The ceremony which was performed by Rev. O. P. Gilbert was witnessed by the families and a few intimate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Boone left immediately after the ceremony for Macon to make their future home.

Mrs. Slagle, of Canton is spending a few days in this city.

Hance Pressly was in town yesterday.

R. S. Green was in the city Thursday on business.

Miss Lucy Divelbliss has returned to her home in Asheville after spending some time in Sylva, the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Annie Leatherwood.

## DEPUTY COLLECTOR HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

That Deputy Collector J. A. Galloway, of the local office of the internal revenue department, had an escape from death and was saved only by the timely assistance of a fellow officer is the story told by members of a raiding party who returned to Asheville yesterday from a trip to Transylvania county. With two other officers, Mr. Galloway made a visit to the extreme western section of the county, and in a laurel thicket they discovered a large distillery running in full blast. Operators made their escape upon the approach of the revenue officers, and uncle Sam's sleuths immediately began the task of cutting the plant to pieces.

As one of the officers looked up he saw a mountaineer with a double barrel shot gun crawl from beneath a brush, rise to his knees, aim at Mr. Galloway, who was fifty yards away from the mountaineer, and place his hand on the trigger. As quick as a flash, the officer jumped between the man in danger and the would-be assassin, and with his pistol leveled upon the holder of the gun, he ordered that the weapon be dropped. The orders were not obeyed, however, the man who felt that he had been wronged by the revenue officers making a hasty retreat through the thickly wooded tract. Officers followed him, but he undoubtedly had a better idea of his surroundings than the man who gave chase, for he succeeded in making his escape.

Officers declared yesterday that they recognized the man who attempted to kill Mr. Galloway as a confirmed blockader who has given a great deal of trouble by operating illicit plants in Transylvania and adjoining counties. It is stated that numerous threats have been made against the life of Mr. Galloway by manufacturers of whiskey in Transylvania section.

The officers reported a busy as well as an eventful trip. Five plants, which were operated contrary to the provision of the United States internal revenue laws, were cut up during the absence of the revenue men from this city, and the report which they made to their superior officer at Greensboro yesterday was a comprehensive one.—Citizen.

## SMALL BOY DROWNED

Willard Elkins, the ten year old son of Lot Elkins, was drowned near his home at Democrat, Tuesday, in Big Ivy Creek. He was found in about ten feet of water and brought out, and everything possible was done to restore consciousness, but after working with him for some time there was no sign of life.

## KILLED BY BULL.

Barney Burleson, of Barnardsville Buncombe county, was gored and tossed by the horns of an angry bull, which he had followed into the stable last Monday. Medical aid was summoned but he died about 7 o'clock in the evening.

Mr. Burleson was one of the most prominent citizens in that section, and was 70 years old.

## BIG LAND AUCTION SALE

M. Buchanan has a large force of hands and a surveyor cleaning out the streets and surveying the lots, and the tract of land that lies to the left of the court house, in order to have it ready for sale the 20 of Aug., at which time it will be turned over to the Atlantic Realty Co. to be sold at auction.

This is one of the most desirable resident sections within the corporation limits of the town. There will be one hundred of these lots put on sale the 20 of Aug.

## REV. A. M. RATCHFORD DEAD.

Following a period of declining health extending over nearly a year Rev. Moses McKee Ratchford died at his home on South Chester street at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been in declining health since last August and had been confined to his home practically all of the time since Christmas. For the past three weeks he had been in a very critical condition, most of the time being unconscious. Hence his death was not unexpected.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock by Rev. B. A. Culp, pastor of the M. E. church at Kings Mountain, assisted by Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street Methodist Church, and Rev. J. C. Deitz, pastor of the Gastonia Lutheran church. Interment was in Hollywood.

Moses McKee Ratchford was born June 10, 1857, at the old Ratchford home place on the New Hope road about three miles from Gastonia. He was a son of John Ratchford. About 25 years ago he moved to Gastonia and had made his home here ever since. For the past fifteen years he had spent practically all of his time selling Bibles and books of a religious character. He preached often and in the summer usually spent a month or more preaching in the mountains. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for 25 years was a local preacher of that denomination. He did great good not only by preaching but by placing Bibles and religious books in the hands of many people who would perhaps never have had those books.

July 22, 1789, he married Miss Alice McArver, who survives him together with six children, namely; Mrs. S. A. Lanier, Mr. Giles Ratchford, Miss Ersey Ratchford, Grady and Audrey Ratchford, of Gastonia, and Mrs. A. A. Clark, of Charlotte. Two children are dead. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters, namely: Mrs. Maggie Hanna Mrs. Martha Jane Holland, of Gastonia; Mrs. Ada Brown, of Ashland Va.; Mrs. Laura Leeper, of Belmont; Mrs. Mary Pettus, of Groves; Messrs. Lucian, Eugene and Joe Ratchford, of this county.

Mr. Ratchford was held in high esteem by all who knew him and his life was one which told for good all with whom he came in contact. He will be missed in the home and in the church and by friends scattered over this section, all of whom will learn with sorrow of his passing.

## LEO M. FRANK'S CONDITION IMPROVED.

Milledgeville, Ga., July 21.—Improvement in the condition of Leo M. Frank was announced tonight by physicians attending him and they continued hopeful for his recovery from the knife wound inflicted by J. William Green, a fellow prisoner at the Georgia prison farm here.

The following official bulletin, signed by Doctors G. D. Compton, Thomas M. Hall and Harry Jones was made public:

"At 5 p. m. Leo M. Frank's pulse was 83; temperature 100.4; respiration 18. Wound is draining freely and temperature falling. We consider his condition satisfactory."

Members of the state prison commission will come here Saturday to investigate the attack on Frank.

## SYLVA LOSES.

Sylva lost to Camp, Cherokee at Bryson Wednesday to the score of 1 to 4. This was a close game up to the 8th when the Sylva boys went wild and let in three score.

It is believed that Sylva would have won had they had all their regular players.

They will play the Camp here Saturday and this is expected to be a hard fought game as it is to decide the tie.

## HENDERSONVILLE'S HEALTH LAWS

Hendersonville proposes to have a clean bill of health this summer. To that end the board of city commissioners have passed ordinances which if conscientiously enforced will tend to make Hendersonville a clean and healthful town in fact as well as in name. For instance, an ordinance was passed recently making it unlawful, with a penalty of fifty dollars for each day of the violation, for any person to maintain either a privy or water closet that is not absolutely fly proof. All privies accessible to sewers are to be abolished and sewer connections made. Another ordinance requires that all stables shall have dry fly-proof bins with maggot-proof bottoms for the daily storage of all manure and that once a week all manure shall be removed from the city.

A further requirement was that all market places be kept clean, sanitary, screened from flies and open to the inspection of the city health officers at any time, and that all meats be kept covered and fly-proof while in transportation.

The commissioners went a step further and made it unlawful for any person or firm to engage in washing and ironing without first having procured a certificate of good health from the city health officer, steam laundries excepted.

To the city health officer, Dr. J. Frank Cranford, is the credit of these ordinances, which, if strictly enforced, will go a long way toward making this city what it should be as a summer resort—safe for visitors. It remains for Hendersonville to really show whether she meant business when these ordinances were passed or not.

The Orphans Singing Class will be at the auditorium Friday night instead of Thursday night as was advertised last week.