

Matital Mixup In Davidson County

Man Thought Dead, Turns Up And Finds Former Wife Happily Married

(Davidson Dispatch.)
Two very formal legal actions noted on the calendar of the civil term of Davidson superior court in session at Lexington the past week had within them an unusual story of human relationships. These involved a deserted young wife, a husband reported killed in the World War, a son grown to young manhood, his mother believed widowed remarried and the mother of six other children, and as a final climax the reappearance of the long gone first husband.

A decree of divorce granted the wife of two men from the first on the ground of two years separation, an annulment of the second marriage, the issuance of a new marriage license and formal remarriage to the second husband all required but a very short time at Lexington Monday. And a happy family was reunited and the original husband was relegated a part at least in the realm of forgetfulness into which he plunged himself more than a score of years ago.

The story unraveled in, in substance, as follows: A young wife in Thomassville was deserted by her husband in October of 1916 and about a month later gave birth to a son of his wedlock. Late in 1918, about the time the World War had ended a brother of the missing husband told the father of the wife that the missing man had died in the war. No word came to her thereafter and about a year later she remarried. Eighteen years had passed and six children had been born into a happy home when last May the son of the first union, grown to young manhood, received a letter from his father, re-

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BODY DANGLING FROM ROPE IN CEMETERY JITTERIZES FOLKS

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ties were making their get away with the goat.

Two weeks passed by and Mrs. Burnett felt sure that she was right in suspecting a couple of boys in the cove. She swore out a warrant for them. The father of one, so it was told this reporter, offered to pay Sam \$5.00 for the loss of the goat and let the matter rest. But the boys either feeling very innocent of the crime, or wishing the thrill of appearing in court would not listen to a compromise.

The case was heard last Saturday before a magistrate in the court house, with the court room more than half full of interested listeners, and the boys were acquitted.

In the meantime the goat was buried with the rope which had been his security and protection in life and his undoing in death, still tied around his neck.

In the two weeks he had owned the goat, Sam had developed a great attachment for the animal. He was planning to make a sled and harness and use the goat for hauling firewood down the cove road.

Latest reports yesterday were to the effect that more evidence had been found and that there is a possibility that the case will be taken to a higher court.

Now if the boys suspected are innocent and did not "lynch" the goat, who are the guilty parties or party?

Was it a practical joke?

Was there some ulterior motive not yet unearthed for this hanging of the goat?

Was there some significance—some hidden meaning in the spot selected?

But all comes back to the first question—Who "got Sam Burnett's goat?"

8 OUT OF 9 SCHOOL CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM SOME DEFECT

Eight of every nine North Carolina school children have physical defects or diseases which can be remedied, according to Dr. Roy Norton, assistant director of the state division of preventive medicine.

In spite of modern medical knowledge, Norton said, 11 to 17 per cent of the pupils suffer from hookworm; 85 per cent have dental defects; seven per cent are partly deaf; a "large" percentage have impaired vision not being corrected by glasses or other treatment; "many more" have diseased tonsils and adenoids; 60 per cent have serious defects in posture; and the average time lost from school because of colds is seven to 10 days annually per child.

Norton added that cost of correcting the defects was too great for public-spirited physicians and dentists alone to bear, and communities are "reluctant" to spend money for that purpose.

Over Seven Millions Paid State Unemployed

Benefit payments to unemployed or partially unemployed workers in North Carolina from the latter part of January had reached the \$7,000,000 mark on Monday of last week, through which day they went to \$7,011,438.07.

The daily amount of the benefit checks continue at a rate ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 a day, a considerable drop from the \$60,000 to \$90,000 a day in the heavy paying period.

lating that he was living in Virginia. Upon advice of counsel the deserted wife and her second husband formally separated until matters could be straightened out in a legal way. The mother and the son of the first marriage went to Virginia and saw the missing one and found it was the missing one who had gone away now almost twenty-two years ago. Returning home, she started suit for divorce, and at the same time action for annulment of the second marriage was instituted. The granting of decree and the remarriage Monday culminated these actions.

Such things are told in story books, and they are also told in court-rooms sometimes.

The decrees were signed by Judge Phillips, who is presiding over the first week of the September civil term.

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Deaths

Thomas J. Davis

Last rites were held on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the Methodist Episcopal church for Thomas J. Davis, who died suddenly at his home on Welch street, on Saturday night at 9:00 o'clock. The Rev. James G. Huggins, Jr., pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Serving as active pallbearers were: Chas. E. Ray, Jr., John Boyd, Troy Wyche, C. B. Atkinson, W. C. Boutwell, and Homer Henry.

Honorary pallbearers were: D. A. Baker, Dr. R. H. Stretcher, Dr. Sam Stringfield, J. R. Morgan, Prof. W. C. Allen, Prof. E. J. Robeson, W. L. Hardin, Leon M. Killian, O. T. Alexander, Dr. J. C. Murphy, J. R. Boyd, Robert V. Welch, W. G. Byers, and James W. Killian.

Mr. Davis was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Milas Davis, and had resided here all his life. He had been in the jewelry business for several years, having at one time been associated with his father and later his brother, the late Jere Davis, and then his own business. For several years he had been a valued member of the choir of the Methodist church. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Roberta Calhoun; one daughter, Adelaide Davis, and one son, Thomas J. Davis, Jr., one brother, William C. Davis, of New River, Tenn., and two sisters, Mrs. W. L. Matney, of Waynesville, and Mrs. Emma Henderson, of Columbia, S. C.

Rena Ellen Page

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home on Allen's Creek for Rena Ellen Page, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Page, who died at 2:30 a. m., on Friday.

The Rev. Cara L. Allen officiated. Burial was in the Buchanan cemetery. Cousins of the girl served as pallbearers.

Rena Ellen Page was a member of the freshman class of the township high school. She had been ill for six months.

Surviving are her parents; two brothers, Charlie and Hilliard, and two sisters, Emma and Ella.

Albert Burnett

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at the parents home on route two, Canton, for Albert Burnett, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burnett, who died in Haywood County Hospital on Tuesday. Burial was in the Gwyn cemetery at Springdale.

Three New Members Join West Canton Club

The West Canton home demonstration club met Friday, September 30, at the home of Mrs. W. S. McElrath, with ten members present and three new members were welcomed into the club.

An interesting program was given with the president, Mrs. James Hyde, presiding. Miss M. Smith, the county home demonstration agent, demonstrated how to can meat and sweet potatoes.

The club voted to join the Country Gentlewoman League, which is a national organization of rural women. At the conclusion of the program delightful refreshments were served by the hostess, with Mrs. McElrath assisting.

The earth curves about eight inches to the mile.

History of Beginnings



Humbug
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View of tornado wreckage at Charleston, S. C.

31 persons were killed and many historic landmarks wrecked by a tornado which ripped through Charleston, S. C. This photo made by Capt. J. R. Armstrong of Eastern Airlines shows some of the wreckage left in the wake of the twister.

U. S. CENSUS BUREAU START BUSY SEASON

Washington. — Census bureau officials are getting ready for their little known part in the making and breaking of football teams.

"The government cuts down a lot of backs and takes many a tackler out of the play," said Dr. D. T. Murphy.

The reason? Many states have age limits for players, but birth records are not always available at home.

"From now right on through the football season," explained Dr. Murphy, "the census bureau is called upon to furnish the ages of dozens upon dozens of players."

The government, through the decennial census, has the birthdate of every person in the United States who is old enough to play football.

Most requests come from coaches seeking information about rival teams, Dr. Murphy said, adding that he gets telegraphed requests in the morning for information needed before game-time.

Where it's reasonably possible, the bureau digs into its files, fights for dear old eligibility, and telegraphs the data back for the kickoff—collect, of course.

The bureau, of course, won't furnish ages to just anyone. The request must come from the individual or with

Dionne Quints Have \$800,000 Fortune

NORTH BAY.—The Dionne quintuplets—4 years old last May 28—have amassed an \$800,000 fortune, according to an audited statement presented at a meeting of their official guardians, at which plans for the girls' "dream home" were discussed.

The report on the girls financial standing was made by Perry W. Wilson, K. C., Ottawa, an official guardian, and Keith Munro, their business manager.

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