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Man Bleeds To Death From Cuts Received Breaking Window

Clyde A. Browder, 56, Found Hours After His Death Home On Soco Gap Road

Body of Clyde A. Browder, found lying in a pool of blood on a blood stained floor of the summer home of his on the Soco Gap road, around 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Physician summoned, stated he had probably been dead 24 hours.

Pool of blood circled the house on the back and front porch stained with blood. At the rear of the house seven glass panes of one of the windows on the porch had been smashed and the window frame partially out.

Browder was lying flat on his back with his right arm thrown out to the side, and the artery above the wrist had been severed. His face bore deep lacerations giving evidence that after the glass had been broken he must have attempted to crawl through the window. From the position of his hands it was thought that he had broken the window with his fists.

County coroner was called and an inquest was held. The verdict of the coroner was that he had died of a heart attack.

Persons visiting the scene were of the opinion that after Browder had found the key in his pocket, he tried to break into the house through the window. He apparently realized the seriousness of his situation and made the rounds of the house trying to find a possible entrance.

Browder was a native of Tennessee. He had been living on the Soco Gap road for eight years, occupying a house of his sister, Mrs. Roy Statesville and Waynesville.

Number of years he had lived in Chattanooga, he had held a responsible position with the Standard Oil Company for twenty-five years.

Survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, and a sister in Atlanta. Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night, the undertaking the arrival of his family from Statesville.

Methodist Women Scheduled To Attend Zone Meeting

Annual zone meeting of the women's societies in the Methodist churches in the area will hold their zone meeting here in the Methodist church Saturday morning. The meeting will start at 10 o'clock and will end after the luncheon which will be spread at the church.

Mrs. Siler, zone leader, will preside. Mrs. F. E. Branson, of Canton, will have charge of the program. About 100 members are expected to attend from the 13 societies which comprise the zone.

Davis Gets Honorary Degree

Donald Davis was among those who graduated this week at the University of Kentucky. He received a mid-year commencement diploma from 20 states and is the first to receive a degree from the state.

Mrs. Ben Colkitt spent the week in Charlotte, with Ben Colkitt, Jr., student in the College. From Charlotte to Mt. Holly, N. J., she will spend the remainder of the week.

T. L. Gwyn Named Foreman Of Grand Jury On Monday

T. L. Gwyn was appointed foreman of the grand jury selected Monday when Haywood County Superior Court convened here with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding. G. W. Burnett was sworn in as officer of the grand jury shortly after Judge Nettles had delivered the charge.

Other members of the grand jury who will serve for one year include the following: J. Howard Myers, Arthur Hendrix, Oscar T. Arrington, Jack Smathers, Nelson Curtis, T. W. Ferguson, Rufus A. Ruff, D. V. Phillips, D. P. Jaynes, Horace Bryson, Jess Fulbright, Charles C. Palmer, Howard Sellers, J. Mack Caldwell, L. B. Leatherwood, John T. Vance, C. W. Moody, and Lon J. Rogers.

Mercury Hits 15 For Week's Low

Tuesday morning the mercury here tumbled down to 15, for one of the lowest readings of the season. For six out of the seven days of the week, the mercury fell below the freezing point, three times going into the teens, according to the official readings of Quinby M. Kipp.

The report for the week in full, is as follows:

Jan	Max	Min	7 p. m.	Precip
29	45	22	32	
30	53	17	43	trace
31	49	23	36	0.03
Feb.				
1	52	19	41	
2	49	33	40	trace
3	39	27	28	
4	36	15	32	
Mean maximum	46			
Mean minimum	22			
Mean for week	34			
High for week	53			
Low for week	15			
Mean for 7 p. m.	36			
Below January Normal	4			
Below February normal	4			
Precipitation for week	0.03			
Below February normal	0.58			
Precipitation since Jan. 1st	3.11			
Deficit for year	1.22			

Fisher Named Office Manager Of Theatre Co.

J. E. Massie, owner and operator of four theaters in this section, announced this week the appointment of Nat. S. Fisher, as general office manager for the company.

Mr. Fisher has been connected with the theater business for many years, having recently served as office manager for a theater company in Charlotte. He will be Mr. Massie's assistant for the Park Theatre as well as the theaters in Sylva, Bryson City and Gatlinburg.

Ray To Attend Defense Meeting District Guidance

Charles Ray plans to attend a National Industrial Defense Conference in Hendersonville on Monday.

J. T. Anderson, head of the division of commerce and industry of the state, and Ralph Dunaway, manager of the Washington office of the organization, will be speakers at the meeting, which will begin at one o'clock at the Skyland Hotel.

William Turner, who received his B. S. degree from Berea College on the 25th of last month, has accepted a position as teacher of manual arts in London, Ky.

Food Shortage Causes Much Trouble To Haywood Grand Jury

When the janitor found that no "extras" were available, he threw advice on how to cope with the situation.

George A. Brown, county manager, came to his rescue, and loaned the jury, two of the beautiful brass ones, with double capacity, from the commissioners room. This eased the situation.

L. T. New, Jr., spent the weekend with his parents in Asheville.

Given Achievement Awards By Farmers



Beautiful inlaid wood plaques, of "Awards of Achievement for the promotion of better agriculture in Haywood County during 1940" were presented at the annual meeting of Demonstration Farmers here Saturday to three Haywood firms—The Waynesville Mountaineer, The First National Bank and The Canton Enterprise. Those who received the awards for their firms, were: W. Curtis Russ, (left) editor The Mountaineer; Jonathan Woody, (center) president The First National Bank, and Harley E. Wright, (right) publisher of The Enterprise.

Attendance Records Broken At Annual Meeting of Farmers Here

High School Band Will Give Concert At 8:00 Tonight

The program of the Waynesville High School Band to be rendered at the mid-winter concert tonight has been announced as follows by Director L. T. New, Jr.

In the first group will be "Warning Up," a march by Ribble; "Legionnaires on Parade," march, by Kleffman; "Triton," overture, by Courtney.

In the second group will be given "Pacific Moon," overture, by Johnson; "Norma's Dream," waltz, by Bennett; "Drums Taps Patrol," march, by Petus; "King John," overture, by Mochmann.

In the third group will be "Military Escort," by Bennett; "Spanish Dance," by Church-Dykeme; "Cicertorius," overture by Brockton.

The concert will close with the "Star Spangled Banner."

A small admission fee will be charged. Tickets went on sale Monday, and are being handled entirely by the band students. The proceeds will go toward defraying expenses of the band including the purchase of music.

Haywood Presbyterian Churches To Have Stewardship Conference

A stewardship conference of the Waynesville, Canton, Hazelwood, Bethel and White Oak Presbyterian churches will be held in the Waynesville Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon, February 9, between 3 and 5 o'clock.

The speaker of the afternoon will be Dr. G. F. Bell, of the Black Mountain Presbyterian church. The Rev. George B. Hammond, pastor of th Canton Presbyterian church will lead the devotional.

A large representation from each church is expected.

Central Elementary To Observe Founder's Day At Meet On Monday

The Central Elementary Parent Teacher Association will observe Founder's Day at their meeting on Monday night. A special program will commemorate the occasion.

A birthday feature will be part of the program. Mrs. Linwood Grahl will be in charge of the social hour following adjournment.

C. C. Hanson To Address Local Masonic Lodge

C. C. Hanson, principal of the Clyde schools, will be the guest speaker at the regular communication of the local Masonic Lodge meeting on Friday night which will start at 7:30.

Mr. Hanson will speak on "Patriotism," and all members of the Waynesville lodge are urged to attend.

Captain Howell Will Observe 100th Birthday On 18th

Captain Alden Howell, native of Haywood County, who resides with his daughter, Mrs. Jack Johnson, at her home, 209 S. Van Ness Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., will celebrate his 100th birthday anniversary on February 18th.

Captain Howell is one of the three living Haywood county veterans of the War Between the States and receives his regular monthly pension of \$30.41 from the Haywood county clerk of the court.

Captain Howell is the son of D. Collins Howell and Mourning Garrett Howell, and was born on Jonathan Creek, Feb. 18th, 1841. At the age of 21, 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served throughout the conflict.

Upon his return home he studied law, but later turned to business and for many years was a recognized leader here. Among his many financial enterprises was the establishment of the Bank of Waynesville, the first bank west of Asheville.

Commissioners Report Decrease In Relief Calls

The relief problems of Haywood County are getting less, when at this season they would normally be larger, according to Geo. A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the county board of commissioners, following the regular meeting on Monday.

The decrease in requests for assistance was attributed to the increase in employment offered through the national defense program.

Provisions for robbery insurance for J. E. Ferguson, tax collector were included in the day's routine of business.

\$50,000 Damages Sought For Death Of Michalove Girl

Damages of \$50,000 are being sought for the death of Maxine Evelyn Michalove, who was instantly killed on Main street here last July, when her head was crushed against a post, as she leaned from a bus, said to belong to the Order of Christian Education, Inc.

The suit was filed by W. W. Michalove, administrator, in the superior court of Buncombe county.

The plaintiff alleges that the bus windows were not equipped with screens or gratings to safeguard the children, and the Michalove girl had her head out a window of the bus when she was struck by a post.

The accident happened near the Presbyterian church here.

The suit was originally filed in this county, but was moved to Buncombe on motion of attorneys for the defendant.

Negro On Trial For Death Of Two White Men, Ready For Jury

Four Local Men To Be Members Of 2nd Florida Tour

Will Travel 1,857 Miles And Distribute Thousands Of Pieces of Advertising

Hugh Massie, W. A. Bradley, Dr. J. R. McCracken, and J. Dale Stentz, secretary of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, will be members of the party of twenty-six prominent men of Western North Carolina, who will make the second annual tour of Florida.

They plan to leave on Tuesday the 11th, and the itinerary will extend over 1,858 miles of highway and will require 12 days to travel.

Places where stops will be made include: Augusta, Macon, Valdosta, Ocala, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Sarasota, Ft. Myers, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Ft. Pierce, Orlando, Daytona Beach, St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Savannah, and Columbia.

The tour will be made in a chartered motor bus, which will be escorted by the state highway patrolmen through Georgia and Florida.

Radio programs will be given at practically every stop en route. J. Dale Stentz is radio chairman of the tour and will be in charge of the programs.

Mr. Stentz stated yesterday that he planned to distribute at least 5,000 pieces of advertising literature from this immediate vicinity.

Well Known Baptist Minister, Native Of Haywood, Dies

Funeral services were held in Elberton, Ga., for Dr. W. Houston Rich, prominent Baptist minister, native of Maggie section of this county, who died at his home in Elberton on Monday.

Dr. Rich served a number of Baptist churches in this state. He was located in Lexington for several years.

He moved to Georgia many years ago and resided at Elberton, where he bought a home. He served the largest Baptist church in Waycross, Ga., where he built a church.

After he retired a short while ago, he went back to Elberton where he has since lived.

Dr. Rich married Miss Mattie Haynes, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Haynes, who died several years ago.

He is survived by two daughters and one son; one brother, Dr. J. C. Rich, of the Candler section.

County Got In Almost \$60,000 Taxes In January

What is thought to be a record in tax collections, was established in January, when Haywood taxpayers paid \$59,820.61 into Tax Collector J. E. Ferguson, according to his monthly report to the county commissioners.

The report showed that collections were made as far back as 1929, in which instance the penalty was almost as much as the original tax.

County Finances In Best Condition Ever

The financial status of Haywood county is the best in several years," said T. J. Cathey, county auditor yesterday.

"The tax collections under the two past administrations have been most satisfactory. The indebtedness of Haywood county has been reduced around one-half million dollars during the past five years," continued the auditor.

Mr. Cathey stated that the total indebtedness of the county as of January the 1st, of this year, stands at \$1,448,553.83, whereas a few years ago it was nearly two million.

The county now has outstanding term bonds amounting to \$102,500 and to offset this amount there is a total of \$80,633.78 in the banks

Case Is Outgrowth Of Auto-Truck Collision Last September On Highway Near City Limits

COURT DISPOSES OF MANY CASES IN 3 DAYS

February Term Of Criminal Court Expected To Adjoin Sometime Today

The February term of criminal court, which convened here on Monday morning, with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding, is expected to adjourn sometime today, according to court attaches last night.

The greater part of yesterday was taken up with the trial of Herman Lowery, colored, charged with second degree murder. All the evidence had been heard, the lawyers spoke yesterday, and the case will go to the jury this morning.

The case grew out of a head-on collision at the intersection of the Asheville highway and the Rattcliff Cove road around 10:15 o'clock on Saturday night, on last September the 7th. Two men, Walter Odell Mason and Glenn Calhoun, both 29, riding in the truck said to have been hit by Lowery, were instantly killed. Lowery and the two other negroes riding with him were all seriously hurt.

Cases disposed of since Monday include the following: Jack Best, who entered a plea of guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was given a suspended sentence of 6 years on the payment of the costs.

Boone Thompson, was given a suspended sentence of 2 years, with the costs to be paid by July term of court. The case grew out of a fight with defendant and Jack Best.

Lloyd Sutton, charged with larceny, was sentenced to state prison from two to three years.

Howard Pressley, charged with larceny, was given a suspended sentence of five years provided he returned to the U. S. Navy, where he is now enlisted, and is to remain out of the state for five years.

William Otis Stamey, was sentenced to the county roads for two years for abandonment.

George Gibson, charged with driving drunk, was fined \$50 and the cost, and his license revoked.

Ellis Pope was given 90 days on the roads for driving drunk and his license revoked.

C. D. Ford, charged with driving while intoxicated, was fined \$50 and the costs and license revoked.

A suspended sentence of two years on good behavior and pay-

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Conference Held Here By Teachers

One hundred representatives from 15 schools from the territory from Morganton to Murphy attended the Western District Guidance conference here on Friday at the Waynesville township high school.

Dr. C. D. Killian, head of the department of psychology and education and director of the guidance clinic at Western Carolina Teachers college, was elected president.

M. H. Bowles, superintendent, of the local district schools was named vice president, and Dr. A. B. Hoskins, of the field service of Western Carolina Teachers college was chosen secretary-treasurer.

One of the principal speakers on the program was Mrs. Marguerite W. Zapolon, specialist, from the office of the department of Education in Washington, D. C., who spoke on "Sources of Accredited Occupational Information."

Others taking part in the discussions were S. Marion Justice, director of vocational information and guidance in North Carolina; W. E. Smith, director of guidance in the Hendersonville schools; Chas. R. Holloman, field service of Western Carolina Teachers college. Dr. C. D. Killian and M. H. Bowles, the latter superintendent of the local district schools.

Mr. Bowles told of the manner in which the foundation of the program is being laid locally and how each teacher is being instructed in the program. He advocated a close tie up of the home room and class activities with the guidance program.