

Murder-Suicide

Man Guns Down Neighbor As She Returns From Work

COOLEEMEE — An elderly Cooleeemee man shot and killed a woman neighbor when she returned from work at Fiber Industries late last night, then turned the weapon and killed himself.

Dr. B. L. Richards, Davie County coroner, ruled that Ernest (Shag) Sain, about 70, murdered Mrs. Peggy Messick, 37, and then committed suicide.

There was no apparent motive in the killings of the Davie Street neighbors.

Dr. Richards said that Mrs. Messick apparently had just arrived at her residence about 11:30 p.m. Thursday when she was slain.

Mrs. Messick, whom Dr. Richards said was divorced from her husband, apparently started to go into her house, where her sons, aged 17 and six, were asleep.

Dr. Richards quoted the older son as saying he heard two shots and his mother scream. Then there were two more shots and another scream.

Mrs. Messick's body was found in her front yard near the porch. Sain's body was found about 50 feet away in the front yard and near the front porch of his residence.

Mrs. Messick died instantly, a bullet hitting her in the left upper part of the chest just above the heart.

Sain was rushed to Davie County Hospital at Mocksville and was being transferred to Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem when he died en

route. Dr. Richards said that a .22-caliber revolver was found near Sain's feet in the front yard. He described the gun as the death

weapon. Dr. Richards said that there were no eyewitnesses to the slayings and that he has ruled murder-suicide in the two

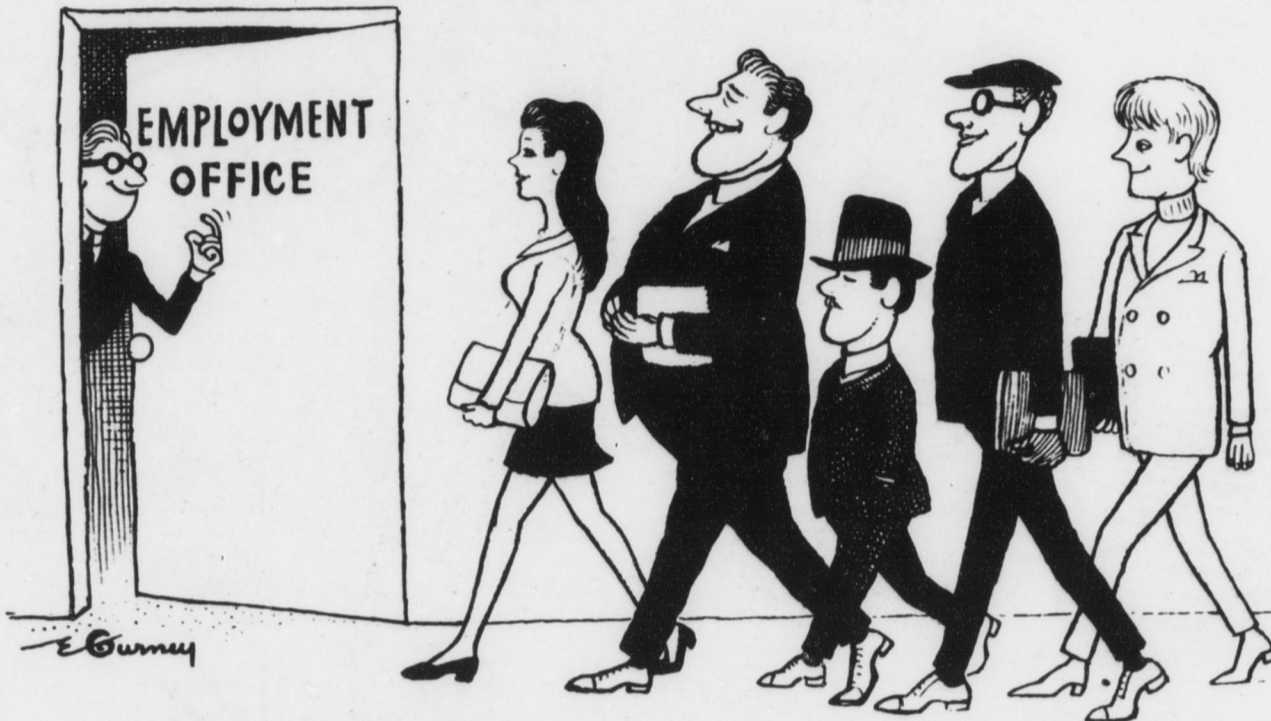
deaths. The coroner said that Mrs. Sain had been a babysitter in Mrs. Messick's home for about six years.

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Rescue Squad To Present Gospel Sing

The Davie County Rescue Squad will present a special gospel singing with the Harvesters Quartet and the Philomels Quartet on Friday, June 5.

The show will begin at 7:30 in the Mocksville Elementary School auditorium on North Main Street in Mocksville and will last until the quartets are unable to sing any longer.

Advance tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children. To obtain advance tickets, you may write to post office box 404, Mocksville, North Carolina, 27028. Tickets will also be on sale at the door for \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

All proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the squad unit.

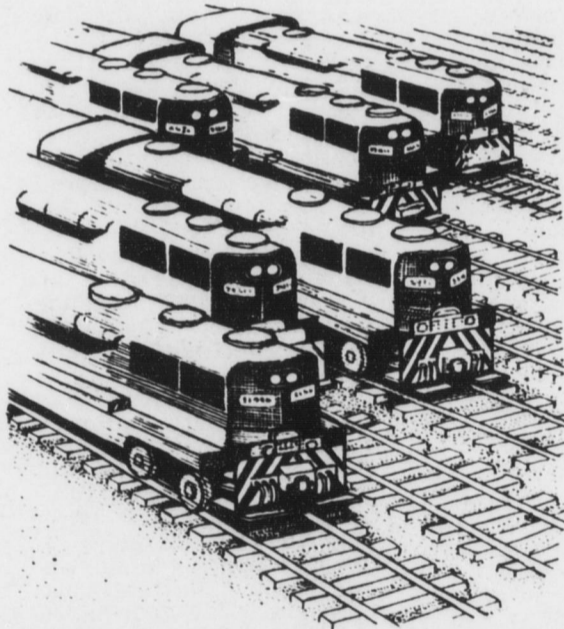
21 Area Nurses Attend Convention

There were 21 nurses from area 10 of the North Carolina Licensed Practical Nurses Association who attended the state convention on May 8 and 9, at Grove Park Inn, Asheville.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Cleary of Mocksville, president of area 10, was elected secretary of the area president's of the state. She also carried the highest number of votes to represent the state as a delegate to the National Convention in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Nancy Foster of Mocksville, secretary of area 10, was elected by highest vote to serve on the State Nominating Committee and alternate delegate to the national convention.

Mrs. Hattie Thompson of Winston-Salem was elected to the State Board of Directors.



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