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Farmville Boy Tired of Living Kills Himself.

Roland M. Joyner, a Son of Mrs. Fannie L. Joyner of Farmville, Committed Suicide in Richmond, Va., Tuesday morning. "Tired of Living" his only excuse. Body arrived here Tuesday night, Funeral Conducted Wednesday afternoon.

A telegram from Richmond was received here Tuesday about noon stating that Roland M. Joyner took his life in that city Tuesday morning at 3:30 by shooting himself in the right temple.

Mr. Joyner went to Richmond shortly after Christmas and was taking a business course at Massey's Business College.

The only reason given for the rash act was found on a little piece of paper in his coat pocket which stated, "Fired of living, notify Mrs. Fannie Joyner, Farmville, N. C." On the same sheet of paper was a list of a few pieces of music.

From a Richmond correspondent it seems that Joyner was in a room alone at the time and was

just finished eating a bowl of oyster stew when inmates of the place heard a pistol shot, and upon rushing to his room found him dead upon the bed.

His body was prepared for shipment and reached here Tuesday on the midnight train, Mr. Marvin Horton, of Richmond, coming with the corpse. Messrs. J. Y. Monk, G. M. Shirley, B. A. Joyner and Dr. Paul E. Jones went from here to Wilson to meet it, where it was transferred to the Norfolk Southern from the A. C. L.

The funeral was conducted from the home of his mother on church street Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, by Right Rev. John H. Griffith, of the Episcopal church, of which Mr. Joyner was a member, assisted by Rev. Francis Joyner, of Littleton, and the remains placed in the cemetery.

A large number of grief-stricken relatives and friends were in attendance at the burial, and the floral design was one of beauty.

Mr. Joyner was twenty-three years of age, and was well known throughout this section of the state, as he was a star shortstop on the diamond.

He is survived by a mother and two brothers and many relatives in this and other sections of the state, most of whom attended the funeral Wednesday.

Our entire town and surrounding community deeply sympathize with the grief-stricken mother, brothers and relatives in this sad hour.

The pall bearers were Messrs. J. Y. Monk, B. O. Turnage, W. J. Rasberry, R. R. Newton, D. P. Lang, H. H. McLean, Marvin Horton, J. O. Pollard, R. A. Bynum, Johnie Joyner, Harvey Turnage and Dr. Paul E. Jones.

Among the out of town relatives here to attend the burial were, Mr. Hubert Joyner, a brother, of Warrenton High School; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mewborn, of Kinston; Rev. Francis Joyner, of Littleton; Mr. J. A. Lang, of Greenville, and Mr. Marvin Horton of Richmond, Va.

THE STING OF MEMORY

You have gone from us dear cousin,

And oh, we miss you so!
I am sitting by my window,
And as far as I can see

There is the beautiful sky of blue.
How my poor longings stretch away

Beyond the distant view,
Like pleading hands of penitent
Just wishing for you.

I little thought when last we met
In life we two should never

Oh, how I wish I could have
soothed

And eased your pain,
And to your o'er burdened
heart

Brought the smile of gladness
back again.

Father, our Father, O silent Heaven,
Bend down to thy desolate son,
Infold him in thy deep embrace,
And forgive him for the sin that
he hath done.

Rest, dear one, rest and sleep;
We pray where all is repose and
peace.

Your silent grave we deck with
fragrant flowers.

Yours has the suffering been;
The memory shall be ours.

Written by Clara Joyner,
Farmville, N. C.

In remembrance of
R. M. Joyner, Feb. 12, 1914.

HEAR PROF. NOBLES

Prof. C. S. Nobles, of the University of North Carolina will deliver an address at Lang's Cross Roads, Friday night, February 13th. Subject: "Community Betterment."

The public is earnestly requested to hear what Prof. Nobles will have to say. He is a splendid orator and a forceful speaker, and it is expected that he will be greeted with a large enthusiastic audience.

Tell your neighbors about his coming and ask them to go and hear him.

WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

Mexican Crisis Approaching—Government Ownership of The War—Immigration Bill Proposed.

Washington, Feb. 11th, 1914.

The most sensational thing that has happened in Washington in many weeks was the lifting of the President Wilson of the Embargo on arms and ammunition exported to Mexico. This removes a handicap from the insurgents or Constitutionalists lead by Carranza against the Huerta de facto Government. Heretofore the insurgents have been unable to obtain arms and ammunition from this country and with the lifting of this embargo they are now abundantly equipped and in a few weeks it is believed they will smother the usurper Huerta out. This is greatly desired because the patriotic people of Mexico are back of Carranza and are anxious to see him drive the bloody monarch Huerta, from the Presidential Office.

Postmaster-general Burleson is energetically urging Congress to pass the authorizing the Government to take over the telephone and telegraph system of the country. All parts of the country are approving this recommendation on the part of Postmaster General and the thousands of letters are pouring in from congressmen and Senators all parts of the country urging them to support the proposed measure. Only a few years ago Great Britain took over the telephones of the British Kingdom and they have rendered much better service and at much less cost to the public than when operated by private enterprise. Nearly all of Europe now owns and operates the telegraph and the telephone, and we are several years behind them in this respect. These things are natural monopolies and should be run in the interest of the public like the Post Office department instead of in the interest of the Stockholders as at present.

The immigration Bill is making rapid progress in Congress, and the few test votes taken show that Congress is in favor of the Bill by four to one. However, during the discussion of the

CARD OF THANKS.

To My Friends:
For the want of strength, I have been unable to express my sincere thanks to all my friends for their kindness shown to me in the dreadful hours through which I have had to pass.

I can never know much of what was done and said for my comfort during the burial of my husband, but the array of beautiful flowers, given by friends whom he so faithfully served, will never be forgotten.

To learn that the town, with me, mourns the loss of their "Chief" is a degree of comfort; but regret and tears do not restore a happy home. (May God bless all who have been brought to sorrow in this and kindred crimes.)

Blame me not, I pray,
If for him I weep,
He, too, loved life, home
and friends.

But would death with duty meet.

Mrs. T. H. Smith.

Resolutions of The Executive Committee of The N. Carolina Anti-Saloon League.

ADOPTED JANUARY 29, 1914.

Whereas, We believe that a Virginian has no more right to sell liquor in North Carolina than a North Carolinian, and that it will help the State-wide prohibition fight in Virginia to prohibit sales in this State by Virginians; and,

Whereas, We believe that it is the duty of the State to act as a guardian for the children and mothers of the State and for the generation to come, and that under this guardianship the State ought to do its utmost to stop fathers from drinking; and,

Whereas, The reports coming to us from the eight counties where such prohibitory laws is a success; and,

Whereas, Evidence comes to us to show that the blind tigers and liquor drinkers have joined hands to destroy the effectiveness of the Search and Seizure Law; and,

Whereas, There is a great demand from all over the State for this legislation; now, therefore, be it resolved by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League—

That we, in harmony with the action of the churches above referred to, declare ourselves in favor of the passage of an act by the next General Assembly to prohibit the delivery of liquor in our State for beverage purpose that we request the citizens of the State in every voting precinct to call upon their candidates for the General Assembly to declare themselves on this question, and we urge the Christian voters to see to it that such members of the General Assembly are elected as will stand for this measure.

That we instruct our Superintendent to so organize the State and carry this campaign into all the counties as that we shall be assured of the passage of this measure by the next General Assembly.

That we endorse the action of the Central Committee taken on December 31, 1913, calling for a fund of \$15,000 per year for the next five years to carry on our prohibition work.

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