

# CORONER'S JURY FINDS LENOIR MAN DID NOT SUICIDE

Jurors Investigating Fatal Shooting of Thomas J. Phillips Refuse to Accept Statement That He Took His Own Life. Mrs. Charlotte Young Tells Her Story. Doctor's Testimony Carries Weight.

Kings Mountain, N. C.—Refusing to accept statements that Thomas J. Phillips killed himself, a coroner's jury here on Friday found the 21-year-old Lenoir man's death came as a result of a bullet passing through his head by reason of a gunshot wound.

Phillips, husband and the father of two children, was fatally wounded near here Monday night of last week when he was driving an automobile with Mrs. Charlotte Young, a handsome and prominent 22-year-old Mowbray widow. He died four hours later in a Shelby hospital.

The little Kings Mountain town was jammed to overflowing when Coroner Burgess F. Lutz, of Shelby, at 2 p. m. opened the inquest. Scores of persons from Kings Mountain, Shelby and Boone crowded the building and crowded the sidewalks to hear testimony from the two prominent families.

The jurymen, fifteen in number, among whom were Mrs. Young and six-year-old Billy Eugene Neisler, son of Burgess F. Lutz, of Shelby, themselves from the fatal bullet through his head.

After Jesse Whitlow, jury foreman, announced the verdict, "Gloria and Corby, Solicitor Benjamin Beam, who examined the witnesses, and Coroner Lutz and the evidence would be turned over to District Solicitor L. S. Spurling.

Following the testimony of two neighbors, who were nearby when the tragedy occurred, and two police officers, Mrs. Young was put on the stand. She admitted that there was a small quantity of whisky in the car. She said she and Phillips, whom she described as a "very fine man," had been driving since 8:30 p. m. and had had taken several small drinks.

Phillips, dressed in a black dress and white hat, Mrs. Young, an attractive "beauty queen," had testimony to a conversation ending at a dance.

Sitting across the table with an arm's reach was Mrs. Beatrice Myers Phillips, one of the best known women in this town, and fine and white dress.

She had been reading of Mrs. Young as the "beauty queen" having known Phillips for several years and having visited her regularly, sometimes as often as twice a week. Mrs. Young told in detail of the automobile ride the day Phillips killed himself.

She said at first she hesitated, appeared to have trembled so much that he was completely out of his head, and made repeated requests of assistance. "I thought he was ill from his appearance," she testified. "He was very pale, his eyes were glassy."

She tried to console him and to very his hand, she said. She testified he was worrying about financial difficulties, saying she once had lent him "some money," but he had paid "it all back" and returned the offer of another loan.

Finally, she said, Phillips stopped the car with a look and told her to get out and "see if there is a flat tire."

She hesitated, she testified, and Phillips became somewhat angrily, "Get out and look!"

While she was on the ground, she said, Phillips drew a pistol from a pocket in the car door and shot himself through the head.

During her testimony about her friendship with Phillips, Solicitor Beam asked: "You knew, of course, he was married?"

"Yes," she answered quietly. She said Phillips had visited her frequently at Newton since the death of her husband John Clarence Young, a glove manufacturer, seven years ago and less frequently since she came about two months ago to live with her father, Ed A. Smith, Kings Mountain cotton mill owner. Phillips was a former Mayor of North Wilkesboro where he had before going to Lenoir.

The other witness who testified in seeing Phillips shoot himself, six-year-old Billy Eugene Neisler, son of C. E. Neisler, Jr., had to be helped into the chair. Billy Eugene said he was standing in front of his father's home and saw a man in an automobile whirling his hand around his head.

"Did he have anything in his hand?" Solicitor Beam asked.

"Yes, sir, a pistol," was the reply. "And then you heard him shoot?"

"Yes, sir." Dr. S. A. Lowery, Kings Mountain physician, told of examining Phillips and described the wound, inflicted by a bullet entering the head near the right ear and coming out above the left ear.

The jury paid close attention to testimony by Dr. Lowery that it was "possible but hardly likely" that Mr. Phillips could have thrown the pistol from the car after shooting himself. It also listened closely to a statement of L. W. Ledford, mill employe, that he picked up the pistol "eight or ten feet" from the car.

Chief of Police Allen also was heard attentively when he told of finding the bullet in the upholstery

# Blowing Rock Civitans Elect New Officers

Blowing Rock, N. C.—At the first annual meeting of the Blowing Rock Civitan Club, held at the town hall Wednesday, July 22nd, the following officers were elected for the next year: C. S. Flawley, president; H. B. McCallum, first vice president; W. A. Moreham, second vice president; D. P. Coffey, treasurer; R. C. McMillan, secretary.

Directors elected for the year were E. G. Underdown, G. C. Roberts, Harry Wilson, George Slaughter, Thomas Coffey, Jr., Henry E. Coffey, Charles E. Smith.

Practically the entire membership of the club was present at the meeting and the evening was spent in the study of a plan to award a prize for one of the classes in the Home Show on Tuesday August 14th, this prize to be known as the Civitan Cup.

# "Laughing Sinners" the Supreme Crawford Role

Never before has there been so striking a transition on the screen as that achieved by Jean Crawford in "Laughing Sinners," her most striking role to date, which will be shown at the Lyceum Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday.

At once in a role more dramatic than her characterization in "Mad," Jean swiftly changes from a madcap romantic entertainer to a heroic Salvation Army crusader in the dramatization of the Kenyon Newington play, "The Forest Song," that secured such a hit on Broadway last season. It is by far her greatest performance.

Her brilliant reading of the gripping lines and deft changes of character rise to a tremendous climax in the scene where she discards the uniform of God, wildly denouncing her creed and honor in a final effort to justify her sin.

Neil Hamilton and Clark Gable share leading man honors; the former as her traveling salesman sweetheart, the latter playing the role of the Salvation Army boy who follows her in worshipful devotion.

Harry Beaumont directed the dramatic feature with valuation of his human relations. It is to be remembered that Beaumont filmed Joan's last picture, "Dance, Fools, Dance," as well as her first big hit, "Our Dancing Daughters."

The local showhouse is offering besides the Crawford production, a program of unusual merit throughout the week, and there has been a steady increase in attendance since the installation of the Western Electric Sound System. The machinery has been installed thoroughly and the results obtained are nothing short of perfect.

# Publicity Program for Southern Maid Cream

The Southern Ice Cream Company, Johnson City, which has been selling its product through the section for several years, and which has been steadily forging ahead, without a great deal of publicity, is now entering on a far-reaching advertising campaign in dailies and weeklies, the current issue of The Democrat carrying an important announcement.

The "Southern Maid" ice cream business has been steadily growing and has been compelled to have larger quarters. Two years ago they built a new plant at Kingsport at a cost of many thousand dollars and equipped it with the most modern machinery, last year a similar plant was built at Appalachia, Va., and the plant at Bristol practically rebuilt. The Johnson City plant has now been outgrown and a contract has been let for the construction of a new one with ultra-modern equipment.

Practically all the profits of the enterprise has been reinvested as made in new plants and machinery, all help has been employed from the territory served and the policy of the concern is to spend their money at home in so far as is possible.

The Southern Ice Cream Company realizes that the surrounding country must be prosperous if success attends a town or city or an individual enterprise, therefore they have always paid above the market price for milk and cream purchased, thereby contributing a bit to the welfare of the rural districts. "Southern Maid" ice cream has proven decidedly popular throughout this region, and dealers are noting an ever-increasing demand for the Johnson City product.

# ZIONVILLE NEWS (Deferred from last week)

The farmers of this section are busy harvesting their grain. We are having plenty of rain and the crops are looking good.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Henson of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Fletcher.

Jeff Norris, who has been in Pennsylvania for the past fifteen years, is now visiting his father, Mr. S. S. Norris.

Mrs. J. B. Lawrence and daughter, Miss Pauline, spent the day with Mrs. Vertie Greer, at Silverstone on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkerson, returned home from Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

Noah Jim Greer, who has been very ill for some time, is not improving very fast.

at the top of the car. The pistol and the battered bullet were offered as evidence.

# FARTHING PRAISED BY CHARLOTTE MAN

Conservation Campaign Attracts Attention of Walton League Official. License Sales Increase in Watauga. Hunting Begins Soon.

Watauga County Farming is in receipt of a letter from Burton H. Smith, publicity chairman of the Watauga Walton League in North Carolina, which commends, in a flattering manner, the conservation work being carried on in Watauga. The letter follows in full.

"Dear Mr. Farming: I have just received a copy of your beautiful paper in which I saw a list of your county wardens, whom you have appointed.

"I want to congratulate you on this piece of good work, as you are the first warden whom I have heard of with sufficient initiative to select and appoint enough good men to turn your county a real gem.

"If at any time I can be of any assistance to you in giving out any information, please to your section let me know and I will be glad to work it into a radio talk over Station WBT.

"Yours very truly,  
BURTON H. SMITH

Mr. Farming spent the day of last week in Marion, where he attended a meeting of the wardens of the district. It was decided at that time that Watauga is one of only three counties in the State that made gains in game last season. The present season (the hundred and fifty-nine have begun) were still this year than last.

New hunting licenses will be on sale within the next few days, giving sportsmen ample time to procure them before the season opens in September. A combination hunting and fishing license may be obtained at a reduced cost, which will give the holder the privilege of hunting during the fall season and angling during the next summer.

# OLD N. C.

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A place where flowers bloom with fragrant sweet.  
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Why everyone doesn't move to old N. C.

Just think of the scenes that are enclosed there,  
The glow of the moon, the sunset fair,  
Twilight glitters behind the trees,  
Oh what a place is old N. C.

Just think of the Grandfather Mountains,  
Beautiful scenery, with all of their fountains,  
It's grand! Everyone can see,  
There's nothing equal to old N. C.

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Where a cool breeze continues to blow,  
There's nothing that I can see,  
That can be equally compared with old N. C.

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EDITH HAMLEY

"Why, yes, my boy, you may have her."  
"How's that? Have whom?"  
"My daughter, of course. You want to marry her, don't you?"  
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30x4.50 (4.50-21)	5.69	22.20	29x5.50 (5.50-19)	8.90	34.60
28x4.75 (4.75-19)	6.65	25.80	32x6.00 (6.00-20)	11.50	44.60
29x4.75 (4.75-20)	6.75	26.20	(Six ply)		
29x5.00 (5.00-19)	6.98	27.20	33x6.00 (6.00-21)	11.65	45.20
30x5.00 (5.00-20)	7.10	27.60	(Six ply)		
28x5.25 (5.25-18)	7.90	30.60	30-3 1/2 Reg. et. High Pressure	4.39	17.08
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