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CLAUDE TEAGUE, 37, A SUICIDE

Blowing Rock Man Dies From Loss of Blood; Wrist Slashed With Razor Blade

Claude Teague, 37-year-old World War veteran, died in Blowing Rock at 9 o'clock Monday from a wound he was said to have inflicted in his left wrist with a razor blade at his home there Sunday afternoon.

He is reported to have slashed his wrist in a bedroom at his home, while his wife was visiting at a neighbor's home. When found by Police Chief Fred Hatley about 3:30 p. m., he was in an unconscious and weakened condition from loss of blood.

His sister, Mrs. Dick Holler, of Blowing Rock, had come to the Teague home and noticed blood on the floor as she walked through the hallway. She immediately called Chief Hatley, who found Teague in the bathroom.

Teague, who served overseas in the infantry during the World War, received several decorations, including one for bravery under fire and one for outstanding service. He was gassed, a fact believed to have been partially responsible for the despondency said to have been the cause of the suicide. He was a plumber by trade.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday from the late residence and interment was in the Reformed church cemetery.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Fannie Teague, the widow, Mrs. Doris Holler Teague, one daughter, Bonnie Jean, a brother, Ralph Teague, and a sister, Mrs. Sadie Holler.

925 STUDENTS ARE ON LOCAL CAMPUS

Enrollment at Appalachian Unusually Large; Many States Are Represented

Nine hundred and twenty-five students are now enrolled in summer school classes at Appalachian College, says a report issued from the office of the registrar. Of these 804 fall from 30 of North Carolina's 100 counties, while 121 come from 13 other states.

The tabulation reveals that there are students from the following states: Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Vermont.

It is also pointed out that in North Carolina 575 students come from east of the Blue Ridge and 229 from west of the mountain range.

There are 722 female collegians and 203 male, representing 114 colleges. There are 182 bachelor degrees.

The first six weeks term closes July 16, the second begins July 19, and ends August 26, with the regular fall term opening on August 31.

WATAUGA HAMS GO TO LONDON

Smithy's Store Gets Order for Famous Meat From Britain as Fame of Product Spreads

Smithy's honey-cured hams have long been famous over the greater part of the United States, and now the news of their excellent flavor has crossed the waters, according to Mr. Owen Wilson, manager of the local store. Mr. Wilson is justly proud of a letter recently received from London, England, calling for the delivery of six nice hams, weighing 20 or 25 pounds each.

Mr. Wilson, whose warehouses ordinarily contain hundreds of the delicious hams, states that the curing process used was evolved by his company, and that the mixture employed includes a generous proportion of pure sourwood honey. Visitors to the region have long been proud in their praise of the product, the output of which is increased yearly to take care of the mounting demand.

HORSE SHOW IN AUGUST

The twelfth annual Blowing Rock Horse Show will be held August 5-6, it was announced the first of the week.

Spy Case Witness



New York, N. Y.—Miss Senta De Wagner of Mineola, one of the two women being held by the government in hidden "protective custody" as a vital spy witness, as special federal grand jury prepares to learn of a German conspiracy to obtain American defense secrets.

MERCHANTS TO OBSERVE FOURTH

Business Houses Will Be Closed Next Monday; Cafes and Drug Stores Will Be Open

Practically all of the business houses of the city will be closed next Monday in observance of the Fourth of July, it was stated at the office of the Retail Merchants Association Monday. Under the constitution of the association, members are to close on the Fourth, without the necessity of special action by the organization.

Those who will be closed Monday include: I. T. Barnett, Reik-White Co., Building and Loan, City Meat Market, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., H. & H. Oil Co., Harrison Chevrolet Co., High Land Furniture Co., M. C. Holler, King Street Grocery, Mullins Grocery, New River Light & Power Co., Pearson's Store, Qualls Furniture Co., Spainhour's, Inc., Daniel Boone Shoe shop and the Northwestern Bank, Smithy's store.

Patrons of these establishments in both the town and county are asked to bear in mind the closing, and transact their business this week, in order that there may be the minimum of inconvenience.

AGED LADY IS HURT IN CRASH

Mrs. Sarah Day of Hickory Suffers Painful Injuries as Cars Collide Sunday

Mrs. Sarah Day, 77-year-old resident of Hickory, was painfully but not seriously injured Sunday afternoon in an automobile accident which occurred on the Shulls Mills highway, some distance from Blowing Rock.

A car occupied by Mrs. Day and four others and driven by her grandson, Lawrence Day, collided with one driven by Dr. A. P. Kephart of Blowing Rock, which carried other members of the Kephart family. Mrs. Day is said to have received numerous cuts and bruises, while Addie Belle Day, 12, suffered a broken arm. Other injuries received were of a minor nature.

LEGION POST MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of Watauga Post American Legion at the Legion hut, Friday, July 1, at 7:30. The business of the session will be confined mainly to hearing reports of delegates to the state Legion convention in Winston-Salem.

VERMONT PREFERRED LOCAL COLLEGE: HAD STARTED TO DUKE U.

Mr. Wilfred Fletcher, a teacher of Readsboro, Vermont, was a week-end guest at the E. C. Rivers home, on route to Durham, where he had expected to attend summer school at Duke University. While here, however, Mr. Fletcher became so impressed with Appalachian College and its environs that he changed his plans, and is now enrolled at the local institution.

WORK OF HEALTH OFFICE REVIEWED

Dr. King Outlines Activities of District Health Office During Past Year

By DR. ROBERT R. KING
The fiscal year of the Watauga County Health department ends on July 1st, and at this time a review of work done during the past 12 months should be interesting. A quotation runs, "I am an old man and have my troubles; most of which have never happened." That is the purpose of your health department—to have many troubles but to see that most of them never happen.

The best part of our work is that which prevents something from happening to our health, and so does not appear in reports. As an example, a typhoid carrier was discovered this year and by controlling this potential source of danger much sickness and death may be prevented that will never find its way into reports.

Milk is a splendid and necessary food, but at the same time it is an almost perfect growing ground for numerous harmful germs. To guard against this danger, some 38 milk handlers have been examined and 82 visits made to dairy farms.

The same care must be exercised in public eating places and those serving and preparing food in them. It will, no doubt, be surprising to learn that 348 food handlers have been examined and 107 inspections made of food handling establishments.

General sanitation has not been neglected as assistance and supervision has been given in the building of 15 septic tanks, 19 sanitary privies and nine approved individual water supplies. It is to be regretted that we have not been able to secure the assistance of the WPA in a sanitary project such as numerous other counties have enjoyed, for it would be a great help to those most needing better sanitary conditions around their homes, and assistance as well.

In the schools, children are examined in the first, third and fifth grades as time does not allow for (Continued on page eight)

Tri-State Singing Meet Held Sunday

10,000 Attended 15th Annual Event at Foot of Grandfather Mountain

Linville, June 27.—Sunday some 10,000 people from western North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia made the climb up beautiful Yonahlossee road to the foot of towering Grandfather mountain for the 15th annual Tri-State singing convention.

Families began arriving from the surrounding area around 7 o'clock Sunday morning. Largest representation was from Watauga, Avery, Caldwell, McDowell, Yancey and Madison counties in this state and Carter, Unicoi and Johnson and other counties in Tennessee.

After a short Sunday school, regular singing began at 11 o'clock and continued until late in the afternoon.

The scene of this picturesque annual custom is the spacious green meadow at the foot of Grandfather. The association is divided into classes, representing various portions of the three states and each class participates in both competitive and mass singing.

J. L. Hartley, of Linville, was in charge of the annual affair.

Sheriff and Deputies Make Raid On Stills

Sheriff A. J. Edmisten and his deputies on Thursday and Friday of last week captured two blockade liquor plants, the first being in Beaver Dam township. The apparatus was fashioned from an oil drum and 70 gallons of beer was ready for distillation when the officers arrived. The operators were not present and no arrests have been made.

Another small still was seized on the Rich Mountain above Silverstone, which was not in operation and no beer was in evidence.

On Saturday Wm. Golden of Blowing Rock, was taken into custody after sheriff's officers had found 34 half-gallon jars of moonshine on his premises. He was bound to superior court and filed an appearance bond in the sum of \$500.

Plane Found Wrecked; All Dead



Yosemite National Park, Calif.—Missing since March 1st, the giant TWA airliner was found smashed 200 feet from the top of Buena Vista Park, wings sheared off, fuselage a jumble and the tail jammed into the heavy snow drift. The bodies of the nine occupants were scattered about.

TO OUR ADVERTISERS

The Democrat's Fiftieth Anniversary and Progress Edition is scheduled to come from the press with the regular edition next Wednesday, and due to the added strain on the mechanical department in issuing the greatly enlarged paper, it is found necessary to set the deadline for all advertising matter to appear next week at Saturday noon of this week.

Patrons of the newspaper are urged to co-operate fully with the publisher so that no regular advertising may be omitted in the final clean-up. We thank you.

POOLED WOOL IS SOLD; PRICE GOOD

County Agent Announces Times and Places for Weighing Fleece Sold Locally

The wool committee, composed of W. W. Mast, Clyde Perry and C. D. McNeill, has sold the pooled wool at a good price, compared with prices being offered for wool this year, said County Agent W. B. Collins Monday.

Mr. Collins announces that pooled wool will be weighed up at the following times and places:

At the Ford garage in front of the courthouse in Boone on Monday, July 4, from 8 to 12 a. m.

W. W. Mast's store on Monday, July 4, from 1 to 3:30 p. m.

Vilas Service Station, Monday, July 4, from 4 to 6 p. m.

Clyde Perry's store on Tuesday, July 5, from 8 to 10 a. m.

Donly Hagaman's store on Tuesday, July 5, from 10 to 12 a. m.

Sherwood's store, Tuesday, July 5, from 3 to 5 p. m.

Any farmers in the county who wish to do so may sell their wool through the pool at one of the above mentioned places.

Mr. Collins says all wool must be dry and should be free from tags and trash.

Burgin Pennell Is Legion Commander

Burgin Pennell, Asheville attorney, was unanimously chosen as state commander of the American Legion at the close of the 20th annual convention in Winston-Salem Tuesday. Mrs. Herbert B. Taylor of Dunn, was elected president of the Auxiliary.

Among the local legionnaires in attendance at the convention were Lionel Ward, Cleve Gross, Chas. Rogers, Asbury Weaver, H. G. Farthing and S. F. Horton. Mrs. T. A. Weaver represented the local Legion Auxiliary.

DR. FELLOWS WILL LECTURE ON SYPHILIS

Dr. F. S. Fellows, acting venereal disease consultant for the State Board of Health, will deliver an illustrated lecture on syphilis in the college auditorium Thursday, June 30, at 8 p. m. Dr. Robert R. King of the District Health department here, in making the announcement, urges all those interested to attend.

MARVIN WARREN IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Man Accused of Robbery Tries to End Life With Razor Blade; Physician Saves Life

Marvin Warren, Watauga man, who is being held in the county jail for trial at the fall term of court on charges of aiding in the robbery of Mr. "Tip" Shull, resident of Laurel Creek township, made an attempt at suicide Tuesday morning, and but for the prompt action of the county physician, Dr. H. B. Perry, he would likely have succeeded in ending his life.

Warren was found shortly before noon Tuesday, a deep gash made by a safety razor blade in his left arm, and considerably weakened by loss of blood. Sheriff Edmisten's wife immediately summoned Dr. Perry, who succeeded in tying up the severed veins, and Warren is expected to make speedy recovery.

The prisoner is quoted as having freely admitted he intended self-destruction. He stated that he was not guilty of the robbery and decided to get out of it this way. Sheriff Edmisten has taken every precaution against the prisoner making another suicide attempt.

POSTOFFICE BIDS TO BE ASKED SOON

Doughton's Office Making Every Effort to Hasten Construction of Federal Building

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Doughton's office to the effect that every effort is being made to facilitate the construction of Boone's new \$75,000 postoffice, and that it is expected that advertisements calling for bids on the structure will appear in about a month.

Mr. Peoples, director of the procurement division of the treasury, tells the congressman's office that there are now several thousand post-offices in the same situation as the one in Boone, and that the necessary preliminary work is being done as rapidly as possible. The official further gives the assurance that due to Mr. Doughton's intense interest in the Boone project, it will be given preferential handling by every department. Architects have been instructed to complete the plans as quickly as possible.

FINGERPRINTS SAVE CHAS. COOK

Man Thought to Be Mail Robber Set Free When Fingerprints Fail to Correspond

Chas. F. Cook, venerable itinerant, who was detained here last Wednesday by police, upon the supposition that he was John Gideon, noted mail robber, who escaped the federal pen in 1920, has been released. A federal agent from Charlotte, summoned here by telephone, checked the fingerprints of Cook against those of Gideon, and found that the man being held was not the person who robbed the mails at Moscow, Idaho, in 1906, and skipped the remainder of a life-time sentence 14 years later.

The federal agent, however, commended Chief of Police Ollis for his action in detaining Cook, and noted a remarkable resemblance between he and the widely-sought criminal.

Mrs. Martha Eggers Dies at Zionville

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Eggers, aged 81, who died Saturday night, were conducted at Zionville church Monday morning by Rev. Dwight Edmisten, assisted by Rev. Vilas Minton and Rev. Edgar Edmisten. Surviving Mrs. Eggers are four sons, Charlie, Joe, Conley and Roy Eggers, and two daughters, Mrs. Sallie Guy and Mrs. Myrtle Johnson. Mrs. Eggers was the last of the Hiram Jones family to go since her brother, J. C. Jones, preceded her in death only a few months.

Miss Marguerite Miller, Watauga county welfare officer, made a business trip to Raleigh the latter part of the week.