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Mr. Dave Womble Kills Himself

Aged and Highly Esteemed Citizen of Pittsboro Shoots Top of Head Off

TRAGEDY WAS A GREAT SHOCK

Pittsboro people rose yesterday morning to a shock of surprise and grief. The body of Mr. J. David Womble was found lying in his work shop with the top of the head practically blown off by a load of shot from a gun held in his own hand.

The body was cold and the indications were that he had been dead several hours. Neighbors, too, are reported to have heard a gunshot between three and four o'clock.

The dead man was in his night clothes, indicating that he had risen from his bed to commit the rash act, or, driven from bed by the intense heat, had decided upon self-destruction while seeking relief.

He was in his usual good spirits, apparently, Tuesday evening. His son Ralph, a traveling man, finding himself in a nearby town, had run down for the night, and had been greeted in the usual manner.

The writer passed the home after six o'clock and was invited in by the genial gentleman.

It happened that three of his children, Mrs. Meyers, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Ralph, and Miss Margaret were at home instead of as usually when Miss Margaret was the only companion of her father.

Hurried calls Wednesday morning started the rest of the numerous children and sons and daughters-in-law to the stricken home.

The burial is planned for today, Thursday, and will take place at the old home church, Mt. Pleasant, in which Mr. Womble still held his membership, though he had been living in Pittsboro several years.

Mrs. Womble, who was Miss Addie May, died three years ago last winter. Since that time Mr. Womble and his youngest daughter have been keeping house alone.

Mr. Womble had reared a most interesting and estimable family of children. The oldest, Mr. Gus Womble, died two years ago in Sanford. The others are Mrs. C. T. Wrenn, of Siler City, Mrs. R. L. Goldston of Goldston, Cleveland Womble of Dunn, Mrs. W. J. Meyers of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. G. W. Blair of Pittsboro, Miss Margaret, Ralph, of Raleigh, and Will Rose Womble of Richmond.

Regret at the rash act is general and much sympathy is expressed for the grief stricken family.

SUNDAY, HOME-COMING DAY AT HAYWOOD CHURCH

Brief History of Haywood Presbyterian Church—Organization

The Presbytery of Orange in session at Clarksville, October 28th, 1850, ordered Rev. C. K. Caldwell to organize a church, if the way be open, in the village of Haywood, Chatham County, N. C.

Accordingly, a church was organized on the second Sabbath of November 1850, consisting of one Elder and 175 members: viz: Richardson Faucette, Elder, William C. Faucette, Kenneth Alexander McDonald, John W. Scott, John L. Walden, Foderie McIntosh, P. C. Shaw, Catherine Bryan, Rebecca Shaw, Rebecca I. McIntosh, Anna C. Bryan, Sallie A. Faucette, Martha Faucette, Sophie Martin, McIntosh, Jennette Chisolm, Mary Jane McIntosh, and John B. Massamane.

Immediately after the organization, a sermon was preached and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered for the first time in Haywood by any evangelical denomination of Christians.

May the Lord water this young and tender vine and cause it to grow and grow and bring forth fruit, that God may be glorified and souls saved.

September 1860. This day a Presbyterian house of worship in Haywood was dedicated: Rev. J. M. Sherwood preached the sermon, assisted by Rev. Messrs. A. G. Hughes and C. K. Caldwell.

You are invited to come and bring a basket and help us make this a great day in the history of this old church and meet lots of your old friends.

COMMITTEE—Kate Thomas Hicks, E. E. Walden, E. C. Churchill, Fred Thomas, P. V. Budd.

ENTERTAINS FOR MISS WRIGHT

Mrs. J. W. Hunt entertained Monday afternoon from four to six in honor of her niece, Miss Eleanor Wright.

Cards were played at two tables and delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were Misses Eleanor Wright, Annie Bynum, Elizabeth Blair, Mary George Blair, Pearl Johnson, Margaret Brooks and Elizabeth Womble.

Mr. Billie Chapin was a special guest for the afternoon.

MANN-FIELDS

Their friends congratulate Mr. Ambrose Fields and Miss Nellie David Mann upon their marriage Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was at Durham, where the bride was visiting relatives. The young couple are at home with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Mann, near Hanks Chapel. The Record extends best wishes.

Moncure News Letter

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Farrell and son, Lester, of Pittsboro are visiting today Mrs. W. O. Farrell and daughter, Miss Elizabeth.

Miss Elizabeth Farrell clerked for Maddox Bros. last Saturday.

Mrs. Daisy Lambeth and little daughter Mary Helen, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Chas. N. Johnson at Fuquay Springs, N. C.

Mrs. C. A. Watson's father of Lileville spent last week with her.

Mrs. B. G. Womble and little daughter, Hetty, and Messrs. D. J. Hackney and C. D. Thomas returned last Monday from New York City where they spent several weeks visiting friends.

Mrs. C. C. Thomas and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, spent today in Raleigh.

Captain J. H. Wissler, accompanied by his friends of Virginia and Mr. R. A. Moore, motored today to the peach country where they will purchase some good fruit.

Miss Minnie Bell of Pittsboro is spending sometime with her sisters, Mrs. E. E. Utley and Mrs. T. R. Wilkie.

Mr. John Bell, Jr., after taking two weeks' vacation at home, is now traveling for Quaker Oats Company.

Miss Lucile Maynard the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Maynard is spending this week with friends at Monroe.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. C. M. Whilden was taken very sick last Saturday and was rushed to the hospital at Raleigh. She was resting very well today (Monday). We hope she will not have to undergo an operation, but will soon be better.

Miss Virginia Cathell, who has a position at the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, spent last week-end with her parents.

Several from Moncure attended Children's Day at Asbury Methodist church last Sunday. The program by the children and the singing by the choir was fine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Womble of Haywood spent yesterday (Sunday) with Mrs. Mary Barringer and Mrs. Lois Womble. Mr. C. W. Goldston spent a few days with them last week. Mrs. Lois Womble has been very feeble for some time. She loves to see her children come back home.

The Epworth Leaguers held an interesting meeting at the Methodist church last Sunday evening.

The "Devere" Show is in town. They will be here all the week and show each night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Womble went to Sanford last Sunday to hear Evangelist Little, who is holding a revival there. Mr. and Mrs. W. Clay Farrell also attended.

MRS. MINERVA BLAKE DEAD

Again one of the highly esteemed women of Chatham has gone to her reward. Mrs. Minerva Blake died Monday afternoon at the home of her son, John D. Blake in Durham. Death was the result of high blood pressure.

The burial took place at Lystra Baptist church Tuesday afternoon.

From Tuesday's Durham Herald we clip the following facts about the excellent woman who has gone to her final reward:

Mrs. Blake was born February 18, 1853 in Chatham County. She was married to Joel C. Blake, who passed her in the love of life 12 years ago.

Mrs. Blake now leaves behind her nine children, six boys and three girls; twenty-five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. The children are by age as follows: W. S. Blake, Lakewood avenue, Durham; A. L. Blake, Chatham County; Mrs. B. S. Williams, Chapel Hill; J. C. Blake, Chatham County; Mrs. A. W. Martin, Orange County; Mrs. A. M. Riddle, Pittsboro; L. N. Blake, Durham; C. T. Blake, Lakewood avenue, Durham; John D. Blake, Chapel Hill boulevard, Durham. She leaves behind one brother, E. J. Riggsbee, of Chatham County.

Mrs. Blake professed faith in Christ and joined Lystra Baptist church when a girl. She has been a loyal and consistent member of this church for more than 50 years. When younger she was active in the church life and was especially interested in the work of the W. M. S. of her church. She was loyal to the faith and an earnest Christian. We feel sure that she is now at home over here, where pain and troubles, sickness and death, come no more. That she was a good mother and faithful to all her children may be seen by their devotion and love to her while she lived, and also in her illness and death.

Interment will be made in the cemetery at Lystra Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. S. L. Lamb, pastor of Lystra church, assisted by Rev. Hoyt Blackwell, and Rev. L. W. Teague, of Durham.

Pall bearers will be: Fred Cole, Ralph Riggsbee, Alf Norwood, Watson Durham, Albert Riggsbee, Fred Hutchinson. Floral bearers: Flora Belle Riggsbee, Leo Blake, Eleanor Williams, Louise Riddle, Mabel Blake, Jessie Hutchinson.

Mr. C. D. MacDonald and wife, of High Point, Mr. R. H. Burns of Whiteville, and Mr. H. L. Burns of Mebane, were in town to attend the funeral of Squire R. M. Burns.

PATRIARCH PASSES

Veteran R. M. Burns, at Age of 91, Dead—J. P. for 45 Years—Aged Wife and Four Children Survive Him

Pittsboro has lost its most aged and one of its most highly respected citizens in the death of Mr. R. M. Burns Saturday night.

Mr. Burns, who was in his 91st year, has been in critical health for several years. His wonderful vitality had brought him through several crises, but the grim reaper at last got in his sickle.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. R. Cordon, pastor of the Pittsboro Baptist church, and the burial was in the cemetery of that church at 3:00 p. m. Monday.

Present were his aged and devoted consort and the two stalwart sons and cultured daughters Messrs. A. M. Burns of Roxboro, R. H. Burns of Whiteville, Mrs. Herbert E. Norris of Raleigh, and Mrs. E. C. Winchester of Monroe.

Mr. Burns was one of the oldest Confederate veterans in the county, if not the oldest. He served in Company D, Third N. C. Cavalry.

Shortly after returning from the army, February 19, 1866, he was married to Miss Martha Johnson, who has been his faithful and devoted companion for more than 60 years.

For 45 years Mr. Burns served the county as justice of the peace, and in that capacity probably married more couples than any other man who ever lived in the county.

He leaves behind him a record of civic service that is an honor to his name and a rich heritage to his children, and in these children he and Mrs. Burns have made a contribution to the state that is of inestimable value.

Besides his wife and four children there are several grand-children and one brother, Mr. H. L. Burns, of Mebane.

"Squire" Burns, as he was generally known, will be long remembered in the town and county in which he served so long and faithfully and where his fine personality made him friends among old and young.

THE BURNS FUNERAL

Friends and relatives gathered from far and near Monday afternoon for the burial of Veteran R. M. Burns. The funeral services were conducted at the home by Pastor Gordon of the Pittsboro Baptist church, assisted by Rev. C. L. Greaves, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, Raleigh, who was once pastor here and lived in the Burns home and married a sister of Mrs. A. M. Burns.

Mr. Greaves paid a worthy tribute to the high character of the deceased. He stated that Mr. Burns had never joined a church, but had made a profession of religion, and would gladly have joined the past few months if his breath would have permitted.

The body was laid to rest in the Baptist church yard. Many beautiful floral tributes were heaped upon the mound, attesting anew the high regard in which the deceased was held.

Present from a distance for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McDonald, of Concord; W. H. Harris and A. B. Stalvy of Roxboro, Mr. Harris Mr. A. M. Burns' partner, and Mr. Stalvy a former teacher here and now superintendent of the Roxboro schools; J. A. Long, Roxboro; Mrs. R. K. Black of Concord; C. H. Smith, Sanford; Herbert Norris, a grandson, from Raleigh; Messrs. A. M. Burns, Jr., and Robert Burns, grandsons, from Roxboro; William Moore from Winston-Salem; also all the children of the deceased.

BRIDGES FOR HAW AND DEEP

Sanford Express Reports Plans for Shortening No. 50 and Bridging Haw and Deep

The following interesting facts and rumors appear in last week's Sanford Express:

"A force of civil engineers, who are making Sanford their headquarters, have been busy for the past week or two making surveys with a view to making changes in the location of Federal Route No. 1 from the point toward the Wake county line. The sharp curve on the hill this side of Deep River will be eliminated by straightening the road and crossing the river below the electric power plant which was built at Lockville a few years ago. The Express is informed that a concrete bridge will be built across the river just below the power house. It is also reported that plans have been perfected for building a concrete bridge across Haw river near the present wooden bridge. It is believed that this road will be hard surfaced from the Wake County line to connect with the hard surfaced road in Lee county. The Wake link of the road from Cary to Apex is now being hard surfaced."

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mayor and Mrs. A. C. Ray have recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lillian Marguerite to Mr. Roscoe Joseph Saville of Grant City, Missouri. The marriage will take place September 8.

Messrs. C. C. Poe, Lee Farrell, Sam Griffin, Lester Farrell, and Charles Poe, Jr., returned late Saturday night from a four days' trip through the mountain country, and report a delightful outing.

PLANNING CREAM ROUTES FOR CHATHAM FARMERS

Dairy Expert Visits County—Farmers to Be Interested in Developing Dairy Business

Chatham County has a great possibility for Dairy Development according to Mr. J. A. Arey, of State College Dairy Extension Division, who spent two days last week with the County Agent for the purpose of establishing one or more milk routes in this county. The milk collected would be sold in Greensboro or Raleigh.

Mr. Arey states that the Greensboro Market will take as much as 3,000 gallons of milk daily, and that it is entirely possible to ship or truck it from the western part of the county into Greensboro. Mr. Arey stated further that the farmers of Union county where the natural advantages for keeping cows are no better if as good as those in Chatham, are receiving around \$100,000 annually for milk that is sold in Charlotte. This milk is collected by truck, and hauled, in some cases as much as 50 miles to market.

While in this county, Mr. Arey found much interest among the farmers in the keeping of more cows for milk production. The County Agent expects to keep in close touch with this movement, with the hope of establishing one or more milk routes in this county by early fall.

On Tuesday night, July 15th, a very enthusiastic Dairy meeting of the farmers of Hickory Mountain was held at the Battle school house. At this meeting, Mr. Arey outlined a plan for establishing a milk route in that section, and showed the farmers that it is very possible to make a real dairy section of that community.

A FARM WITH A RECORD

The first item written for last week's Record in some way failed to make its appearance. It was about the fine yield of small grain on the Thomas Daffron farm, in Albright township, now under charge of Mr. A. C. Thomas. In the last item we had the exact yield of wheat and oats this season, but now only recall that the wheat crop yielded more than seven hundred bushels and the oat crop enough to run the total well over 2,000 bushels.

The oats are of the Fulghum variety, and you will probably see an advertisement later offering seed oats for sale.

This farm has a splendid record. In 1893 Mr. Thomas Daffron was awarded a bronze medal by the World's Fair at Chicago for the superiority of his corn. It is clearly holding its preeminence under the management of Mr. Thomas, who married the daughter of Mr. Daffron.

This good couple are raising not only fine grain crops, but a fine crop of girls. Mr. Thomas had a photograph of the three little beauties when he and Mr. W. T. Daffron called on us. Mr. W. T. Daffron showed us the World's Fair medal, in the same box in which it reached the old farm in 1893. Regrettably as it is, Mr. W. T. Daffron is an old bachelor and the Record can have little to say of him till he reforms.

MRS. THRAILKILL PASSES

Chatham county has lost one of its most highly esteemed women in the death of Mrs. Adelaide Thrailkill, which occurred at her home in New Hope township early Thursday morning of last week.

For a month or more Mrs. Thrailkill had been ill of a complication of diseases and little hope had been held out by the physician for her recovery. All the children had been constantly at home watching the event of the course of the disease and were present when her gentle soul was wafted home.

The burial occurred at Ebenezer church Friday.

Mrs. Thrailkill before marriage was Miss Adelaide Council. Her husband, Mr. William Thrailkill, has been dead several years. But surviving both are several fine sons and daughters, to whom have been left a legacy of great value in the character and example of their devoted mother. They are Bunyan D. Thrailkill, who conducts a successful mercantile business at Seaford; Mrs. M. L. Harris, of Allendale, S. C.; Mrs. Robert Seymour, of this county; Miss Alpha, who has for years been the stay of her mother in the home; Norman Thrailkill; Frank Thrailkill; Dr. Thrailkill, of Royston, Ga., and Mr. Trubie, of Raleigh.

One daughter, Mrs. Holleman, died a number of years ago, leaving several children.

The esteem in which the deceased was held by the neighbors was abundantly testified by their anxiety to render assistance during her trying illness.

MRS. BONNIE BURKE DEAD

It was with sadness that her friends learned of the death of Mrs. Bonnie Burke, formerly Miss Rosa Brown, which occurred Friday night. The burial was at the Pittsboro M. E. church Saturday afternoon, Pastor Watson of Bynum, in the absence of Rev. C. M. Lance, conducting the funeral services.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Brown, now of Harnett county. She had not been well since the birth of an infant a few weeks ago.

The deceased was highly esteemed by those who knew her and much sympathy is extended the sorrowing husband and the bereaved parents and brothers and sisters.

CERAMIC EXPERTS REPORT FINDINGS

Research Will Be Boon to Manufacturers.

Urbana, Ill.—Unaffected by world fame that has come to their university with the discovery of Illinium, newest of chemical elements, students and professors engaged in research at the University of Illinois are carrying on with the same painstaking spirit.

Two of them, Prof. Cullen W. Parmelee and Pierce W. Ketchum, graduate assistant, both of the department of ceramic engineering, have announced some interesting findings, following investigation into the translucency of porcelains, that are expected to prove of practical value to manufacturers of art and table ware.

The object of their investigation, Professor Parmelee said, was to acquire additional knowledge of the nature of translucency together with a satisfactory means of control and measurement; this knowledge, he said, would be of value in many kinds of ceramic work.

"While it is true," he added, "that translucency in art and table ware is valuable to the purchaser only from an esthetic standpoint, to the manufacturer it determines the price which can be obtained for his product."

"Translucency is a property of porcelains which lends itself easily to visual measurement. A trained observer can distinguish between two pieces with only small differences in translucency by holding the fingers between a piece and a lamp and noting the clearness of the shadow produced."

"The degree of translucency of any piece must be determined by the character, amount and distribution of the minerals which make up the body. Porcelains consist of quartz particles imbedded in a fused matrix composed mainly of feldspar, together with granular and crystalline mullite."

"Among others, the following conclusions were reached: Translucency is not inversely proportional to the thickness of the specimen; in bodies composed of clay, feldspar and flint, those with the highest feldspar content have the highest translucency and those with the highest clay content the least; increase of burning temperatures gives increase of translucency, and the fine grinding of bodies gives a striking increase in translucency at the temperatures used."

BEST YOUNG ORATOR

Herbert Wenig, seventeen-year-old high school student of Hollywood, Calif., who won first place in the third annual national oratorical contest in the Washington auditorium. Seven students, the pick of 2,000,000 all over the United States, took part in the finals, which were judged by Chief Justice William Howard Taft and four of his associates on the Supreme Court bench. A cup was presented to Wenig by Vice President Dawes.

THAT BELL-BRICK HAVEN GAME

Bell's Team Rather Resent Implication of Brick Haven Correspondent

The Brick Haven correspondent of the Record in her letter last week rather left the impression that Bell's team did not play the game in a fair and square way when that team defeated the Brick Haven team by 7 to 6 in a 12-inning game July 10. Bell's team and fans are inclined to resent the implication, and deny that they were unsportsmanlike in the game. "We simply outplayed them," they say, and further aver that Mr. Harrington, the umpire, a resident of Brick Haven, declared that Passmore, Bell's pitcher, was a better pitcher than the Brick Haven pitcher. Passmore struck out sixteen men. That may have been unsportsmanlike, but the Bell's folk feel that it was pretty good playing. On the other hand, Duell, the Brick Haven pitcher, struck out only three or four.

The Bell's team denies emphatically any unfairness and cannot understand why the usually accurate and fair Brick Haven correspondent has implied that the game was not fair and square on our part.

NEWS FROM ANTIOCH

Cummock, Rt. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Oldham and children of High Point spent Sunday in the home of Mr. Oldham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Oldham.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Oldham and children of Bynum were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Oldham.

Mrs. Fannie Dawkins and baby are visiting relatives in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Oldham spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. Bud Poe of Cummock.

Miss Bettie Johnson of Durham spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Poe and daughter (Mattie) attended the Children's Day exercises at Asbury Sunday.

Among the visitors in the home of Miss Gleanie Oldham Sunday afternoon were Misses Sadie and Daisy Oldham, also Mr. L. D. Oldham of Bynum.

Miss Violet Johnson of Siler City spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Oldham and children spent a whole Sunday afternoon with home folks.

ONE OF THE BELL'S FANS.

Mary George Blair of Raleigh is visiting Elizabeth Blair.

SEVERAL SENSATIONS

Interest of North Carolinians Caught by Sensational Trials and Squabbles

The Cranford Case

There has been no dearth of sensation in North Carolina the past week. The trial of convict boss Cranford at Albemarle for alleged killings of convicts has brought out testimony of a series of brutalities that the nearly inconceivable as happening in a civilized land. Yet unimpeachable evidence is to the effect that Crawford's cruelties have extended over nearly a score of years and that men have been knocked, kicked, and stamped right on the streets of Albemarle by the county convict boss. The indictments are for the killing of two men, but Judge Finley has allowed testimony to be brought in many other cases in order to establish the character of the man's rule. The case has already lasted a week and is not yet ended.

"The Razor Girl"

Over at Charlotte the young woman who cut her husband's throat with a razor has been on trial. A mental expert declared that she was a child in mind, that she couldn't name a single man who has been mayor of her own city, and does not know the meaning of the word "governor." She herself says that she did not intend to kill her husband but to cut him only enough to make him stay with her. The jury at this writing has not agreed, but are reported as in the majority for her acquittal.

The Ashley Case

At Asheville quite a different kind of man was under investigation. Dr. Ashley Chappell, pastor of one of the leading Methodist churches of Asheville, was acquitted Tuesday of a charge of immorality in a church trial. Dr. Chappell had been caught in a most unfortunate situation. He was attending a conference in Memphis. He suffers from hernia. That night after working on a sermon for the next day he went out to walk. While out his truss broke and he was suffering intense pain. He got into the first house he could to repair the truss and it happened to be a negro house of bad repute. Two or three minutes after he entered the police entered and arrested him. Dr. Chappell was unanimously acquitted Tuesday and will return to his work as pastor.

The Woman's Survey Squabble

Several months ago, all of a sudden there rose a great demand for a survey of the condition of women in industry in North Carolina. Finally the governor authorized such a survey and put it under the direction of the state board of welfare, composed of Supt. A. T. Allen, Dr. G. M. Cooper, acting supt. of health, and Mrs. Johnson, state welfare commissioner. E. F. Carter, executive secretary of the child welfare commission was expected to direct the survey. Mrs. J. A. Highsmith was appointed as in charge of the active survey. But Mrs. Johnson declined to approve the survey under the charge of Carter, claiming that he is inexperienced and inefficient. Allen and Cooper held out against her. Last Saturday all three of them asked the governor to relieve them, or at least Mrs. Johnson did, and the two men expressed the idea that the survey now would be ineffectual. The governor called off the survey, and now the sisters are raising Cain. Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll claims that the Governor insulted her when she as a committee of the woman's clubs asked for the survey by asking her whom she was employed by, the talk having been that it was northern interests moving for the survey. Dr. Carroll says that she would not report the insult to the State meeting of women's clubs if he would grant the survey and that he did in two days. Governor McLean declines to enter into any discussion of the matter with Dr. Carroll. The affair is rather mixed. Mrs. Johnson has a battle upon her hands to retain her prestige as state commissioner of welfare.

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