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## HER BODY FOUND IN LAKE

### Hendersonville Stirred at the Unexpected Discovery of the Body of Pretty Miss Myrtle Hawkins in waters of Osceola Lake Sunday Morning

### BROTHER IDENTIFIES THE BODY

#### Testimony Taken at Inquest. Coroners Jury gives verdict of cause of death Unknown. Jury undersided whether Miss Hawkins died by accident or suicide.

Another victim was added to the list of fatal occurrences here this summer when the body of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins of this city was found early Sunday morning in the waters of Osceola Lake.

All Hendersonville was startled when the news of the body having been discovered floating in the lake by two boys early Sunday morning. Crowds quickly gathered at the waters edge and when the body was taken out there was no one present who could identify the person. The body was removed to the undertaker establishment of the Hendersonville Furniture Store. Here hundreds of people viewed the remains, various of opinions were heard, not one of them is the least thought that it was the body of pretty Miss Hawkins who was so well known here where she has lived all her life and had scores of loved friends and relatives.

#### Body Identified.

A. H. Hawkins, brother of the deceased young lady was the first to identify the body as that of his sister. The news spread rapidly over the city. Wild rumors were heard on every corner but nothing definite was gained until after the coroner's inquest Sunday afternoon, of which a full report is printed below.

Miss Hawkins was a very popular young girl, hardly twenty years of age. She was a member of one of the most highly respected families in the county. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family.

W. H. Hawkins and his son, A. W. Hawkins, are proprietors of the Hawkins jewelry store of this city.

#### No Evidence of Foul Play.

Evidence of foul play was entirely lacking at the inquest. What is causing comment is that no public report of the girl's disappearance preceded the finding of the body and the jury's failure to designate a cause of death. The brother testified that inquiries had been made about the girl by him and made plain that the family was disquieted by her absence, though her plans for visiting supplied some explanation for it. Another feature in the case is that Miss Hawkins is said to have been a good swimmer and fond of out-door life.

#### Coroner's Inquest.

The coroner's inquest took place at 3:30 p. m. yesterday in the undertakers quarters of the Hendersonville Furniture Company. The jury drawn consisted of six gentlemen: A. F. Drake, Otis Powers, J. V. Blythe, Charlie Tatum, G. W. Brooks, A. C. Justice.

#### A. H. Hawkins.

The first witness sworn at the inquest was A. H. Hawkins, who testified as to the identity of the dead body. He stated that he was positive that the body was that of his sister, Miss Myrtle Hawkins who has been missing from her home since last Thursday. When asked how he could identify her he stated that it was her blue dress that the body wore. Also that there was a scratched place on her finger that she had received while carrying some fruit about five days ago. He knew her shoes with rubber heels which also gave indications of

having been worn while riding a bicycle. Miss Hawkins rode a bicycle a great deal of her time.

Mr. Hawkins stated that the last he had heard of his sister was Thursday, September 7th. She had expressed a desire to go visiting out of the city either to see her sister in Asheville or to Concord. She had made some preparations but on Thursday morning only left the house to visit friends, he thought. From that time until Sunday morning when the body of the young lady was dragged from the waters of Osceola Lake the Hawkins family had received no news as to the whereabouts of the missing girl. Mr. Hawkins stated that every effort had been used in trying to locate his sister. He had asked many people but received no information. He stated to the jury that he was perfectly satisfied that the dead body was that of his sister, Miss Myrtle Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins was excused.

#### E. S. Freeman.

E. S. Freeman was called to the stand and was sworn to testify before the jury. Mr. Freeman stated that he was a guest at the Lake View Inn. "On Sunday morning about 9 o'clock a young boy came running up to the hotel and exclaimed, 'Telephone the sheriff, there is a dead body of a girl down in the lake.' I immediately began phoning into Hendersonville and succeeded in getting some one out," stated Mr. Freeman to the jury. Mr. Freeman then went down to the lake and viewed the body which he stated he thought was that of a grown woman. When someone suggested to take the body he stated that it would be better to wait until some of the officers arrived. There were three parties with him on the dam at this time. He stated that an automobile arrived soon after belonging to J. L. Orr containing several gentlemen. The witness was excused.

#### Dr. A. B. Drafts.

Dr. A. B. Drafts was called to the witness stand and sworn. Dr. Drafts said that he was the family physician of the Hawkins family and that it was his opinion that the dead body was that of Miss Myrtle Hawkins. The witness was excused.

#### Det. Reese.

Det. Reese and Will Staton were sworn as witnesses. Det. Reese was called upon and stated that he suggested getting the body out of the lake. He said that only the back of the head could be clearly seen in the water, that the feet were considerable lower in the water than the body. When the body was removed to land he turned it over but did not recognize the body at all.

#### Wm. Staton.

Wm. Staton said that Reese's testimony was the same as his except that he arrived on the scene before Reese. Staton assisted in getting the body from the lake.

#### Dr. W. R. Kirk.

At this time the coroner, Dr. W. R. Kirk, began the post mortem of the body with assistance of J. V. Blythe, the undertaker, and Pink Case. A most rigid and thorough examination of the dead body was made. At the conclusion Dr. Kirk made his report to the jury. A part of the report which was made public was that there could be found no water in the

### A. L. TABOR CLOSSES STORE

A. L. Tabor who has been conducting a grocery store next door to the Palace theater turned his stock over to his creditors today. It is thought that he has enough goods on hand to pay dollar for dollar. Among the creditors are several wholesale grocery concerns and a few individuals.

#### Good Road Club.

A good road club was organized at Ebenezer school house on the Edneyville road one day last week. Several gentlemen from this city attended the meeting. Dr. C. Few who was at the meeting stated that a great deal of enthusiasm was shown by the members present and many of them expressed their desire to see the bond issue passed now being agitated in this county.

#### MAINE ELECTION

Big Vote Looked For—Hobson Speaks. Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—With but a few hours remaining before the actual voting begins today, the campaigners for and against constitutional prohibition spent a busy Sunday. Last night both sides claimed victory.

The no-license adherents were particularly active in the cities. Sunday school children parading the streets carrying banners inscribed with "Vote No," "Vote for Us" and similar phrases. More than 30,000 children were in line. In many of the churches prayers were offered for the retention of the prohibitory amendments.

In Portland today Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama, addressed two meetings and scores of automobiles toured towns and villages, carrying speakers who made short addresses.

Captain Hobson will be in Hendersonville shortly to deliver an address, as part of the big Lyceum course.

Lungs of the body to signify that the deceased had been drowned.

The young lady was found to be completely dressed. No apparent scars could be found on the head.

#### A. F. Dickmann

One more witness was brought before the jury who was A. F. Dickmann. Mr. Dickmann stated that last Thursday he was riding around Osceola lake in an automobile and when arriving to the far side of the lake about a hundred yards from the dam he noticed a young lady sitting on a projecting rock near the water's edge. He stated that he remarked to his companion that the young lady was in a dangerous position. He could not see the person's face very plain as she was apparently reading a book or paper. She was a short blue dress on, which Mr. Dickmann testified corresponded with that of the one worn by the deceased young lady. He said that the young lady had dark hair, but that he could not say positively that the two persons were the same. The witness was excused after which the jury took only a short time in rendering its verdict as follows:

"We the undersigned jury being duly summoned and sworn to set in the case of the death of a body found in the Osceola Lake on Sunday morning, September 10th, find according to the evidence as follows: 1st. The body to be that of Miss Myrtle Hawkins. 2nd. The cause of death unknown."

#### G. W. BROOKS

#### C. G. TATUM

#### A. C. JUSTUS

#### OTIS POWERS

#### A. F. DRAKE

#### J. V. BLYTHE.

### CAPTAIN TOMS' APPLE ORCHARD

"Egsewah," the Indian name for Jump Off mountain is the name Captain M. C. Toms has given his magnificent apple orchard of over 3,000 trees on this mountain.

Captain Toms takes great pride in raising some of the finest apples in this county.

"We need a cold storage plant," remarked Capt. Toms to a Herald representative. Every year Henderson county ships thousands and thousands of dollars worth of apples North and East and these same apples are shipped back here later in the winter at an enormous profit to the middle man. If there was a cold storage plant in Hendersonville it is of the opinion of Captain Toms and several other men who are interested in the growth of apples that it would be a paying investment.

#### Lisbon (via the frontier), Sept. 10.

—With a desire to know the exact strength of the positions and the intentions of the Royalists, the government recently sent Luz d'Almeida, chief of the carabinieri, a secret political society, to the frontier to make a thorough investigation. A report from this official has just been received. He says the Royalists now concentrated in the neighborhood of Orense are preparing slowly to advance. They number from 4,000 to 5,000, comprising infantry, cavalry and artillery. They have about 40 pieces of artillery, for the most part machine-guns. They also have two aeroplanes, which are constantly flying over the camps of the soldiers of the republic, especially at Chaves, and the troops and the inhabitants are in constant fear that they may drop bombs.

### AT AUDITORIUM TONIGHT

The musical concert to be given at the Auditorium this evening at 9 o'clock promises to be one of exceptional quality. The artists who are to give the concert have splendid reputations as musicians of rare attainment. Mr. Edwards has made several successful tours in many states. Miss Kinne, violinist, gave a recital in Durham not long ago about which the following was said about her:

"Miss Marion B. Kinne's playing was the palm of the evening, and the reputation that preceded her coming to Durham was fully sustained by her work last evening. Her interpretation is excellent and her technique is fine. The tones produced from the old soul-stirring instrument was never heard to better advantage than last night. She has won her way to her Southern audiences."—Morning Herald, Durham, N. C.

### NEGRO CAUGHT.

Flat Rock, N. C., Sept. 11.—What is thought to have been an attempt to rob three trunks belonging to a guest of Highland Lake Club was stopped by Ernest Drake, an employee of a local livery firm. A negro giving as his name James Lewis was held by Drake until a deputy sheriff could arrive from Hendersonville. The affair took place near the depot Saturday night about 9 o'clock. Ernest Drake driving a drag wagon arrived at the depot and prepared to take the three trunks to the club house. A negro stepped up and remarked that they were his trunks and made several threats. Drake had a few words with the negro and later armed himself and succeeded in taking into custody the "would be" robber. The negro is thought to have had the intention of robbing the trunks. He is now in the county jail.

### CROWDED CHURCH LAST NIGHT. DR. HULTEN'S FAREWELL SERMON.

### MISS HAWKINS LAID TO REST.

The funeral services of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins who died from an unknown cause took place this morning at 11 o'clock. Interment was made in Oakdale cemetery. Quite a number of friends and relatives of the deceased young lady were present at the services conducted by Rev. J. W. Moore pastor of the Methodist church. The pall bearers were: W. C. Brannon, C. E. Brooks, J. O. Williams, A. D. Brown, Columbus Morrison, C. M. Pace, Jr.

### SHORT LOCAL NOTES

Oliver Edwards has returned home from Highland Lake Club where he has had charge of the orchestra this season.

Dr. H. H. Hulten left this morning for his home in Charlotte after conducting a very successful series of meetings at The First Baptist church.

Mr. Vance Norwood returned Sunday from Wilmington, where he has been for the past week on business.

Mr. J. A. Brock returned Saturday from a trip in South Carolina. Mr. Brock reports that the crop outlook in that state is good this year.

C. H. T. Bly returned yesterday from New York state where he has been for the past two weeks visiting his old home. Mr. Bly says that he paid close attention to all the resort towns along the way back and finds that Hendersonville has more people in proportion to its population than any of the resort towns he visited.

#### World Congress Against Alcoholism

The Hague, Sept. 11.—Noted physicians, scientists, jurists and various other representatives of the leading countries of the world were present today at the opening of the Thirteenth International Congress Against Alcoholism, the sessions of which are to continue for one week. The gathering promises to be the most interesting of its kind ever held. The addresses and discussions will deal with the educational, scientific, social, economic and remedial phases of the alcohol question. Among the delegates from the United States are Mrs. Edith Smith Davis of Wisconsin, William J. Pollard of St. Louis, E. N. Sherrington of Ohio, Prof. Charles Scanlan of Pittsburgh, Prof. F. J. Lennox of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Peter J. O'Callaghan of Chicago, president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union.

#### OLD STATES.

People Who Live on Ruins Are Admitted to Statehood.

Admitting New Mexico and Arizona to Statehood is somewhat like introducing one's great grand aunt to the family. How old civilization in this part of the new world is nobody can even guess intelligently but compared to Santa Fe and other settlements of the desert our one-time oldest city St. Augustine, is only of today. Before the Spaniards came in the 16th century there were the Pueblos whose arts and culture may have been 1,000 years old and they lived on the ruins of other peoples whose pottery and buried cities may have been coeval with the pyramid builders or older yet. Irrigation works are going to deliver valuable finds to the archeologist and the history of mankind will be changed.—Knoxville Sentinel

There was hardly standing room at the First Baptist church last evening when Dr. Hulten a noted divine of Charlotte gave his farewell sermon. Dr. Hulten has been holding for the past ten days one of the most successful series of meetings ever held in Hendersonville. He has been ably assisted by the pastor Rev. Cawthon.

The sermon last night was marked with eloquence and thoughtful preparation by the speaker. He took his text from Psalm, and in a masterfully manner pictured vividly the love which parents should have for their children from the cradle to the grave.

The church was crowded until chairs were necessarily placed down the aisles. Most intense interest was shown during the entire sermon. Rev. Cawthon thanked Dr. Hulten in behalf of the congregation for the wonderful work he has done in Hendersonville and remarked that the services had been well attended both by the local people and visitors.

#### Porch Party at East View.

Gowned in chic lingerie dresses, a party of ladies enjoyed the morning breeze on the porch of the cottage at East View, on Saturday morning as a farewell to Mrs. Frank E. Arnsbaugh of Mobile, Ala., and her sister, Miss Kate Parker.

As a diversion from the usual round of cards, the ladies brought their sewing bags and much dainty work was accomplished.

A bouquet of beautiful double dahlia and greens decorated the table forming a fit setting for the cut glass bowl.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. James Lee Lytle and Mrs. Frank Bradley Woodcock both of Jacksonville, Fla., assisted by little Miss Eleanor Lytle.

Farewells were said with many wishes that all might meet again.

#### PLAYED HERE LAST SEASON.

#### Oregon Wakes Up

Three years ago "Roney's Boys" were excluded from playing in Oregon by a fanatical construction of a new child-labor law, even against the endorsement of Judge Ben Lindsey, the "father of the child-labor laws" of this country, who championed Mr. Roney's work with boys in a strong letter to the Oregon Child-Labor Commission. The Utah and Pacific coast papers also took up the matter vigorously and attacked the commission for its inconsistent decision, especially after President Roosevelt had given them his endorsement.

The agitation caused by this unfair treatment resulted in an amendment to the law, and Mr. Roney is advised that the way is clear, and that a great reception awaits them on their tour next spring. Kansas is now the only state that excludes "Roney's Boys" through an exceptionally stringent child-labor law.

Only those who attended the "Roney Boys" concert here in Hendersonville last season can realize what Oregon and Kansas have been missing. The same Lyceum bureau which manages this famous "Boys" band will sprain our coming Lyceum course.

Mrs. Sallie Boettcher of Elizabeth City, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, has been spending the week end with Mrs. Cora Ransler, Ransler Place, this city. Mrs. Boettcher will return to Hendersonville next week to inspect the Star chapter at this place. In the interval Mrs. Boettcher will visit Bryson City, Franklin, Asheville, Mars Hill, Waynesville, Murphy, Sylva, Waynesville and other points.