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GEORGE PORTER, AGED 27, KILLS SELF WITH GUN

Despondent Young Man Commits Suicide—Reason For Rash Act Not Definitely Known.

Despondent, either because he could not live with his wife or because his mother would not give him money, George Washington Porter, a 27-year old son of Mrs. Lula Porter, killed himself at his home here on Liberty street Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock with a 12-gauge shot gun. Porter is said to have threatened to kill himself after he had been refused fifty dollars by his mother, but she, not thinking that he was in earnest, had laughed at him. Porter then wrote two letters to his wife, and addressed them to Miss Madge Porter Davis, Vale, N. C., Route 3. He then went into an adjoining room, seated himself in a chair, placed a 12-gauge shot gun in front of him, with butt resting on the floor and the end of the barrel against his left side. Taking a small wrench he released the trigger, the entire load entering his left side, right through the center of his heart.

Mrs. Porter, who was in the next room with two of her grandchildren and a neighbor's child, upon hearing the shot rushed into the room, calling her son's name, but he was already dead.

Porter had placed the two letters she had written to his wife in his coat pocket. These were opened to see if he had given any cause for killing himself. The first letter follows:

Forest City, Dec. 30, 1929.—Dear Wife: I am sorry to write you this but can't help it. I am going to go home to rest and you are the only girl I love. Dear wife, I am sorry that you and me can't get to live together, but can't help it for mother won't help me and I will go to my home. I want you to marry if you can, but don't forget me. You can keep the presents that I got for you and you will be heartbroken when you hear of this, I know, but can't help it. Know what good times me and you had together. So, Madge you will go to my burying to see me put away. Mother would not help me now. Mother, she said for me to go ahead and kill myself. I told her that I was going to but she did not believe me about it. But she will find out all about it, so wife, you can live a good life that you can go to heaven, so don't blame anyone but me. By, by, by. From George your hubby that called you last night.

The second letter was then opened and was as follows:

"Madge, I am writing you a little more. No, Madge, you won't think hard of this. This is all the way I got to do this. So girl you won't think hard of this. So you be a good girl and live a good life that you can go to heaven when you die. From your husband, George Porter." A postscript was added to this letter saying again, "Don't blame anyone but George Porter."

Porter, who was a farm hand, had been working for a Mr. Bartlett, of Vale, and it is thought that he married Madge Davis, who is a sister-in-law of Mr. Bartlett, while employed by this man. Mrs. Porter says that she asked George upon his return to his home here and after he told her he was married, why did he not bring his wife home, but she never received any answer. Mrs. Porter also states that George asked for fifty dollars Monday, but that she had given him a hundred dollars about a month ago and that she just didn't have it at that time.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Mt. Vernon Baptist church where Mr. Porter had been when twelve years of age. W. A. Ayers, pastor of the First Baptist church of Forest City, was in charge of the funeral services. George Porter was born April 22, 1902. His father, George Logan Porter preceded him to the grave about 7 years ago. In addition to his

Legion Banquet On January 9th

The Willis Towery Post, American Legion, will banquet its members on Thursday evening, January 9, at 7:30 o'clock. The Legion banquet will be held at the Broadway Inn, on Broadway street. The banquet will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Special music will be a feature of the after dinner program. Plates will cost seventy-five cents each. All members are requested to return their cards at an early date, in order that the proper number of plates may be prepared.

MRS. J. W. KELLER TAKEN BY DEATH

Spindale Woman Succumbs to Cancer—Funeral Held at Providence Methodist Church.

Spindale, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Nora Keller, wife of Mr. J. W. Keller, of this place, died at her home here Monday, December 23, after an extended illness of cancer. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 24, at Providence Methodist church, with Rev. H. H. Cassady, pastor of the Spindale Presbyterian church, in charge.

Mrs. Keller is survived by her husband, J. W. Keller, and seven children, as follows: Mary, John, Warren, Clegg, Howard, Fred and Lee Keller. She was fifty years of age, and was a member of the Methodist church.

Pall bearers were Messrs. Boyce Robbins, T. R. Padgett, J. P. Simmons, J. T. Alley, J. T. Padgett and L. T. Rollins. Flower bearers were: Misses Lillie Crawford, Faye Williams, Sallie Parnell, Ida Crawford, Lou Crawford and Ida Cuthbertson.

Funeral Held For Mrs. B. H. Haney

Funeral services for Mrs. B. H. Haney were held here Thursday, December 19. Mrs. Haney died in Philadelphia, of pneumonia, on December 14. Interment was in Cool Springs cemetery.

Mrs. Haney is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Lynch, of Forest City; her husband, B. H. Haney, of Philadelphia; five brothers, Robert, Lester, Roy, William and Dean Lynch, of Forest City; and three sisters, Pauline Lynch, and Lily Lynch, of Forest City; and Iva Carver, of Rock Hill, S. C.

Pall bearers were Messrs. John Allen, John Brackett, Ray Reep, Howard Daniel, Robert Harrill, Ted Phillips, Bostic Bridges, Dock Holland, J. R. Champion and Albert Blackburn.

Home Of Henry Moore Destroyed By Fire

Forest City, R-2, Dec. 30.—The home of Mr. Henry Moore, of near Oakland, was burned Sunday night. The fire was discovered about 9:30 and had already gained such headway when discovered that nothing could be done to check it, or save any of the furniture. The house and furniture was a complete loss, only a few small pieces of furniture being saved.

One of Mr. Moore's children was critically ill at the time.

The loss is over \$3,000. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to have originated from a defective electric light line.

Just eight years ago Mr. Moore suffered a similar loss when his home and all of his furniture was destroyed by fire.

wife he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lula Porter, one brother, Joe Porter, of Forest City; and seven sisters as follows: Mrs. Willie Watson, Spindale; Mrs. Pink Evens, Ellenboro; Mrs. Roy Jenkins, Harris; Mrs. Henry Heal, Caroleen; Mrs. Newton James, Forest City; Mrs. Walter Sisk, Nashville, Tenn.; and Mrs. William Funderburk, Forest City.

FINAL SERVICE AT TABERNACLE FRIDAY NIGHT

Tabernacle Will be Wrecked Saturday and Taken to Cliffside—Service at Spindale Sunday

Spindale, Dec. 30.—A farewell service will be given at the Stephens Tabernacle here Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Following the services, the men who are present will begin the work of wrecking the tabernacle. All men are requested to bring a hammer, and as soon as the services are concluded the work of removing the seats and inside furniture will begin. The tabernacle proper will be wrecked Saturday.

A special service for men will be held at the Spindale House Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Dr. Wellborn, of Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the Evangelical Association, and Mr. Tom Glascoe, of Charlotte, will be present and speak. It is probable that several prominent laymen members of the Evangelical Association, of Winston-Salem, will be present at this meeting. These men will discuss means of conserving the results of the recent Stephens Evangelical campaign in the county, and a local Evangelical club will be organized at that time.

The Stephens tabernacle will be removed to Cliffside Saturday and re-constructed there in preparation for the opening of a six weeks meeting at that place on January 12.

HOLD FUNERAL FOR MR. ELIJAH DAVES

Bostic Man Died Saturday—Funeral Held Monday Morning at Concord Church.

Bostic, Dec. 30.—Mr. Elijah Daves, aged 60, died at his home at Bostic Saturday night at 11:15 o'clock, after a short illness. Funeral services were held at Concord Baptist church Monday morning at 11 o'clock with his pastor, Rev. I. D. Harrill, in charge, assisted by Rev. W. B. Jenkins, of Woodruff, S. C. Interment was in Concord cemetery.

Mr. Daves is survived by his widow and four children, as follows: Mrs. Delia Thompson, of Bostic; Mrs. Florence Owens, of Caroleen; and Elizabeth and Ethel Daves, at home. Four grandchildren survive, also three sisters, Miss Ida Daves, Rutherfordton; Miss Leona Daves, Logan Store and Mrs. Ada Petty, of Evansville, Ind.

Pall bearers were: Messrs. Lemuel Harrill, Samuel Harrill, Lee Smith, Joe Gunter, Joe Padgett, John Bailey. Flower girls were Misses Ailene Padgett, Alba Padgett, Eunice Hollifield, Ruby Harris, Jennie Sue Harrill, Bertie Lee Keudrick, Beulah Philbeck, Sarah Flack.

Dr. Daves was born April 7, 1869, in the Sunshine community, in this county. He was a prosperous farmer and one of the leading citizens of his community.

Annual Meeting Of B. S. A. Council Jan. 13

The annual meeting of the officials of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held in Hotel Armington, Gastonia, on Monday evening, January 13th, at 7 o'clock, according to an announcement made by scout executive R. M. Schiele, of Gastonia. It was first planned to hold the annual meeting in Shelby, but due to a conflict in dates it was changed to Gastonia.

Officials for the council and officers for each of the counties composing the council will be elected at that time. The council is composed of the counties of Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Rutherford and Polk, with several adjoining counties as extension territory.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE HAS FINE CHRISTMAS

Institute Officials Acknowledge Gifts From Many Sources—Holidays Enjoyed By All.

Bostic, R-3, Dec. 30.—In spite of cold weather and bad roads South Mountain Industrial Institute enjoyed a happy Christmas season due to the loyalty and kindness of friends of Bostic, Tryon, Cliffside, Forest City, Mooresboro, Marion, Ellenboro, Durham, Double Springs, Shelby, Rutherfordton, Salisbury, Gastonia, Lincoln, Charlotte, Morganton, Asheville, Albemarle, Leaksville, besides St. Louis, Mo., Kansas City, Mo., Washington, D. C., and other places had a part in giving joy and pleasure to the school family. The gifts consisted of toys, candy, cakes, fruits, chickens, clothing quilts, blankets, tray cloths, cooking utensils, dishes, a Victrola and money. A basket ball given by Mr. Weathers of the Farmers Hardware, Forest City, is much appreciated by the high school girls. Many organizations and friends brought their gifts to the school. Among the visitors was Mr. Roark, of Ellenboro, who gave an appropriate Christmas message to the school.

Four cars of people from the Florence church of Forest City visited the school December 14, and brought groceries and money. The boys are hoping these visitors will return soon especially the ones who helped at the wood pile.

MR. GEORGE DAVIS CALLED BY DEATH

Aged Resident of Walls Community Succumbs to Long Illness—Funeral Held Sunday.

Ellenboro, R-2, Dec. 30.—Mr. George Davis, aged about 80, died at his home on this route early Saturday morning after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Walls Baptist church, of which he was a consistent member. Interment followed in the Walls church cemetery, beside his wife who died two or three years ago.

Mr. Davis was the father of ten children, nine of whom survive. They are: M. C. Davis, of Union Mills; Mrs. W. T. Dobbins, Mrs. C. H. Padgett, Mrs. R. L. Wells, of the Walls community; Mrs. M. J. Hamrick, of Henrietta; Mrs. E. D. Bridges, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Ida Davis, Miss Margaret Davis, and Miss Georgia Davis, all of Ellenboro.

A large number of grand-children and great grand-children survive.

Mr. Davis was a member of one of Rutherford county's pioneer families, and was well-known and respected in his neighborhood, where he was a successful farmer for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Broad Moore have returned from a visit to relatives in Georgetown, Ky.

HIS FIRST JOB A MOST DIFFICULT ONE

Mr. James Padgett, who has recently become engaged in the undertaking business with his father, Mr. T. R. Padgett, and a recent graduate of an embalming school at Nashville, Tenn., found his first job as an embalmer a most difficult one, but handled it in a masterly manner. His first call was to embalm the body of George Porter, who had shot himself through the heart, making the work of embalming most difficult.

"Heartiest New Year's wishes for 1930—may you enjoy every moment of it," Mrs. A. C. Jones, Milliner.

Cotton Ginning Report To Dec. 20

Rutherford county ginned 17,934 bales of cotton up to Friday, December 20, according to a report of the Department of Commerce, issued through the Bureau of the census. The county had ginned 15,151 bales to the same date in 1928. The state had ginned 658,098 bales as compared to 800,102 bales to the same time last year. Cleveland has ginned 52,670 bales to date, as compared with 48,503 to the same period last year.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD ON PORCH

Miss Mary Jane Morgan, of Union Mills, Apparently Frozen to Death Thursday Night.

Union Mills, Dec. 30.—Miss Mary Jane Morgan, 50, who lived with her mother, Mrs. Grayson Morgan, Sr., near Union Mills, was found dead upon the front porch of her home Friday morning, apparently the victim of some kind of attack or stroke of paralysis which so incapacitated her that she froze to death. She had gone to milk about 5 o'clock the previous evening and was not seen alive again.

Her mother, an invalid, sat up all night and was nearly frozen to death when found about 8 o'clock in the morning. The fire had gone out and she could not build it again or go to bed. No inquest was held.

Miss Morgan is survived by her mother, two brothers, Harold and Adam Morgan of that section; one sister, Mrs. John Green of the Alexander mills; two half-brothers, Gordon and Grayson Morgan.

Epworth Leaguers To Meet Friday

The Rutherford County Epworth League Association will hold its January meeting in the First Methodist church here Friday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. The Forest City Epworth League will have charge of the devotional program. Following the devotional the business session will be held, at which the county president, Prof. R. W. Eaves, of Spindale, will preside.

The December meeting, which was twice scheduled to meet, was postponed on account of the Stephens tabernacle services.

Ellenboro Church Remembers Pastor

Ellenboro, Dec. 31.—The Ellenboro Baptist church very generously remembered its pastor, the Rev. Zay Harrill, on Christmas. The members presented him with a nice suit of clothes, hat, shoes, shirt and tie, and a bountiful pounding. The Concord church gave him a handsome and comfortable overcoat. Success has marked his life as a minister of the gospel. He greets one and all with open generosity, and has made many friends in Ellenboro.



If you want to go right in the New Year, you should visit the PIGGLY WIGGLY store. Folks, you jest wait on yourself, and you sho' gits yore money's wuth.

J. P. CARPENTER, OF CLIFFSIDE, IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Funeral For Prominent Cliffside Citizen Held Sunday Afternoon—Large Number Attend Funeral.

Cliffside, Dec. 30.—We have mentioned in previous issues the illness of Mr. J. P. Carpenter, a man well known throughout this entire section. His condition gradually grew worse despite all that medical skill and the ministrations of loving hands could do and he fell asleep at 7:20 Saturday morning. Although it was generally understood for several days that he could not recover, yet it was a great shock to his family and many friends when the end came.

The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at one o'clock at the Baptist church where the deceased had served as deacon and teacher for so long, having been a member since its organization.

Dr. Charles H. Stevens, a former pastor now at Bessemer, Ala., was in charge of the services assisted by Rev. D. J. Hunt, of Nealsville, N. C., Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire, Avondale, both former pastors, Dr. Zeno Wall, Shelby; Rev. D. H. Rhinehardt, pastor of the local Methodist church and Dr. W. A. Ayers, of Forest City. Each told of the life of the departed friend, of his love and devotion to his church and his friends.

The choir sang very sweetly the old hymn "Whiter than Snow," which was often sung by the deceased and the only song he tried to sing during his illness. Another request number, "The City Four Square" was rendered by a quartette composed of Messrs. E. W. Husky, Claude H. Wilson, W. T. Husky and H. M. Owens.

Never in the history of the town have so many sorrowing friends gathered to pay respect to a departed friend or so many beautiful flowers bearing their mute, but beautiful testimony of love and esteem: except at the passing of the founder of our town, the late R. R. Haynes. Many commented on the beauty of the last rites for Mr. Carpenter and after the service at the church a line of cars estimated about one mile long followed the body to its last resting place in the cemetery at Floyd's Creek Baptist church where he as a boy and young man attended service.

The pall bearers were members of the Masonic Lodge as follows: Messrs. John G. Roach, Avondale; B. D. Wilson, Rutherfordton; Maurice Hendrick and J. C. Hames, Cliffside; W. W. Nanney and Clyde A. Erwin of Rutherfordton. The honorary pall bearers were: Charles Haynes, Walter Haynes, G. K. Moore, J. B. Watkins, W. B. Wilson, P. C. Hawkins, B. L. Davidson, B. E. Gold, R. E. Wall, J. H. Sargee, P. R. Greene and T. L. Blanton. A part of the many beautiful flowers were carried by Misses Virginia Moore, Pearl Simmons, Pamela Pruett, Amanda Haynes, Ferne Pruett, Rosa Mae Haynes, Virginia Mae Love, Edna Love, Bertha McCraw, Lucille Frye and Mrs. J. C. Hord.

At the cemetery the Masonic Lodge took charge of the service and the body of the departed brother was consigned to the grave with the customary Masonic rites and honors. The body was escorted also by the Lodge of Knights Templar, of Forest City.

Mr. Carpenter is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. F. S. Hall, Avondale, N. C.; Mrs. F. E. Webb, of Forest City; R. E. Carpenter, Arthur and Charles Carpenter and Miss Alice Carpenter at home. He is survived by one brother, Mr. John Carpenter of Forest City, and one sister, Mrs. John Beam of Ellenboro.

"We can't say how much we appreciated your friendship and business during 1929, and hope for its continuance in 1930. Happy New Year," Mrs. A. C. Jones, Milliner.