

J. A. HARDISON TAKES OWN LIFE NEAR BAT CAVE

Wadesboro Business Man Shoots Self In Head With Pistol.

Bat Cave, July 21.—James A. Hardison, prominent Wadesboro, N. C., business man and a member of the North Carolina Park commission, committed suicide at his summer home here Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Hardison stepped into his bathroom and shot himself in the head. Members of the family rushed into the room to find him lying in the floor. He died almost instantly.

Mr. Hardison, a man of about 60 years of age, had been in bad health for about a year, and members of the family believed his ill health was responsible for his act. He was in an automobile wreck about a year ago, and never recovered from the shock.

Mr. Hardison, who was engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Wadesboro, was also a large stockholder in the Queen City Bus line, operating between Charlotte and Asheville, and was interested in other business enterprises.

He had a beautiful summer home here, and has spent considerable time here each summer for the past several years.

Sheriff W. A. Garren and Coroner Albert L. Beck, of Hendersonville, were notified of the suicide, and arrived here shortly before noon to make an investigation.

Mr. Hardison was a member of the Episcopal church and a Mason. He is survived by his widow and two sons, James and Herman Hardison, both of Wadesboro.

RUTHERFORD CLUB AT APPALACHIAN COLLEGE

Boone, July 17.—The Rutherford county students at Appalachian State Teachers college entertained the faculty and matrons of the college at an informal party and watermelon feast at 6:30 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, July 16. On account of the rainy weather the party was held indoors in the assembly room of Lovill Home dormitory. The fun was started when one of our girls launched a contest, an apple race, in which all present took part. The winning team was awarded a box of doughnuts as a prize. Other games and contests followed in quick succession. The feature which created the most interest and laughter was a fruit-juice drinking contest played by eight of the professors, four ladies and four men. The ladies fed the juice with a small spoon, the couple finishing first winning. After the games were ended the watermelons were served and all too soon the study bell rang, breaking up the fun and scattering the jolly crowd.

At the feast there were eighteen members of the faculty present. The Rutherford county folks present were: Misses Alice Morgan, Naomi Wells, Lillian Street, Nan Morgan, Velma Mayse, Nona Morgan, Etta Head, Ferne Briscoe, Carrie Lee Lowe, Julia Morris, and Miss Gettys Messrs. Roosevelt Hunt and Miles Hampton. This county had seventeen students enrolled in this college for the first summer term. The total enrollment of the college was approximately eight hundred.

Misses Alda Freeman and Ruby Moore and Messrs. Cap Freeman and "Dude" Frye, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jarrett and family and Miss Pauline Freeman, of Shelby, M. H. Freeman, of Rock Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Freeman of Spindale, spent the past week at Myrtle Beach.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Reinhardt and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Reinhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Zora Harrill and Mr. James Moss spent Sunday afternoon at Shuford's Dairy near Hickory.

COUNTY CLUB SPEAKER



Mr. John Paul Lucas, vice-president of the Southern Public Utilities Company, and editor of the Southern Public Utilities Magazine, who spoke before the Rutherford County Club last Friday. A resume of Mr. Lucas' speech will be found elsewhere in this issue of The Courier.

GREEN'S CREEK NEWS

Mill Springs, R-3, July 21.—Mrs. S. L. Fagan gave a most enjoyable party for the young people of this section Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Fagan spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greene, of Hendersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jolley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pursel and family went on a fish fry Saturday evening over to the old Grey Home.

Mr. W. Y. C. Cantrell, of Cooley Springs, spent the week-end with William Cantrell.

The revival meeting started Sunday at Green's Creek and will continue through the week. The pastor, Rev. N. A. Melton is in charge.

Misses Endora Bryant and Pauline Bridges spent Saturday night with Miss Sadie Blackwell.

Miss Hettie Greene of Hendersonville is spending this week with her friends of this section.

Ellenboro Streets Being Paved

Ellenboro, July 22.—The hardsurfing of the main streets in Ellenboro was begun today when the Wilson Construction Company gave the streets a priming coat of hot tar.

After the priming coat dries two more coats of tar and two coats of gravel are to be applied as to state highway specifications. More than a month ago the streets were topsoiled with a good grade of soil, and since that time has been thoroughly packed under traffic.

The job of treating the streets with tar and gravel should be completed by the close of the week.

KIWANIS CLUB NOTES.

Notwithstanding the hot weather, attendance picked up Monday night. Mr. Chas. Flack had charge of the program and an interesting round table discussion of the sale of the utility plants occupied the business session. It was the general opinion that about all that could be done at present was to ask the public to withhold judgment until further information can be gained as to the advisability to sell or not to sell. Comparative tables, and other data, will be forthcoming at an early date, and then the public can make up its mind as to the merits of the sale. This action was taken because a number of persons have already begun to fight the sale of the plants, without having sufficient knowledge of the matter to render a fair judgment. It is far too important a matter to let prejudice, or ignorance, rule. If it is best for town and county, as a whole, to sell, The Courier advises the sale of the plants. At any rate, there is plenty of time, and plenty of information will be furnished later, to enable the voters to come to an intelligent conclusion in the matter.

COUNTY REVOKES FISHING LICENSES

Action of Commissioners Being Heatedly Protested Over County by Sportsmen.

Rutherfordton, July 21.—At a recent meeting of the board of county commissioners the fishing licenses were rescinded. No fishing license can be purchased at the present time. The action of the commissioners was taken, it is reported, after information was received by the board that no benefits were being secured from the state and federal government fisheries.

The matter was brought up at the County Club Friday by David Lindsay. Dr. L. B. Morse stated that since the county has been issuing fishing licenses several hundred thousand fish had been placed in the tributaries and lakes of the county. A huge shipment of fish is scheduled to arrive within a short time from a federal government hatchery, and unless the fishing licenses is reinstated, the government cannot place the fish in the county.

Mr. Lindsay stated that six years ago there were no game fish in any streams of the county, but after the county began issuing licenses, the state and federal government had taken an interest in the matter, and had co-operated wonderfully. As a result of stocking the streams of the county visitors from a number of states are drawn to the county each summer, said Mr. Lindsay, in respect to fish.

A committee of three, consisting of Mr. David Lindsay, Dr. L. B. Morse, and Roy R. Hunter, was appointed from the County Club to confer with the Commissioners at their next meeting in reference to putting on the fishing license. Other civic clubs in the county were requested to select committees for the same purpose.

At a meeting of the local Kiwanis Club Monday night the matter was brought up and a committee, consisting of Dr. A. C. Duncan, M. H. Hewitt and W. L. Brown was appointed to work with the committees from the other clubs in having the action of the commissioners rescinded.

At a meeting of the Rutherfordton Kiwanis Club a committee consisting of Messrs J. H. Burwell, J. E. Haney and R. E. Price was appointed to take up the matter with the commissioners.

In a letter from Mr. J. S. Hargett, of the State Department of Conservation and Development, to R. E. Price, it was stated that last year the amount received from the fishing licenses in this county was \$786.00. At the same time the Department put on a full time warden in the county and a part-time warden at Lake Lure, and the amount derived from the fishing licenses did not near cover the expenses of maintaining the wardens. During the past year the state alone has placed eleven thousand rainbow trout and five thousand bass in the streams of the county, and had plans of placing a hundred thousand or more fish suitable to the muddy waters of the rivers in the county. However, since the revocation of the licenses by the commissioners nothing more can be done by either the state or federal government in placing fish.

The action of the commissioners was taken after petition, signed by fifty-two residents of the county, had been presented.

ELLENBORO YOUNG TAR HEEL FARMERS MEET

Ellenboro, July 22.—The Ellenboro chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers held an enjoyable meeting recently when they considered a summer trip and when five gallons of home-made ice cream was served.

At a previous meeting a committee of three boys was appointed to make and serve the refreshments. This committee made up of the following: Carl McKinney, J. L. Hamrick and C. O. Bridges, found it no easy task to serve twenty-five boys to the satisfaction of their appetites.

FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. NANCY BAILEY

Caroleen Woman Passes At An Advanced Age—Funeral At Sandy Run Church.

Caroleen, July 21.—Mrs. Nancy Bailey, aged 76, died at her home here July 13, after a few days illness. Funeral services were held at Sandy Run church, Monday, July 14, with Dr. Welchel in charge, assisted by Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire, of Cooleemee, N. C., and Rev. Z. D. Harrill, of Ellenboro.

The Mooresboro quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Jolly, Z. W. Green and Miss Irene Green, sang a selection. Mrs. Sam Green gave a solo, followed by a quartet by the Avondale quartet, Messrs. C. H. Wilson, W. T. Huskey, Howard Hawkins and Ed Huskey.

Pall bearers were Messrs. Bill Souther, Charlie Souther, Lydia Souther, Jimmie Shepherd, Colan Edwards and Stephen Bailey. Honorary pall bearers were Messrs. Hatcher Melton, C. H. Wilson, G. A. Silvers, J. N. Goode, Ed. Huskey. The flowers were carried by Misses Ruby Smith, Lizzie Bird, Lillian Smith, Zula Wood, Mrs. Ernest Smart, Mrs. Glenn Blanton and Mrs. James Goode.

The W. M. U. will meet Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Hayes Memorial Baptist church.

The Lottie Moon circle met with Mrs. R. Freeman on last Tuesday at 7:30 o'clock. Program was rendered by Mrs. I. C. Harrill. Several readings were given, then Mrs. Welch made a very interesting talk on our study for the month. The business was taken up. We will meet with Mrs. C. Smart for our next meeting.

Miss Ruby Tate, of Stokesdale, N. C., is visiting in Avondale a few days.

MR. CECIL WATKINS NAMED LOCAL MANAGER OF PIGGLY WIGGLY

Mr. M. R. McConnell, manager of the local Piggly Wiggly store since the opening here last October, has resigned his position to accept a more responsible one with the Piggly Wiggly stores in Charlotte, having left for his new home first of the week. Mr. McConnell made hosts of friends during his stay in this city, and the fast growth of the store is due in a large measure to his ability and popularity.

Mr. Cecil Watkins, popular Forest City young man, has been named as successor to Mr. McConnell as manager of the local store. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins, known and liked by everyone, and his appointment to this responsible position pleases his host of friends here, all of whom are confident that he will make a success in his new duties. He is well qualified for the position, having had a number of years' experience. He was associated with his father in business here for a number of years, during which time he became thoroughly familiar with the grocery and meat business. Later he was with the Jones Grocery Co., and went from this firm to Piggly Wiggly store some time ago. The Piggly Wiggly people are to be congratulated upon the appointment of Mr. Watkins.

BAPTIST BOYS HAVE BASEBALL CLUB

The boys of the intermediate department of the Baptist church under direction of their superintendent, Lolan Kanipe, have organized a baseball club. They played the intermediate boys of the First Baptist church of Shelby here last Thursday and defeated them by a score of 6 to 4. On Tuesday they defeated the East-side mill boys, of Shelby here by a score of 8 to 6.

This same group of youngsters enjoyed a picnic at Webb's swimming pool Tuesday night. A large number was present and a nice time was had by all.

RECENT BRIDE



Mrs. R. Roy Morris, of Forest City, who, before her recent marriage, was Miss Hattie Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, also of Forest City.

SALEM NEWS

Bostic, R-2, July 22.—Washburn school opened Monday morning. Mr. Lowell Glover is principle again this year. There are two new faculty members, Miss C. Howard, of Mt. Vernon section and Miss N. McBryer.

Mr. M. C. Davis, of Gilkey, visited his sister, Mrs. R. L. Wells last week.

Miss Jean Andrews has returned after spending some weeks at Lenoir-Rhyne attending summer school.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Norville, Thursday, a fine daughter. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Dobbins spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bridges, of Ellenboro.

Misses Frances and Zennie Allen visited Misses Layattle and Vernell Weast Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Washburn, Jr., spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Philbeck who resides near Sunshine.

To Publish Felix Walker's Memoirs

Beginning next week The Courier will publish the Memoirs of Felix Walker, Rutherford's first Clerk of Court, United States Congressman, Soldier in the Indian and Revolutionary wars, Assemblyman, and one of the founders of Boonsboro, Ky.

The manuscript is being loaned The Courier through the courtesy of Mrs. Estelle Oltrogge, of Jacksonville, Fla., a great-granddaughter of Felix Walker.

This manuscript is considered one of the outstanding historical documents in existence dealing with the period of 1760-1826 in Rutherford County and western North Carolina. It was written by Walker in 1826, two years before his death. This manuscript has been published only one time, in 1907.

During the past two years The Courier has received approximately one hundred and seventy-five requests to publish this autobiography. Due to its great length it will probably be published in two issues of The Courier.

MASS MEETING CALLED.

Rutherfordton, July 22.—A mass meeting has been called to meet next Monday morning at ten o'clock in the court house here, and discuss with the commissioners ways and means of reducing the 1930-31 tax rate. The commissioners state that they will be glad to hear discussion on this subject, and invite all to come out who are interested in the matter.

A few days ago the commissioners published an estimated budget for next year, which if adopted will make the tax rate exceed that of this year. This budget will not be formally adopted until August.

CHANGES MADE IN RUTHERFORDTON INDUSTRIAL BANK

W. W. Hicks, C. F. Geer and Mrs. Fannie Hicks Purchase Controlling Interest.

Rutherfordton, July 21.—A trade of general interest to the public was consummated here last week when Messrs. W. W. Hicks, C. F. Geer and Mrs. Fannie Hicks purchased the interests of Messrs F. D. Hamrick, N. C. Harris, David Lindsay and J. S. Dockery in the First Industrial Bank, of Rutherfordton. This deal gives Mr. Hicks and his associates complete control of the bank.

Mr. Hicks will be in active charge of the bank and will be assisted by Mr. B. H. Long as cashier and Mr. K. T. Carpenter as assistant cashier. Mr. Long has been connected with the bank as cashier since it opened for business two years ago.

While this bank does not take checking accounts, it takes savings accounts on which it pays interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, and it also issues its certificates of deposit on which it pays interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. It enjoys the confidence of the public, which is evidenced by the fact that when the several banks in the county closed their doors last February this bank did not have a single depositor withdraw his account, but on the other hand it gained several new accounts.

Mr. Hicks has had considerable experience as a banker, having been cashier of the old Forest City Bank, later converted into the First National Bank of Forest City under his management. He resigned his position there early in 1925 coming to Rutherfordton as cashier of the reorganized Citizens Bank of Rutherfordton of which he with his associates made quite a success up to the time he resigned and moved to Alabama to go into the lumber business.

At the reorganization meeting of the stockholders held Friday morning, Mr. C. Forester Geer and Mrs. Fannie H. Hicks were added to the board of directors, and Mr. Geer was also elected vice president. Being well and favorably known by the public, as a safe and conservative business man he will add considerable strength to the organization.

This bank opened for business on June 20, 1928 and has enjoyed good business. Its total resources on June 30, were \$138,941.49. The capital stock is \$25,000 with a surplus fund of \$5,000, and undivided profits of \$2,806.50, according to the quarterly report.

REV. W. C. LOVIN TO SPEAK AT WESLEYAN CHURCH

Rev. W. C. Lovin, president of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church, will preach Wednesday evening, July 23, at 7:45 at the Wesleyan church, after which he will hold the last quarterly service for the local church. The Rev. Mr. Lovin conducted the last revival meeting for this church and the people fell in love with him and will be greatly pleased to have him here again.

Sunday, July 27, at 7:45 p. m., the local "Dixie Colored Quartet" will sing at this church. After which the pastor will preach his farewell sermon, before leaving for annual conference. Afterward he will take up work in another town.

WOODLAND SWIMMING POOL WATER PURE, TEST SHOWS

The water in the Woodland swimming pool, near this city, is almost as pure as it is possible for it to be, according to an analysis made by Dr. W. C. Bostic, Jr., City Health Officer. A sample of water from the pool was furnished Dr. Bostic, on July 21, and the following report was made: "The water is pure and fit for swimming."