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GEO. L. JARVIS SHOOTS HIMSELF

Lifeless Body Of Prominent Young Attorney Of Walnut Cove Found In His Office Early Tuesday Morning—Former Mayor and President Of Lion's Club.

George L. Jarvis, prominent young attorney of Walnut Cove, committed suicide about 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning of this week by shooting himself as he sat at his desk in his law office over the Burton Drug Store in Walnut Cove. A 38-caliber pistol was used, the ball entering the right temple and coming out just above the left ear. The body was discovered by Deputy Sheriff Henry Dunlap, who had gone to the office to see the attorney on some business relative to a trial which was to have been held Tuesday in which Mr. Jarvis was counsel for one of the parties. While the shot was not heard by anyone it is probable that it had not been fired many minutes when the officer found the body. A newspaper which delivered the morning paper had been in the office a few minutes before and carried the paper. Mr. Jarvis asked for his account and paid the boy in full, telling him that he would not take the paper any longer as he was going away.

In the waste basket in Mr. Jarvis' office was found an unfinished letter torn in several pieces which had been directed to his father. It stated that the deceased had some life insurance and told where the policies might be found in case anything happened to him, etc. The letter was evidently written just before the shot was fired, as near the end the writing was bad and could barely be deciphered, the deceased having no doubt become so nervous he could not write, and then deciding not to try to finish it, tore the letter up.

Early Tuesday morning he borrowed a pistol from a friend saying that he was going up the country to collect some claims and that he might need the weapon. Lacking cartridges he walked up the street with the pistol in his hand and failing to find the cartridges at a store to fit the gun, he borrowed another from a friend, this one being loaded, and went to his office.

A coroner's inquest was held Tuesday, the jury finding that the deceased took his own life.

The only cause that has been assigned for the rash act was that the deceased had appeared to be slightly mentally unbalanced for some weeks.

Mr. Jarvis was in Danbury the day before his death and appeared to those who talked to him here to be perfectly normal mentally.

The deceased, who was 33 years of age, was well known throughout the county and was held in highest esteem by everyone. He enjoyed a lucrative law practice and had been engaged in this profession since coming to Stokes from Wilkesboro about 12 years since. He served as mayor of Walnut Cove for one or more terms and was president of the Stokes County Lions Club at the time of his death.

Mr. Jarvis was unmarried and his father and other relatives reside at Shelby.

He was educated and studied

CONFEDERATES TO GET MORE MONEY

Totally Disabled Men Will Receive \$420.00 A Year—Others Get \$1.00 Per Day.

Clerk of the Court A. J. Fagg is just in receipt of a letter from State Auditor Baxter Durham, at Raleigh, explaining the new pension laws as they affect the old Confederate veterans.

The letter from Mr. Durham follows:

The General Assembly of 1927 made certain changes in the pension laws of the State. A soldier who is totally blind or who has been paralyzed and is totally disabled by reason thereof, will hereafter draw \$420.00 a year, payable monthly through the Clerk of the Court, instead of \$300.00 as heretofore.

All other Confederate soldiers now on the pension roll, or who are eligible for pension under the general pension law, will draw one dollar a day, payable semi-annually. The first payment will be in December, 1927, and the second in June, 1928.

The marriage date was also changed. A widow in order to be eligible for pension must have been married prior to January 1st, 1880, but widows now on the pension roll by reason of some previous statutes will not be taken off.

Class "A" widows who are blind in both eyes or totally helpless and confined to the house will receive \$300.00; all other widows \$100.00.

Except as mentioned above, the general pension law has not been changed. The property qualification is still in the law.

The legislature appropriated for the year beginning July 1, 1927, \$500,000.00 for the widows and \$900,000.00 for the soldiers, and for the year beginning July 1st, 1928, they appropriated \$500,000.00 for the widows and \$600,000.00 for the soldiers.

Want Road To Y. M. C. A. Camp

A large delegation of Yadkin township citizens appeared before the Stokes road board Monday and asked that the county build a road from the State highway near Capella to the camp established by the Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A. near Lunsford's mill. It is learned that the board agreed to assist in the construction of the road.

Boyles-Tillotson Family Reunion

The Reporter is requested to announce that the Boyles-Tillotson family reunion will be held at the home of W. R. Boyles at Trinity, N. C. Route 2, better known as the Branson-Coltrane place, on May 15, 1927. All invited to come and bring picnic baskets of good things to eat.

Many good farmers of North Carolina are mixing their fertilizers at home this year in spite of the prevailing low prices.

law at Wake Forest College, and was a member of the Missionary Baptist church.

The body will be taken to Wilkesboro tomorrow for interment.

TIME EXTENDED FOR PAYING TAXES

Property of Citizens Failing to Pay By Next Wednesday Will Be Advertised.

The list of delinquent tax payers furnished the Board of County Commissioners by the Sheriff on Monday of this week contained the names of quite a large number of citizens. Under the new law the property of these delinquents was supposed to be advertised this week, but inasmuch as the first Monday in June falls on the 6th the newspaper can give the required four weeks of advertising by getting the list in next week's paper. This being the case the commissioners extended the time for payment until next Wednesday, May 11th. After the list appears in the paper citizens will be allowed to withdraw their names at any time before the first Monday in June by paying their taxes and \$1.50 cost.

JUDGE HAYES TO DELIVER ADDRESS

Will Speak To Graduating Class At Walnut Cove High School On May 14th At 10 O'clock A. M.

Hon. Johnson J. Hayes, federal judge of the middle district of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to deliver the literary address to the graduating class of the Walnut Cove high school on Saturday, May 14, 10 o'clock A. M., in the auditorium of the school building.

The public is cordially invited to come out and hear Judge Hayes, who is an entertaining and forceful speaker.

N. L. Cranford Made President of Planters

N. L. Cranford, who has been connected with several of the larger businesses of Winston-Salem for the past several years, was yesterday elected president and treasurer of the Planters Independent Tobacco Warehouse Company at the annual meeting of the stockholders.

Other officers elected to serve with Mr. Cranford are given as follows: D. S. Hayworth, vice-president; W. H. Sharp, secretary; W. B. Willis, acting secretary and assistant treasurer. Directors elected at the meeting were W. H. Sharp, J. F. Smithdeal, D. S. Hayworth, H. C. Sheets and N. L. Cranford.

Surry County Bar Is To Stage A Banquet

Mount Airy, May 3.—The Surry County Bar Association will stage a banquet at Hotel Elkin, at Elkin, N. C., on the night of May 12, at which Hon. W. M. Hendren, of Winston-Salem, will be the chief speaker. Short addresses will be made by members of the local bar. Each member of the association will be permitted to take one guest with him to the banquet.

Frank Davis Elected Alderman

Frank Davis, former tobacco warehouseman at Walnut Cove, and well known in Stokes, was elected alderman at Winston-Salem Tuesday.

SCHOOL BUDGET TO BE MADE SOON

Joint Meeting of County Commissioners and Board of Education To Be Held May 25th—Supt. J. C. Carson Re-Elected.

Decision was reached here Monday by the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education to hold a joint session at the court house on Wednesday, May 25th, for the purpose of preparing the school budget of the county for the coming school year.

It is not known just what the county will undertake in the way of building houses, but it is presumed that something along that line will be done. Several districts in the county have their plans prepared, it is stated, for new school buildings.

The last Legislature authorized the county commissioners to borrow money for school buildings, and the State has provided for placing a large amount of money at their disposal of the counties that care to use it at a low rate of interest for twenty years.

At last Monday's meeting of the Board of Education, Supt. of Schools J. C. Carson was re-elected for a term of two years. Other business before the board was only matters of a routine nature.

STOKES GOT LOAN AT GOOD RATE

Bray Brothers Buy \$80,000 County Notes At Four and Three-Fourths Per Cent.—Money To Pay Outstanding Debts.

The county commissioners last Monday sold \$80,000 in county notes to Bray Bros., of Greensboro, to bear interest at the rate of four and three-fourths per cent.

Money arising from the sale of these notes will be used to pay off outstanding indebtedness of the county.

Danbury People Picnic On Hanging Rock

A good number of Danbury people enjoyed an outing and picnic on Hanging Rock last Saturday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Pepper. About twenty-five married couples were invited but it was regretted that a number of them were unable to attend. The party left Danbury by cars, driving to within a mile or more of the top, where lunch was eaten, after which they journeyed to the rock and spent a short while in viewing the surrounding country. Several members of the party had recently visited Blowing Rock and declared that our mountain "had it on" the one in the "Land of the Sky."

Dr. Hutchins To Deliver Sermon

Walnut Cove, May 2.—Dr. Hutchins, pastor of West End Methodist church, Winston-Salem, will preach the sermon before the graduating class of the Walnut Cove high school in the auditorium, at 3 o'clock P. M., Sunday, May 8th.

Many Irish potato growers in Eastern Carolina complain that their seed are rotting in the ground.

CALVIN BECK HELD UNDER BOND

Charged With Manslaughter In Connection With Deaths of Robert Taylor and Bascom McCaskill.

Winston-Salem, April 30.—Calvin Beck, driver of the car in which Bascom McCaskill and Robert Taylor were fatally injured when the machine crashed into a telephone pole here Easter Morning, was today bound over to Superior court on two charges of manslaughter. Bond was fixed at \$1,500 in each case.

Evidence at the preliminary hearing before Judge Thomas Watson in municipal court was woven around the question of speed being made by the automobile and the presence of whiskey.

R. C. Hensel, one of the party, testified that he was riding with Beck on the front seat of the car. He said he and McCaskill had taken whiskey, but neither Beck nor Taylor had been drinking.

Mrs. C. L. Foster, who took Beck and Hensel to the hospital, said she detected the odor of whiskey, but said there was no indication that Beck was under the influence of liquor.

Dr. W. L. Grimes testified that he was called to the hospital to render medical attention to the injured men. He said he smelled whiskey on Beck's breath. Dr. Cook, resident physician at the hospital, also testified that he smelled whiskey on Beck's breath.

Beck emphatically denied having taken whiskey. He testified that he was driving his automobile at a speed of about 18 miles an hour when it skidded on the wet pavement. He said he attempted to straighten the car, but it struck a telephone pole.

Several defense witnesses testified they saw Beck before or after the accident and that they did not detect the odor of whiskey on his breath and neither did he appear to be intoxicated.

C. B. BRODY HAS TERM SHORTENED

Sent Up From Stokes In April, 1925 For 5 to 7 Years—Required To Serve Only Two and One-Half Years.

C. B. Brody, Walnut Cove citizen, who was sentenced to the State prison for a term of 5 to 7 years at April term, 1925, of Stokes court, on the charge of setting fire to a store building in Walnut Cove, will be required to serve only two and one-half years, according to information given out from the Governor's office in Raleigh last Saturday. As more than two years has already elapsed and as Mr. Brody will be allowed some time for good behavior he is expected home right away.

The conviction of Mr. Brody was purely upon circumstantial evidence and his friends have always contended that he was innocent. They have been untiring in their efforts to secure his release, and the news that their efforts proved successful comes as a great relief to them, as well as to Mr. Brody and his family.

The Cantonese apparently have their minds set on a look-in at Pekin.—Wichita Eagle.

STOKES CASES ARE REMOVED

Offenders Will Be Tried In Middle District Federal Court Instead of Western.

Greensboro, April 30.—Twelve more cases were removed to the United States court for the middle district of North Carolina from the western district by orders signed by Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, and received at the office of R. L. Blaylock, middle district clerk, here yesterday. All charged violation of the prohibition act, the violations all alleged to have been committed in that part of the old western district that is now in the new middle district. An order by Judge Webb, upon petition of defendants, is necessary to prevent such cases from being tried in western district courts where they were originally docketed.

Cases removed yesterday were against Forrest Reavis, Lonnie Moore, and Rufus Reynolds, Wilkes county; John Bowman, Will Wall, Frank Poor, Arthur Cardwell and Russell Woods, Stokes county; H. L. Frierson, Guilford county; Rex Sheppard, Billy Payne, James D. Williams and Arthur Cardwell, Rockingham county.

GOOD NEWS FOR STOKES PEOPLE

Fertilizer Plant On Highway Leading From This Section To Winston-Salem Will Be Removed.

A bit of news coming from Winston-Salem that will be pleasing to thousands of Stokes people is that R. J. Reynolds has purchased the fertilizer plant of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. and that the plant will be removed on or before April 1, 1928. It is hoped here that when the plant is re-located it will not be placed so near the State highway leading from this section into the Twin City.

It is stated that Mr. Reynolds purchased 179 acres of land from the Virginia-Carolina Co. and that this will be subdivided into building lots under the direction of landscape architects. The consideration was about \$250,000.

With the removal of the fertilizer plant the northern part of the Twin City will become much more desirable as a residence or business section.

Widening the Road On Sharp Curves

An item of interest to the thousands who expect to drive over the hard surface road between Danbury and Walnut Cove is the fact that the cement is being made wider on the sharp curves than on the straight runs. This will greatly lessen the danger of accidents and at the same time make the road look more comfortable.

Listing and Assessing Property To Begin

The listing and assessing of property for taxes will begin in some of the townships of Stokes on Saturday of this week. A complete list of appointments for each township of the county appears elsewhere in this paper.