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STOKES BOY'S DEATH IS MYSTERY

Coroner's Jury At Danbury Monday Failed To Find Who Killed Eugene Robertson On Night of Aug. 18th—Dozen or More Witnesses Examined.

A coroner's jury, after a thorough examination of witnesses at the court house here Monday, failed to secure sufficient evidence to arrive at any conclusion as to who killed young Eugene Robertson, the 17-year old boy found mortally wounded on the night of Aug. 18th, near his home a few miles north of Sandy Ridge.

The verdict of the jury was that Robertson came to his death through some unknown cause.

As was stated in the last issue of this paper Eugene Robertson was found lying across the highway with a deep wound in the top of the head. He was unconscious when found and although he lived about 24 hours after being taken to a hospital he never spoke.

The boy was discovered about 2 o'clock at night by M. H. King and Allen Branch, two young men from the western section of Stokes who had been to Martinsville, Va., and were returning home. They notified citizens residing nearby and the wounded man was taken to a hospital by King and others.

At first it was thought that Robertson must have been hit by a passing car, as he had been drinking heavily on that night, but on examination of the place where he was found and the further fact that no bruises were found on the body indicated that the wound on his head was not made by a car.

At the coroner's hearing a dozen or more witnesses were questioned, and they accounted for Robertson's whereabouts from the time he went home, about 12 o'clock, until the time he was found, so that he was wounded between 12 and 2 o'clock at night, according to the evidence.

The coroner's hearing here Monday was a continuation of the inquest which was begun at Sandy Ridge on last Monday.

STOKES HAS MUCH TIMBER

Geological Survey Estimates That We Have Eighty Million Feet—Only Eight Saw Mills.

C. L. Fink, of the North Carolina Geological Survey, spent some time in Stokes recently studying the timber resources of the county, including standing timber, poles, ties, lumber, etc.

Mr. Fink found that our timber had been heavily cut, but he estimates that we still have eight million feet of standing timber, with only eight saw mills in the county. These have an annual estimated output of four million feet.

The State is using its best efforts to conserve the timber through protecting it from fire, etc. Forest fires have done more to destroy the timber than any thing else. The annual yearly loss from this cause is tremendous.

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WORKERS NAMED FOR TOWNSHIPS

To Secure Name and Address Of All Illiterates In Stokes—Ladies Fine Arts Club Assisting In the Work.

Written for the Reporter.

A business meeting of the Fine Arts Club was held at the home of Mrs. M. O. Jones Friday afternoon to discuss different phases of the illiteracy work. Miss Eva Edgerton, the superintendent, made a talk.

Mrs. J. W. Hall was appointed chairman of a magazine committee.

The club received with much appreciation a check of fifteen dollars from Mrs. Kate C. Fields, of New York, who is spending some time at Piedmont Springs, and who is vitally interested in the illiteracy work in Stokes county.

A complete census of the adult illiterates in the county is desired and Miss Mary Taylor has been appointed chairman. It was thought best to take the census by townships and the following have been appointed in each township:

Beaver Island—Mrs. J. D. Humphreys, Mrs. W. E. Joyce, Mrs. C. L. Lester.

Danbury and Peters Creek townships—Miss Edgerton, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Sisk.

Sauratown—Mrs. E. P. Pepper, Nannie Jones, Luna Taylor, Mrs. Carter.

Meadows—Mr. Carson, Mr. Felts, Mary Taylor.

Quaker Gap—Mrs. J. G. Bradshaw, Mrs. R. H. Morefield, Mrs. A. J. Fagg, Mrs. D. C. Taylor.

Big Creek—Mrs. M. O. Jones, Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mrs. W. J. Hackney, Mrs. S. P. Christian.

Yadkin—Mrs. N. E. Pepper, Mrs. R. R. King, Mrs. W. G. Petree, Mrs. Ausby Smith, Miss Edith Fagg, Mrs. Harry Leake.

Snow Creek—Mrs. John J. Taylor, Mrs. H. W. Hudspeth, Miss Mattie Sue Taylor.

A benefit party will be given Saturday afternoon at Piedmont Springs, the proceeds of which will be used in the illiteracy work.

ROAD BOARD HERE MONDAY

Discussed Budget For Coming Year—Purchased Tractor and Ordered Seven Island Ford Road Worked.

The making of the budget for the coming year was discussed at the meeting of the Stokes Highway Commission at the court house Monday. It is not likely that any construction work will be undertaken by the board this year, attention being given to maintenance only for the next several months, and getting the roads in fit condition for the winter months.

At the session the board agreed to purchase another Best tractor for use on road work, and it was ordered that some work be done on the Seven Island road leading from Danbury north by way of the river.

The prevailing opinion is there will be plenty of night clubs in New York for raiding purposes right through to November.—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

LIONS MEET AND FEAST

Session Held Last Night At Hotel In Walnut Cove—Club Will Sponsor Play By Local Talent.

An excellent supper was served the Stokes County Lions Club at the hotel in Walnut Cove last night when the club held its regular meeting. The members were taxed one dollar per plate and the net proceeds was donated to the illiteracy work now going on in the county under the supervision of Miss Eva Edgerton.

Probably the outstanding act of the club at last night's meeting was its decision to sponsor a play by local talent to be given in the high school auditorium at Walnut Cove some time next month. The date and the name of the play to be presented will be announced within the next few days. The services of the Triangle Producing Co. will be secured in producing the play, and the net proceeds from the sale of tickets will be donated to charitable causes.

Several other business matters were discussed at the meeting, which was well attended, and it was voted to hold the next session of the club in Danbury.

WALNUT OVE GIRL ILL IN RICHMOND

Womans' Auxiliary Is Entertained By Miss Ruth Hairston—Misses Ray and Alley Entertain.

Walnut Cove, Aug. 29.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Ruth Hairston near Walnut Cove. The president, Mrs. Edwin Carter, presided and the scripture lesson from John 1, 1, 13 was read by Mrs. E. P. Pepper. The book, "The Church Awake" by Bishop Sturgess being studied was taken up. Miss Kate Ches-hire, in her own charming way gave a very comprehensive picture of the first two chapters, especially emphasizing religion in life bringing out the thought that we gain eternal life here, death only being a continuation. A social hour followed the program and the hostess served orangeade with home made cake. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Howard Woodruff.

Miss Thelma Neal is in Richmond, Va., this week to see her sister, Miss "Coodle" Neal, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday at the St. Luke's hospital there.

Misses Medley Ray and Bernice Alley gave a picnic party to quite a number of young people Tuesday evening.

A sure-fire plank in any one's platform would be: No more laws until we've used up the ones we have.—Life.

309 ELECTORAL VOTES FOR SMITH

Raskob Goes On To Classify States For Smith and Those In Doubtful List—Sure of "Solid South."

St. Louis, Aug. 27.—John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic national committee, predicted upon his arrival here late today with a group of eastern Democratic leaders, that Governor Smith would receive 309 of the 531 electoral votes for President.

Naming the states which he thought Smith would carry, Raskob's statement, claimed also for Smith an even chance to carry other states having a total of 37 electors.

Raskob, who will confer here with Democratic leaders of eight middle western states before proceeding to Hot Springs Wednesday night, claimed for Governor Smith, "the solid South," including Kentucky, Tennessee and Oklahoma, and New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Arizona, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Missouri, New Mexico and Nevada.

There seemed little doubt, Raskob said, that Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming should be classified for Smith. These states, however, were set apart in the statement from the list of states which he said "any prudent business man would at this time classify for Smith."

MARKET OPENING IS POSTPONED

Tobacco Warehouses Will Open Oct. 2nd, One Week Later Than First Announced—Buyers Ready Then.

The opening date for warehouses at Winston-Salem and other points in the old belt has been fixed for October 2nd, instead of Sept. 25th, thus postponing the opening one week, according to an announcement made Saturday by the Winston-Salem Tobacco Board of Trade.

The postponement of the opening date was made necessary from the fact that the buyers, who are now on markets in the east, could not finish their work there in time to begin buying here by the first day set.

Autos Kill 51 In State During July

Raleigh, Aug. 23.—Six children were among the 51 persons killed by automobiles in North Carolina during July statistics issued by the motor vehicle division of the State Department of Revenue showed today. Fatalities for the month showed a big increase over June when there were 27 deaths. Of the victims, 22 pedestrians, while 45 pedestrians were reported injured.

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E. A. ROTHROCK ENTERTAINS S. S.

Given Watermelon Feast—Dr. C. R. Hutcherson Is Out Again—Mrs. W. L. Vaughn Improved—Personal Items of Walnut Cove.

Walnut Cove, Aug. 29.—E. A. Rothrock entertained the Methodist Sunday School at a watermelon feast Sunday afternoon at his farm north of town.

Mrs. Edwin Carter is spending the week at Piedmont Springs.

Mrs. C. E. Davis and Miss Thelma Neal have returned from a delightful trip to New York City and other northern points of interest.

Mrs. C. J. Lambe and little daughter, Nancy, of Greensboro spent last week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Woodruff and two children returned Friday from Wrightsville Beach and Wilmington where they attended the "Feast of Pirates."

Frances Fulton left this week to attend Richard J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem. She will stay with her cousin, Mrs. O. R. Kiger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hairston and son, William, Jr., visited their mother, Mrs. Julia Hairston last week.

Mrs. W. L. Vaughn has been confined to her home with illness the past few days, but is very much improved.

Miss Frances Smith, of Liberty, is visiting Miss Nannie Jones.

Dr. A. G. Jones returned Monday from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Smith, at Liberty.

Friends of Dr. C. R. Hutcherson will be glad to know that he has greatly improved from his recent illness, and is able to be out some now.

Mrs. John Hutcherson and daughters, Misses Nell, Katharine and Margaret visited Mr. Hutcherson last week who is on the Fairmont tobacco market.

Mrs. Tom Tilden and two children, of High Point, have been spending a few days with Mrs. Gilbert Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burton and small son, of Leaksville, spent the first of last week here with their mother, Mrs. Annie Burton.

Mrs. Paul Davis, Miss Mary Frances and Paul, Jr., Davis, spent the week end at Selma with Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Doggett.

A. T. Rothrock made a business trip to Winston Monday.

Mrs. Nannie Fulton spent Friday afternoon in Greensboro with relatives.

The singing class from the Oxford orphanage gave a very entertaining concert in the school auditorium Monday night.

Mrs. Beverly N. Jones and children, of Winston-Salem, are visiting Mrs. A. T. Rothrock this week.

Communion Service At Snow Creek Church

The annual communion service was held at Snow Creek Primitive Baptist church last Sunday. There was a large attendance on the services, several ministers preaching.

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FAMILY LOSES BOTH CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. Flinn Have Sympathy of Neighbors—Farmer Loses Barn of Tobacco—Other King News.

King, Aug. 27.—The Woman's Missionary Society of the King Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. S. F. Slate Thursday. The service began by singing "I, the Work." Mrs. Slate read the fourteenth chapter of St. John and Mrs. W. H. Kiger and an earnest prayer. The lesson for the day was the study of South America. Several members made interesting talks on the W. M. U. and the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday schools. Mrs. G. F. Lawson called the program. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. G. F. Lawson on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September. After the business session was over the hostess, assisted by Sue Mae and Hattie Slate, and Mrs. L. N. Spainhower, served sandwiches, cake and pickles.

Mrs. Jacob Shultz, aged 77 years, died at her home two miles west of here Thursday afternoon. On Friday of last week Mrs. Shultz suffered a stroke of paralysis from which she never rallied. In addition to the aged husband, the deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ham Kiger, of Tobaccoville; Mrs. J. W. Rutledge, of Dalton, and Mrs. E. O. Spainhower, of Winston-Salem. Three sons are also left to mourn their loss. They are, Capt. T. E. Shultz, conductor for the Norfolk & Western Railway, W. N. Shultz, Forsyth county auditor and purchasing agent, and S. N. Shultz, manager of the Zinzendorf Hotel, Winston-Salem. A number of grand children also survive. The funeral service was conducted at Chestnut Grove M. E. church of which she had long been a member at 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning and burial followed in the church graveyard.

Rev. R. J. Barber, of Reidsville, delivered a very interesting sermon at the Baptist Mission here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. Claud Ashburn, of Winston-Salem, spent a few hours here Saturday as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Grady E. Stone.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Calloway, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thomas, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Calloway, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bera W. Pulliam, of Washington, D. C., are spending a few days with relatives here.

At a baptizing held at the Dalton bridge Sunday afternoon eight new members of the Baptist Mission were baptized.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Love, of Concord, spent Sunday here as the guests of Mr. Love's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Love, Sr.

David Calloway, of Elkin, spent the week end with his father, who resides near here.

Edward Manning, a planter who resides just south of town, had the misfortune to lose a good barn of tobacco by fire Saturday night. This was the first house of tobacco to be burned in this section this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Reade Boyles, of Winston-Salem, were among the visitors here Sunday.

N. O. Tuttle and family, of Rocky Mount, spent Sunday here as the guests of Mrs. Tuttle's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray Collins spent Sunday with relatives at Thomasville.

Quite a little complaint is heard among planters in this section about their tobacco rotting on the stalk. This is due to the continued wet weather.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Caudle, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here as the guests of relatives.

The King Tigers took one from the South Side team of Winston-Salem Saturday. The game was played on the King diamond and the score was 26 to 9.

Miss Kate P. Stone, of Charlotte, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. B. J. Stone, who resides near here.

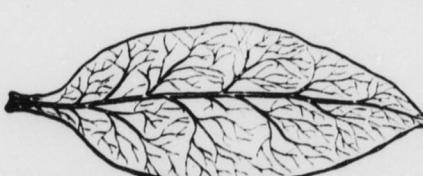
Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Flynn, who reside one mile south of King, only had two children, two little girls, aged six and three years, respectively, both of whom died last week with diphtheria. One died on Monday night and the other on Tuesday night. Both were interred at Mount Pleasant cemetery. The funeral of the oldest one was held on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock and the funeral service of the younger one on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. The entire community is bereaved over the death of these two bright little girls.

J. R. Hutchins, who holds a position with the State Highway Commission and is located at Elkin, spent Sunday with his family here.

Arrested For Carrying Pistol

Deputies Wall, Mabe and Smith arrested Willie Corn at Lawsonville Sunday on a charge of having a pistol on his person. Corn gave bond for his appearance at Superior court, it is learned.

Cut out this Gold Leaf



It is Worth FIVE CENTS

Explanation will appear in our issue of Sept. 5, 1928.