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## WILL SOUTHERN KILLS HIMSELF

**MONDAY AFTERNOON TRAGEDY AT STOKESBURG, SOUTH WALNUT COVE—DECEASED HAD BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY—USED A \$2.20 REVOLVER—NO INQUEST CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY OFFICERS AND PHYSICIANS—CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SHOCKING AFFAIR.**

Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock William Southern, aged 46, strolled through the backyard of the home of his friend Tom Welch in Walnut Cove, sat down by an apple tree in a cornfield and sent a bullet through his brain.

Mrs. Welch, from whose apartments Southern had borrowed the \$2.20 S. & W. revolver, heard the shot. Her daughter and other children heard it, too. They became alarmed and notified Deputy Sheriff Carl Ray who arrived in a few minutes accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Burke Smith. The officers found Southern about 200 feet west of the Southern home in a dying condition. Brains had oozed from a bullet hole above his right ear. He was unconscious and never spoke. Dr. Helsabeck pronounced him dead in some 30 minutes.

The circumstances, as gathered by a representative of the Reporter, who visited the scene shortly after the tragedy, are as follows:

Mr. Southern was employed at the veneering plant nearby, and also engaged in farming. He had a considerable crop of tobacco and corn. He spent a good deal of his time at the plant, where he worked in association with Tom Welch. The two men were good friends and often visited each other's home. Will, as the dead man was familiarly called, had been drinking heavily recently. He had been on a spree since Thursday of last week. Rumors say he did not get along well with his family, and sometimes was abusive to his wife and children. One report said he had recently used violence toward his family.

Monday about 2 o'clock he went to the home of his friend Welch. Mrs. Welch and some of the children and other persons being present. Tom was absent. Will asked for the loan of a quarter. She replied that she had no money in the house. He then went to a "drawer" in the room where he knew Tom kept his pistol, opened it and took the weapon in his hand and started out. Mrs. Welch protested, asking him what he meant to do. He replied that he would "take the revolver no farther than the apple tree." He then disappeared in the cornfield.

The officers found about \$7.50 cash in the dead man's pocket. He evidently used the request for a loan of 25 cents from Mrs. Welch as an excuse to get the revolver. Under the circumstances the officers decided that no inquest was

necessary as it appeared to be a plain case of suicide.

The affair was a great shock to the people of south Walnut Cove, known as "Stokesburg," where the tragedy occurred. Southern lived on the Winston-Salem highway, a hundred yards north of George Neal's filling station, two miles south of Walnut Cove. He lived there with his family of a wife, three boys and one girl. Mrs. Southern is a daughter of the late Isaac Zigar. The children are Beverly, Alonzo and Henry. Nellie, the daughter, is the wife of Melvin Mabe. She has two children.

William was a son of Stephen Southern. He has one brother, John Southern, who lives near the Dan river power plant. He has the following sisters: Mrs. Chas. Warren of High Point; Mrs. James Neal of Mount Airy; Mrs. George Bennett of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Eaton of Pfafftown, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Maggie Bullin of Pine Hall; Mrs. Bettie Fulp of Rural Hall; Mrs. Nannie Sapp of Germantown.

Funeral services were conducted at the Salem Chapel Christian Church Wednesday at 2 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. G. H. Veazy. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

## Stokes County Child Welfare Clinics

Sandy Ridge at School Building, Tuesday, August 16, from 2 to 4 p. m. Dr. Hanes in charge.

Walnut Cove over Drug Store, Thursday, August 18, 2 to 4 p. m. Dr. Helsabeck in charge.

Stokes county through its local health department, invites parents and babies to the child welfare clinic. These clinics are not intended to take the place of the personal guidance of the family physician, but only to make available and convenient the information which the physician usually wants parents to have, especially those who do not see their doctor at regular intervals.

After a baby is born mother, father, grand parents and all good neighbors spend much time in planning ways to keep baby healthy and safe. Nature arranges much for his safety, but nature does not tell husband and wife all the things they need to know to insure the well being of the mother and infant. This information should come to them through a good physician. The physical examination of the mother should be made early in the prenatal period, before the fifth month. The infant should be weighed and watched carefully his first year of life and protected against contagious diseases. Some of these he can be protected from through vaccination.

Stokes county offers this service to its citizens, both white and colored.

### PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Joyce and Mrs. A. J. Fagg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Joyce.

## J. T. KALLAM DIED SUNDAY

**HE WAS PROMINENT FARMER OF SANDY RIDGE—BIRTHS, DEATHS AND PERSONALS OF SANDY RIDGE COMMUNITY.**

Sandy Ridge, August 8.—Mr. Tom Kallam died at his home Sunday p. m., about 3:00 o'clock, after several months illness. He was a highly respected man, one of the county's best citizens and farmers. He will be greatly missed in both home and community. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Quincy Kallam, one daughter, Mrs. Jim Martin, of Stoneville, three sons, George and Harry, of Madison, and Fletcher Kallam of Winston-Salem, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Funeral services will be conducted at Oak Ridge Baptist Church Tuesday a. m. at 11:00 o'clock. Interment will follow in the Shelton cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wilkins announce the arrival of a son on August 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Futrell of Paducah, Ky., announce the arrival of a daughter, Patricia Ann, August 2. Mrs. Futrell was before marriage Miss Beulah Mae Boyles and is the granddaughter of Mrs. G. Walter Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Vernon of Martinsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Oakley of Danbury spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Vernon.

Mrs. Bera Oakley and daughters, Shirley and Shelby Jean spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Steele visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steele Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Chapman visited Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dodson of Winston-Salem were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dodson Sunday.

Miss Helen Shaffer of Mayodan was the week-end guest of Mrs. Jim Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson and daughter, Shelby Jean, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nelson of Madison Sunday.

Miss Margaret Vernon was the week-end guest of Miss Francis Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Terrell and sons, J. Wesley and Colon L. and Mrs. H. E. Carter visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duncan Sunday.

Those visiting Mrs. G. Walter Hawkins Sunday were: E. M. and W. E. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Spencer, and children, of Walnut Cove, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Kallam and daughter, Ruby, of Madison, Mrs. J. M. Hawkins, and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Martin, Mrs. Sam Martin and son, Delbert, Miss Nell Wall and Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Chapman.

Mrs. J. A. Dodson has been ill of flu for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bozy Wall visited Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson Saturday night.

## ED WILSON'S SEVERE LOSS

**LIGHTNING STRIKES BARN, KILLING ONE MULE, BURNS BUILDING, AUTOMOBILE AND ANOTHER MULE. BESIDES FEED STUFF—COW NARROWLY ESCAPES.**

During a storm Friday lightning struck the stable of Ed Wilson, who lives near Hartman, 2 1-2 miles east of Danbury. One fine mule, worth \$200.00 was instantly killed by the bolt. The building was set on fire, burning perhaps fatally another mule, also an automobile and a quantity of feed stuffs. A cow which was penned in the stable, escaped by breaking out. The second mule was released in time to save its life, but was badly burned.

Mr. Wilson's loss is probably \$700.00 to \$1,000.

## Pleasant Trip To Southern Waters

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Forrest, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Travis Tuttle, Miss Mary Neal, Miss Inez Forrest, Miss Jessie Smith, and Miss Edith Forrest and Clyde Forrest spent a week recently at Charleston, S. C., the Isle of Palms and the Magnolia Gardens. They also took in some deep sea fishing 40 miles out. The party reports a delightful time.

## Electrification To Lawsonville

Manager Weir of the Madison division of Duke Power Company was here Wednesday with a force of hands installing poles for the electric lines to be built immediately to Lawsonville.

## Sheriffs Meet

Sheriff John Taylor attended the meeting of State Sheriffs at Winston-Salem this week.

Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Williams and son, John Wesley, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Atkins at Snow Hill Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dodson and children and Mr. Clarence Zigar visited Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Zigar in Winston-Salem Sunday.

Mr. Yancey Hall of Winston-Salem visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Carter and Mr. Phoenix Price of Mayodan visited here Sunday evening.

Mrs. Harry Robertson, Mrs. Earl Collins and Mrs. Victor Lester of Martinsville, Va., were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson Wednesday.

Misses Mary and Maggie Housers and Miss Ruth Fretzel of Winston-Salem were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watkins and son, Hurley left Thursday for a visit with relatives in Michigan.

Tom Gray of Lawsonville was in Danbury Saturday.

## Lawsonville Car Smash Hurts R. T. Spencer And Others—Two Autos Wrecked

A V-8 sedan driven by R. T. Spencer and a Chevrolet roadster driven by Handy Mabe collided near Alfred Robertson's, close to Lawsonville, Tuesday afternoon about 2 o'clock. All the occupants of both cars were more or less injured. Mr. Spencer perhaps seriously. The injured were carried to physicians who dressed their hurts. Both cars were practically demolished.

Accompanying Mr. Spencer, who was returning home from High Point, was his daughter, Miss Hallie, Mabe's young son was driving with him.

## Germantown News

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carroll spent Sunday with Mrs. Ross Meadows and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mendenhall and Tom Lawson of Winston-Salem visited Mr. J. R. Mendenhall and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Flynt spent Sunday with relatives near King.

Misses Charlotte Meadows and Myrtle Smith, Mrs. Avery Slate and Mrs. Melvin Bolden visited in Walnut Cove Sunday evening.

Miss Willie Hartgrove of Mountain View spent Sunday with Miss Myrtle Wolf.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey Slate and children, Peggy and Tony, of Bassett, Va., were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slate.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Southern and daughter, Emma Lou, spent Sunday in High Point with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Southern.

## Mrs. Lowman Is Honored

Mrs. Robert Cook Lowman, a recent bride, was honored last week with a tea given by Mrs. William McCanness and Mrs. J. Fred Gerner at the home of Mrs. Gerner, near Danbury.

Receiving in the living room were the hostesses, their honor guests, and Mrs. Frank Petree, mother of the bride. Mrs. Robah Smith directed the way to the dining room where Mrs. J. R. Voss presided over the tea table which was covered with a lace cloth and held as a central decoration a silver bowl of summer flowers. Serving the canapes, nuts, and mints was Miss Elizabeth Voss. Good-byes were said to Mrs. Edwin Taylor. The hostesses presented to their honor guest silver in her chosen pattern.

## Car Burns

A Ford sedan burned on the highway half a mile south of Walnut Cove Sunday evening. No one was injured.

Interested in improving his tomato crop, C. H. Fries of Salisbury, Route 1, Rowan county, has developed a new tomato variety which promises to be of great value to North Carolina gardeners.

## DEATH OF MRS. PATSY KISER

**LAST RITES FOR JUNIUS ANDERSON—TOBACCO BARN BURNS—BIRTHS—OTHER KING NEWS.**

King, August 10.—Last rites for Junius Anderson, aged 88, were conducted at Antioch Church Monday. The deceased is survived by the widow, three daughters and four sons.

Ozzie Rutledge, planter who resides in east King, had the misfortune to lose a good barn of tobacco by fire Sunday morning.

Mesdames Beulah Tuttle of Rocky Mount and Mamie King of Stoneville Va., are visiting relatives here.

The King Tigers shut out Kernersville in a game played in the King ball park Saturday. Final score 1 and 0.

Joseph Pulliam, of the United States Navy, is spending a short furlough with relatives here. He is stationed at Portsmouth, Va.

Martin Spainhower, who has been very sick at his home on Depot street, continues to improve.

Tobacco growers in this section are very busy harvesting the finest crop of the golden weed grown here for many years. Splendid cures are being made.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Amos Fulk, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Doss McGee, a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. Gray Lineback, a son.

Mrs. Martha Meadows is reported to be very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sid Pulliam in Asheboro.

John Terry, planter of the Mountain View section, was here on business Saturday.

O. L. Rains and family are vacationing at Carolina Beach this week.

Mrs. Patsy Kiser, aged 81, widow of Samuel Kiser, died at her home near here Sunday morning. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Joe Johnson and Mrs. Oscar Cromer of King R. F. D., and Mrs. Nat Green of Asheboro. Two sons, Pierson and Hubert Kiser, both of King R. F. D., several grandchildren and a great host of friends. Funeral and interment was at Jefferson Church of Christ Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Joyce and Mrs. A. J. Fagg of Rural Hall, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Joyce.

## For Sale

I will sell at a bargain the following property:

- One 2-horse wagon.
- Two plows.
- 1370 tobacco sticks, 4 ft. 3 in. long.
- 1 set 2-horse harness.
- 1 spike harrow.

G. O. DODSON,

On W. A. Lewis' place, Walnut Cove, Route 1, 11 Aug 2w.