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TWO SUICIDES IN SAURATOWN

CECIL MOUNCE DIED BY HIS OWN HAND SUNDAY WHILE DAVIS TUTTLE KILLED HIMSELF TUESDAY—BOTH BURIED AT CLEAR SPRING PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CEMETERY

About 4 o'clock Tuesday evening Davis Tuttle, living at his home 4 miles north of Walnut Cove, went into the back porch of his home and literally blew off his head with an automatic shotgun.

Friends and neighbors believed that the man had been of unsound mind for a year or two, and that the dreadful act of self-destruction was committed during a moment of mental aberration.

Tuttle had been hunting during the afternoon. He returned to his home and sat in the living room with his family for a while. They had been invited out to a supper by friends, and the family insisted that Dave go with them. He refused, saying he would go out and "eng it all."

About 5 o'clock, Tuttle picked up his shotgun and went on the back porch at the home. His family heard the discharge of the shotgun. They found him dead. The full discharge of the gun had struck him in the head.

Surviving are the widow and three children.

WM. C. MOUNCE KILLS SELF NEAR WALNUT COVE

William Cecil Mounce, 24, killed himself with a pistol bullet in the heart Sunday afternoon at 1:30 at his father's farm on Route 2.

Sheriff John Taylor said there will be no coroner's inquest. He said it was a clear case of suicide.

Mounce's family said he had seemed in good spirits on this Christmas Day he picked to end his life. He gave no indication, they said, of any such contemplation, but a sister said she saw him take down his pistol, put cartridges in his pocket, and stroll out into a field near the house.

The young man's body was found about 100 yards from the house, where he lived and worked with his father.

Mounce was unmarried. He is survived by his father, J. Will Mounce; three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Sizemore, Misses Ruby and Dorothy Mounce, of Route 2; three brothers, Ed, Wesley and Walter Mounce, all of Walnut Cove.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Clear Springs Baptist Church by Elder J. W. Tuttle, of Danbury, and Elder W. J. Brown, of Rural Hill.

Rufus Hooker of Fort Bragg is here on a 30-day furlough from Fort Bragg visiting his brother W. M. Hooker. He has been in service at Fort Bragg 2 years.

BELLED BUZZARD KILLED AT KING

ALVA SMITH SLEW THE BIRD, WHICH HAD LIGHTED NEAR HIS HOME—ADDITION TO SCHOOL BUILDING NEARS COMPLETION—OTHER NEWS OF KING.

King, Dec. 28—Alva Smith, a planter, residing just west of town, while plowing in a field near his home last week, kept hearing a bell ringing. Finally he located a buzzard in the top of a tall tree near the field. He went to the house, got his shotgun and killed the buzzard which had a small bell fastened to its neck by means of a leather band. The clapper of the bell was almost worn out by continuous ringing. There was no date on the bell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gross of Wilkin are spending the holidays with Mrs. Garfield Doss in Five Forks, just west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Spainhower are spending a few days in Raleigh where they are the guests of Mrs. Nannie Johnson, who, before her marriage was Miss Nannie Love, daughter of Mr. and the high school building is well under way and will be pushed through to completion on an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennis Pulliam of Knoxville, Tenn., are here for the holidays. They are guests of Mr. Pulliam's mother, Mrs. Jennie Pulliam, of Broad street.

The following college students are at home for Christmas: Miss Doris New and Virginia Francis of Greensboro; Miss Rebecca Hel-sabeck of Meredith College, Raleigh; Worth Kirby of Chapel Hill; Miss Naomi and Pearl Sisk, of Roanoke, Va.; Billy Hel-sabeck of Wake Forest and David Mitchell of Mars Hill.

The following patients underwent tonsil operations here last week: Wayne Smith, of Pinnacle; Miss Josephine Merritt, of Rural Hill and Kenneth Boles of Walnut Cove.

Bill Boles is spending the Christmas holidays in Monroe, Va., where he is the guest of relatives.

Oscar Snider of Fieldale, Va., is the guest of his father, Charlie Snider, over the holidays.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McKnight, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Deweldon Briggs, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Marshall, a son; and to Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Joyner, a daughter.

Growers in this section are about through selling tobacco. Only a small remnant remains unsold. There has been a sharp decline in prices recently.

Mrs. Lura Booth of Walnut Cove, Route 3, spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Southern, in Montgomery county.

FOUR HUNDRED VIOLENT DEATHS

THIS REPORTED FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK-END—MANY ACCIDENTS OF ALL KINDS.

The nation paid with more than 400 lives for its holiday week-end.

A prevailing "green" Christmas with its attendant restriction of icy roads and snow, was credited with a smaller death count than last Christmas, when more than 500 persons lost their lives.

Metropolitan New York and other cities enjoyed almost spring-like weather.

Fire claimed 17 lives this year; gunshot wounds 13; suicides 13; train accidents 10; drowning 4; and miscellaneous causes, the rest.

Except for the death of Robert Johnson who was accidentally burned to death in his home near Walkertown, the day was reported free of serious mishap by both the sheriff's department and the Winston-Salem police.

Largest death tolls by states included: California 25; Illinois 22; Michigan 25; Missouri 16; New Jersey 13; New York, including New York city, 35; Pennsylvania 26; Texas 29.

Six states—Delaware, Iowa, Nebraska, Nevada, Rhode Island and Vermont—and the District of Columbia, reported no violent deaths.

Other fatalities included hunting accidents, suffocation, electrocution and homicide. In Louisiana, a man was killed in a restaurant brawl when he objected to the use of obscene language in the presence of women.

Legislature To Be Asked For Drastic Changes In Laws

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—A thorough overhauling of North Carolina's criminal statutes and enactment of a strict anti-lynch bill may be recommended to the legislature by the attorney-general's office, it was learned today.

Attorney-General Harry McMullan disclosed that his staff had drafted an 18-point program for legislative consideration. The program has been mailed to all of the state's solicitors for additional recommendations and possible revisions.

Sandy Ridge Items

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joyce spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ferguson.

Miss Margaret Vernon of Ruffin is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cye Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robertson had as their dinner guests Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ferguson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joyce, and Messrs. Georgia and Curtis Robertson.

Miss Thelma Joyce of Martin Memorial Hospital, Mount Airy, is spending the holidays with relatives near here.

STOKES DEMS. ASKED FOR \$100

B. P. BAILEY IS CHAIRMAN OF JACKSON DAY DINNER COMMITTEE IN COUNTY—EVENT AT RALEIGH, ON NIGHT OF JANUARY 7.

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—The appointment of B. P. Bailey as Chairman of the annual Jackson Day Dinner Committee in Stokes county was announced here by State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., of Jones county, State Chairman of the Jackson Day Committee planning for the annual Jackson Day Dinner to be held in Raleigh on the night of January 7th at eight o'clock at the Sir Walter Hotel.

"As the Democratic Chairman in Stokes county, Mr. Bailey has been very helpful in the past and we are counting on him and other good Democrats in the county to help us raise our part to help wipe out the deficit incurred by the National Democratic Executive Committee in the recent campaign," said Chairman Larkins.

Stokes county has been asked to raise \$100 as its part in the State-wide campaign that will culminate with the annual Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh, where a Democratic speaker of National reputation will deliver an address that will leave no doubt in the minds of those who hear him that there is a Democratic Administration in Washington as well as one in Raleigh", Chairman Larkins said.

Persons contributing \$25.00 or more will be invited to attend the State-wide dinner in Raleigh and Chairman Larkins announced a three-way plan for those planning to attend the event. Plan one calls for the payment of \$25.00 at the time of reservation; Plan Two calls for the payment of \$12.50 at the time of reservation and the balance on March 1st; and Plan Three calls for the payment of \$15.00 at the time of reservation, with \$5.00 on March 15th and \$5.00 on April 15th.

One-fourth of the money raised in North Carolina, Chairman Larkins pointed out, will be retained for use of the State Democratic Executive Committee. Names of those securing reservations at the dinner will be sent to James A. Farley, National Democratic Chairman, and each will receive a card of thanks from the National Chairman.

State's Needy, Aged Rolls Gain Rapidly

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Approximately 12,000 more needy, aged North Carolinians are on public assistance rolls this month than in December, 1937, Nathan H. Yelton, director of public assistance, said today.

Of the assistance payments for the last half of this year topped those of the corresponding period by more than \$1,000,000, he added.

CUPID VISITS SANDY RIDGE

MISS SYBIL JEANETTE MARTIN AND ROY STEELE WED—MISS ETTA MAE AMOS BECOMES BRIDE OF WILBOUR WOODS—OTHER PERSONAL MENTION.

Sandy Ridge, Dec. 29—Miss Sybil Jeanette Martin became the bride of Mr. Roy Steele Saturday, December 3, at Danville, Va.

Mrs. Steele is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Martin, of Stoneville, Route 2. She attended Stoneville high school.

Mr. Steele is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Steele of Sandy Ridge. He attended Sandy Ridge high school and is now connected with Globe Parlor Furniture Company of High Point, where the couple will make their home.

AMOS - WOODS

Miss Etta Mae Amos became the bride of Mr. Wilbour Woods Sunday, December 25, at Wentworth.

Mrs. Woods is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Amos of Sandy Ridge, Route 1. She attended Sandy Ridge high school.

Mr. Woods is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Woods of Lawsonville. He attended Sandy Ridge high school and is now engaged in farming.

PERSONALS

Mrs. T. M. Hawkins spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. J. V. Marshall, of Walnut Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Darr and daughter, Joan are spending the holidays with Mrs. Darr's mother in Murfreesboro, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joyce of Madison spent Saturday night with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Chapman were the week-end guests of the former's parents near Walnut Cove.

Miss Vera Carter is ill at her home her friends will regret to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson have moved into their home which has recently been remodeled on Madison, Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joyce spent the supper guests of Miss Bessie Joyce Monday night.

Those visiting Mrs. G. W. Hawkins Sunday were: Mrs. G. T. Kallam, of Madison; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Spencer, of Walnut Cove; Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ward and family of High Point are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dodson for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joyce spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Cye Vernon have moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson.

EROSION ON YOUR BAD LANDS

HOW TO HANDLE THIS DESTRUCTIVE EVIL—ADVICE FROM OIL CONSERVATION EXPERT AT MADISON CCC CAMP.

Grazing your cow on the front porch is one way of supplementing your pasture, but a better way is to take the kudzu vine from the porch and let it stop erosion on galled and gullied areas while providing supplementary grazing during July and August, states Mr. H. H. Herring, Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service area near Madison, N. C. Many people think the only use for kudzu is a vine planted around the front porch to provide shade and a place to sit and rest. Farmers cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service are learning other values of kudzu and are planting it out in fields for pasture, hay, and on worn-out lands to restore fertility, fill up gullies and control erosion. Kudzu fits well into our system of farming and is a good supplement for pasture during the months of July and August when pasture grasses are scarce. Kudzu is not a pest as many people think and can be easily destroyed by grazing and plowing. Cows will stop grazing the best pastures to partake of the luxuriant growth of kudzu. Farmers that are going to plant kudzu should prepare the land early this winter if they intend getting good results with the fast growing plant.

In the local project areas this winter approximately 200 acres will be planted to kudzu to control erosion and furnish forage where needed to supplement the farm feed supply, Mr. Herring said. These plantings will be made in perennial strips on critical areas in cultivated fields and on other marginal land. In preparing land for field plantings, Soil Conservation Service workers recommend laying off rows 12 to 18 feet apart by breaking a strip approximately five feet wide. After plowing a deep furrow, apply two or three tons of manure per acre, if available, and the equivalent of 16 per cent acid in the furrows. Then throw six furrows to the row to form a low, flat bed. After these beds are well settled by rain, plants may be set in the beds.

Proper land preparation, care, planting, proper fertilization and first year cultivation are essential to obtaining a good stand and growth of kudzu, results in the project area have demonstrated. Early land preparation is especially important at this time, since plants should be set only in well set beds. Soil Conservation Service workers will be glad to give farmers additional information regarding planting methods which have resulted in successful kudzu plantings in the local area, Mr. Herring said.