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SUICIDE NEAR LAWSONVILLE

LINCOLN WILLIAMS KILLS HIMSELF, MAKING THE THIRD SELF-MURDER DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

Shooting himself through the breast with a shotgun to make the third suicide in the county during the holidays, Lincoln Williams, aged 26, died Monday night at his home near Lawsonville. He lived some hours after the fatal shot, asking once for water, and continuously calling on the Lord.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Ada Fulcher; a small daughter, and his parents. Also the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Robt. Hutchens, of Stuart, Va.; Zannie, Zelma, Ina and Bettie Williams of the home; Ross Williams of Walnut Cove; Simon, Hubert, and Sandy Williams of Lawsonville.

Funeral was conducted Wednesday by Elder Watt Priddy, and burial in the Smith Chapel cemetery.

Mr. Williams was the third Stokes county man to commit suicide during the holidays; W. C. Mounce of Meadows, on Christmas day; two days later followed by Dave Tuttle near Walnut Cove.

Successful Stokes Business Man

E. L. Bailey of Walnut Cove was here today on business. Mr. Bailey who is the manager of our "Home Department Store" at Walnut Cove, reports splendid business in the fall just past. He is encouraged at the prospects which the New Year is offering. Mr. Bailey's department store is equal in its facilities and equipment to many leading city's establishments. Its service and prices are winning the support of many new customers every day.

Williams-Wilson

Miss Magdalene Wilson of Danbury, was united in marriage to Mr. John Williams, Jr., of Meadows, at Stuart, Virginia, December 27.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Wilson of Danbury. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williamson of Meadows.

They are making their home with the groom's parents.

Marjorie Pepper is in the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem for treatment following an illness which attacked her December 25. She was carried to the hospital Sunday, January 1. Her condition appears favorable.

S. A. Flinchum of the Piedmont Springs section, was here on business Tuesday.

Walter Lackey of Lawsonville visited friends and relatives in Danbury this week.

Thinks Farmers Made Mistake

P. H. Young, prominent citizen of Sandy Ridge, was here Wednesday. Mr. Young thinks the farmers made a mistake in voting for uncontrolled production of tobacco.

He is now 86 years of age. He says Uncle Bib Priddy, who recently removed to Amelia county, Va., to live with his grandson, Ed Priddy, is 93 years old.

Death Of L. C. Boyles

Lee Columbus Boyles, 67, died Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock at his home, King, Route 2, following a heart attack. He had been ill for several months.

Surviving are six children, Ottis, Gerland, Ray, Evelyn and Mrs. Porter Bennett, all of King, Route 2, and Mrs. Jerry Clodfelter of Wallburg; and three brothers, I. A. Boyles of Winston-Salem; J. S. Boyles of Dalton and P. R. Boyles of Capella.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Mount Olive Baptist Church. Rev. E. T. Sims and Rev. L. W. Burrus conducted the services. Burial was in the church graveyard.

Death of W. Z. Shelton

William Z. Shelton, 72, died early this morning at his home, Walnut Cove, Route 2, after a long illness.

Surviving are one son, Ben Shelton, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Brown and Mrs. Gilbert Mabe, of Walnut Cove, Route 2; and one brother, Gaston Shelton, of Danbury, Route 1.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Salem Chapel Christian Church. Elder S. H. Reid and Rev. R. E. Britt will conduct the services. Burial will be in the church graveyard.

Death Of Mrs. Tiny Lankford

Mrs. Tiny Lankford Ore, 42, wife of J. W. Ore, died Monday night at the home at Pine Hall. She had been ill for several years. She had been married twice. Her first husband was J. H. Cardwell.

Surviving are the husband; six children, C. O. and J. H. Cardwell, Mrs. Chester Hicks, William Thomas and Mary Ore, all of Pine Hall and two brothers.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home, burial in Knollhurst Cemetery.

Solicitor Scott

Will prosecute for the State his first court at Dobson Surry county, next Monday. Judge Felix Alley will be on the bench.

Alex Flinchum with Correll's warehouse and J. D. Flinchum with Taylor's leave Saturday to be ready for the reopening of the Winston-Salem tobacco market.

SERIOUS EROSION IN STOKES

MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN COUNTY TO DISCUSS SITUATION—STATE COMMITTEE TO BE PRESENT—J. F. BROWN CALLS ATTENTION TO URGENCY OF MATTER.

Editor Reporter:

In the summer and fall of 1938 petitions were filed in Raleigh with a group known as the State Soil Conservation Committee. The signatures of 227 farm owners representing 139, 611 acres of land in Stokes, Rockingham, Caswell and Person counties were affixed to these petitions. Just why were these farmers so interested in making a request for the formation of a soil conservation district? The answer is a simple one—they realized fully that their valuable farm lands were washing away so rapidly that it would not be many years until even average production was merely a matter of history only.

Let's look at this thing called EROSION. The dictionary states that erosion is "a wearing away, especially from the action of water on soil or rock." How true this statement is, No wonder farmers speak of eroded fields as "worn out." That is just what has happened to them—they have worn out through the actual removal of plant nutrients by crops. Is there much erosion—much worn out land—in Stokes county? Well, one has only to look at any farm to see the results of soil washing. Even if the farm is all bottomland along the river the evidences of erosion are there in the form of sand, silt, or clay laid down on the fields during flood periods. A little trip about the county will open one's eyes. On every side there are slopes with raw, red gullies or "galled" spots. Thousands of acres in pine woods are silent evidence of land once in crops, but abandoned because it had become so badly washed and gullied that cultivation was not practical. Dozens of mill ponds are so full of "silt" that there is no reserve of water; other ponds have been abandoned as worthless. Many acres of the best soil in the county—the first bottomlands—are flooded so frequently or so covered with worthless soil material that their cultivation is a very hazardous proposition.

In 1934 a state-wide survey was made to determine the extent of erosion. From this survey, and from a study of the farms co-operating with the CCC Camp at Madison, considerable information is available for Stokes county. And, although we dislike to admit it, Stokes is among the more seriously erosion-damaged counties in North Carolina. Except for the fact that there are large areas such as the Sauratown Mountains which could not

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C. T. M'GEE BUYS KING FARM

PURCHASES EIGHTY ACRES OF EDWIN JESSUP—STORK IS KEPT BUSY—MISS LUMAE KAPP IS HONORED—MISS VIRGINIA THOMAS ENTERTAINS.

King, Jan. 4—J. M. Alley, Jr., of the United States Army, stationed at Fort Bragg, is spending a short furlough with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. White, of Washington, D. C., have returned to their home after spending a few days here the guests of Mr. White's mother, Mrs. Fannie J. White, on east Main Street.

C. T. McGee has purchased the eighty-acre farm of Edwin Kiser, two miles north of town.

John G. Smith, retired farmer of the Sauratown Mountain section, has purchased a home and moved his family here. Mr. Smith was one among the finest tobacco growers in his section.

The stork was kept quite busy all last week, four births being recorded. They were: To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kermit Wall, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Stewart, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Burrow, a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Merritt, a son.

Burke Flynt of Winston-Salem was a business visitor here Friday.

J. W. Thomas of the CCC Camp, near Danbury, was a visitor here over the week-end.

The new home of County Agent J. F. Brown on west Main street is nearing completion.

Joseph Pulliam of the United States Navy has returned to his post at Portsmouth, Va., after spending a short furlough here. He was the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Virginia Pulliam on Broad street.

The following patients underwent tonsil removal operations in the Stone-Helsabeck Clinic last week: Miss Lucile Spease and Melvin Spease of Tobaccoville, Joe Lawson of Tobaccoville Route 1, and Miss Dot Law of King.

Bill Spainhower, who has been the guest of his father, Martin Spainhower, for the past few days, has returned to his home at Buies Creek.

Miss Virginia Thomas entertained the Senior Class of 1937 at her home with a Christmas party. Games and contests were played with prizes going to Lucile Jones, Leonard Mabe, and Billy Helsabeck. Refreshments were served to Renard Griffin, Lucile Jones, Leonard Mabe, Clyde Hartgrove, Billy Helsabeck, Opal Doss and Virginia Thomas. Several visitors were present.

Miss Lumae Kapp of Five Forks spent the Christmas holidays with her cousins, Misses Virginia and Meta Mae Kapp of Dalton. She was given a party at Virginia's home. The guests were: Miss Lumae Kapp, Miss Eva Lee Creed, Miss Colleen Kirby, Clyde and Claud Kirby, Robert Spainhower of Five Forks, Gene Smith and Miss Rebecca of Winston-Salem, Miss Lucile Barr of Mt. Airy, Ted and Miss Margie Cox, Dallas Conrad and Miss Helen Smith of Sauratown mountain, Wallace Preston of Clio, S. C., Miss Virginia and Meta Mae Kapp, Robert Kapp, and Skeeter Boles, all of Dalton, and Miss Ruth Alderman of Durman. Refreshments were: sandwiches, cake, ice tea and fruits.

CUPID BUSY ON THE RIDGE

SEVERAL WEDDINGS DURING THE HOLIDAYS—A BIRTH. TOO—MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE.

JOYCE - HAWKINS

Miss Ruth Miller Joyce and Mr. James Everette Hawkins motored to Wentworth, North Carolina Saturday, October 8, where they were united in marriage in the presence of a few close friends and relatives. Mrs. Hawkins is the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Joyce of Sandy Ridge. She is a member of the senior class of Sandy Ridge high school. Mr. Hawkins is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hawkins of Sandy Ridge. He attended Sandy Ridge high school and is now engaged in farming. The young couple have a host of friends who extend congratulations.

DODSON - THROCKMORTON

Miss Lillie Mae Dodson became the bride of Mr. O. S. Throckmorton Friday, November 4, at Stuart, Virginia. Mrs. Throckmorton is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dodson of Madison, Route 1. She attended Sandy Ridge high school, graduating in the class of 1936. Mr. Throckmorton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Throckmorton of Danbury, Route 1. He is a prosperous farmer.

CURRY - WILLIAMS

Miss Vivian Belle Curry and Mr. George Williams were united in marriage Thursday, December 22, at Martinsville, Virginia. Mrs. Williams is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Curry of Sandy Ridge. Mr. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams of Sandy Ridge and is engaged in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood announce the arrival of a daughter, Shelby Patricia, December 25.

Legislature Meets

The legislature is now in session. W. F. Marshall, Stokes county's representative, and Fred Folger, Senator from Surry and Stokes, who are attending, will be given important committee assignments. D. L. Ward was elected speaker.

Van Noppen Is Chairman

The campaign for the celebration of the President's birthday will begin January 16. Leonard van Noppen is chairman. The proceeds go to fight infantile paralysis.

Ed Burroughs of Rural Hall was a visitor here this week.

Mrs. N. A. Martin has been quite ill recently, but is now improved.

County commissioners met here Tuesday, transacting only routine business.

LIGHTS TURNED ON AT LAWSONVILLE

THE CITIZENS ARE GLAD—A MARRIAGE—MRS. ROBERTSON IS IMPROVING—OTHER LAWSONVILLE NEWS.

Lawsonville, Jan. 4—The 4-H Club met at Lawsonville school January 4. It is getting along fine.

The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. H. D. Lassiter January 4, with a large attendance.

The Lawsonville community is glad of its electric lights. They were turned on January 3.

Mrs. Trudie Stephens and two daughters and Mrs. Betty Lawson spent Saturday with Mrs. Gertrude Lawson.

Mrs. R. A. Robertson, who has been very sick, is improving, her many friends will be glad to learn.

Wayne Bohannon and Miss Florence Manring were married Christmas.

Mrs. Gertrude Lawson went to Walnut Cove Tuesday.

Mrs. Cora Tilley is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Winifred Beasley, of Stuart, Va.

Mrs. Rilla Sheppard and Mrs. Pearl Robertson visited Mrs. C. M. Mabe Saturday night.

Mrs. Emily Smith's parents of Leaksville spent Saturday with her.

Miss Virginia Lawson visited Annie Mae Lawson Saturday.

King P. T. A. Meets

The Parent Teachers Association of the King high school met in the school auditorium on Monday evening for the regular monthly meeting. The meeting opened with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne", by the association. Mr. Roy Greene had charge of the devotional. Mrs. Reid Jones sang "Perfect Prayer", accompanied by Miss Sadie Wilson at the piano. The chairman of the program committee, Mrs. Worth Gentry, presented Rev. C. C. Washam, pastor of Chestnut Grove Methodist church, who talked interestingly on our duties and responsibilities for the New Year. Mr. Washam urged that in launching into the New Year we might put forth a greater effort in our work than ever before, not neglecting the spiritual values of life.

During the business session Mrs. Pauline Erwin, of the Stokes County Health Department, discussed the work of this department and asked the support of the P. T. A. in carrying out a program of health. President Carroll appointed a health committee to work with Mrs. Erwin in making plans for Public Health Work.

Warehouses Open Tuesday

The warehouses reopen next Tuesday, January 10, for the sale of the balance of the 1938 crop of tobacco, which probably will not exceed 5 per cent.