

The Jackson County Journal

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GEORGE SUTTON'S RITES ATTENDED BY IMMENSE CROWD

Funeral services of Judge George W. Sutton, who was struck and instantly killed on highway No. 10, just outside the western city limits of Sylva Sunday night by a car driven by Bill Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Moody of Sylva, were conducted at the First Baptist church at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. G. Murray, the pastor, assisted by Rev. George B. Clemmer, Rev. T. F. Deitz.

Perhaps the largest crowd of people that ever congregated for a funeral in Jackson county, came to pay its last tribute of respect to Judge Sutton and to show the profound sympathy that the people have for all who are suffering because of the tragic affair. Not one fourth of the crowd could find room inside the church, and hundreds stood outside, waiting to file sadly by the casket, when it was opened, at the close of the service.

Interment followed at the Keener cemetery with Unaka Lodge of Masons and the Local Junior Order United American Mechanics, of which Judge Sutton was a member, in charge.

Active pallbearers were all the members of the Jackson county bar, with the exception of E. P. Stillwell, brother in law and law partner of Judge Sutton. Honorary pallbearers were J. B. Enslie, C. J. Harris, M. D. Cowan, Prof. Robert L. Madison, W. W. Bryson, Dr. H. T. Hunter, Dr. A. A. Nichols, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Dr. C. Z. Candler, Dr. D. D. Hooper, Dr. Grover Wilkes, Dr. William Madison, Dr. W. P. McGuire, S. W. Enloe, E. L. McKee, I. H. Powell, Thomas A. Cox, D. G. Bryson, J. C. Cannon, W. C. Queen, R. F. Jarrett, A. H. Weaver, M. B. Cannon, J. T. Gribble, J. N. Wilson, J. P. Reed, Judge Walter L. Moore, A. D. Parker, J. E. Keener, H. R. Queen, Walter Dean, J. M. Worley, W. D. Warren, John R. Jones, R. C. Allison, T. E. Reed, D. M. Hall, E. L. Wilson, C. W. Denning, S. H. Monteith, A. J. Dills, R. P. Potts, R. A. Painter, B. L. Madison, J. D. Cowan, Dan Tompkins, Prof. W. H. Rhodes, M. Buchanan, Sr., Dr. J. B. Painter, W. W. Watt, A. D. Cowan, P. E. Moody and Prof. B. L. Mullinax.

Perhaps never in the history of Sylva and Jackson county have the entire people been so appalled and sorrowed as they have been over the tragic death of Judge Sutton, and so moved to sympathy for the families of two of the best known men in the county.

Judge Sutton had been to Dillsboro to fill an appointment in the Methodist church there, at the request of the pastor, Rev. George B. Clemmer, and was returning to his home in Sylva, in company with his son, Richard Sutton, at the time he was struck by the large car driven by young Moody. Both of his legs were broken as were both arms, his back and his skull was crushed from the impact. According to the best information obtainable, Bill Moody had been traveling toward Dillsboro and meeting the two Suttons, drove some distance further to a convenient place, and turned with the intention of picking them up and bringing them to Sylva. He swerved to the left to pass another car, it is said, and had gotten by when he struck Judge Sutton with the left fender and left headlight of the car, carrying his body some distance.

Judge Sutton, who is a native of Jackson county, was 47 years of age. He was serving his second term as Judge of the county Recorder's court, and was the nominee of the Republican party for a third term, having been first elected to the office in 1926. He served in the lower house of the general assembly of North Carolina, representing this county. He was educated at Wake Forest, as a lawyer, and returned to his native county to practice his profession, locating at Webster and moving to Sylva when the county seat was changed in 1913. He was the senior member of the law firm of Sutton and Stillwell and identified himself with the civic and political life of the county, having served as Mayor of Sylva, as an official in the Sylva Chamber of Commerce and was an active leader in the Republican party in this section of the State.

He was a member of the board of

deacons of the First Baptist church of Sylva, and was active in the religious life of the county and community; was a member of the board of trustees of Sylva Collegiate Institute and greatly interested in the welfare of the school.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sadie Stillwell Sutton, four children, Richard, Alvin, Lillian and Hattie Hilda Sutton, by his father, Mitchell Sutton, several brothers and sisters, and a large number of other relatives.

40 YEARS AGO

Tuckasegee Democrat Sept. 3, 1790

Married at the residence of J. I. Hall on Scott's Creek, August 28, by Esq. A. J. Hall, Miss Matilda Henry and C. G. Moon.

Messrs. J. E. Divilbliss and Judson Allen made a hurried trip to South Carolina last week.

Mr. H. Bryson who has recently returned from Florida with his family, has settled in our town as a permanent resident.

We had a visit from Lee Hooper who had the Democrat sent to his wife who is visiting in Alabama.

Miss Pauline Morris returned last week from a visit of several months duration at Quallatown.

Jackson county is rapidly becoming an educational center. With great pleasure we invite attention to the advertisement of the Dillsboro Academy in this issue.

Hon. R. L. Leatherwood was the permanent chairman of the Democratic congressional convention, which was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. G. C. Rankin.

The Democratic state convention in Raleigh adopted the political principles of the Farmer's Alliance as part and parcel of the platform of the North Carolina Democracy. Now, what are you going to do about it?

William T. Crawford of Haywood was nominated as the democratic candidate for congress on the 14th ballot, in the convention held in Asheville on August 27. Other candidates before the convention were General Robert B. Vance, placed in nomination by H. A. Gudger; M. W. Edgerston of Henderson, proposed by T. D. Johnson; Kope Elias, nominated by J. Frank Ray; Col. Frank Coxe, proposed by Mr. McBrayer of Polk; J. H. Merrimon, named by Locke Craig; J. M. Gudger, placed in nomination by E. D. Carter, of Yancey. Mr. Hargrove of Haywood, made the nominating speech for Crawford.

TWO HELD FOR WOMAN'S DEATH

J. K. Privett, alleged driver of the car underneath which Mrs. Hadley Brown was burned to death near Wolf Mountain Friday night and Hadley Brown, husband of the dead woman, were both bound over to the October term of Jackson County Superior Court at a preliminary hearing here Tuesday afternoon before Esquire R. Sutton and Esquire R. P. Potts. Privett's bond was placed at \$1,000 and that of Brown at \$500.

It is stated that Mr. Brown had secured Privett, with his car, to bring himself and family to Canada for a visit with Brown's brother, coming from Sir Mile. The car overturned and the gasoline ignited, burning beyond recognition, Mrs. Brown, who was pinned underneath while her 17 year old daughter worked frantically to rescue her mother.

The funeral and interment were held at Wolf Mountain, Saturday. Privett was immediately placed under arrest by officers of this county and brought to jail in Sylva.

According to evidence brought out at the hearing the car in which the party was riding from Six Mile, S. C., to Wolf Mountain, did not change directly off the road, but left it gradually, finally turning off an embankment and pinning Mrs. Brown beneath it. There was evidence to the effect that a pint bottle containing a spoonful of liquor was found under the car, and a quart fruit jar nearly full was found nearby.

Lucille Brown, 17 year old daughter of the dead woman, testified that she saw Privett take one drink during the afternoon and that her mother admonished him about the way the car was being driven, telling him that if he was drinking like he was driving she was afraid that they would not reach their destination.

She testified that after the car turned over and while she was attempting to extricate her mother, Privett went a few feet from the car and struck a match, igniting the gasoline in the tank, and burning her mother to death. She said that her father was engaged in getting the younger children from under the car and caring for them.

Tom Ashe and Will Crawford, who live in the neighborhood, testified that they came up while the car was burning, and Privett and Brown were standing in the road some 40 feet from the blazing machine, and that one of them asked if anyone was hurt and that Brown replied "no one seriously but my wife is underneath the car."

James Wood, who lives in the township where the tragedy occurred testified that he had come upon the party earlier in the night, and that he found the car crosswise in the road and was told that it wouldn't run. He stated he drove it some distance for them and that, in his opinion, Privett was drinking. Brown went upon the stand and stated that he knew nothing about there being any liquor in the party, or that Privett was drinking.

Methodist Pastor Returns to Pulpits, Sunday

After an absence of three weeks, Rev. George Clemmer, pastor of the Methodist churches of Sylva and Dillsboro, has returned and will occupy the pulpits of his charge, morning and evening, Sunday.

At 11 o'clock the pastor will preach in Sylva and the sermon will be a Labor Day message. The theme is suggested by Labor Day. The message will not be exclusively for Labor; but men who toil are especially invited.

In the evening at 8 o'clock Mr. Clemmer will speak at Dillsboro, using as the subject for the sermon: "Divine Dependency." Church schools of the charge convene at 10 a. m. The Epworth League meets in the evening at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Shuler Reunion

The relatives and friends are urged to attend the Shuler reunion which will be held at the home of R. B. Shuler on Sunday, September 7th, 1930. All are requested to bring well filled baskets.

AGED CANADA CITIZEN PASSES

Funeral services were conducted Friday at his home in Canada township, for Jas. A. Wood, 84, one of the oldest citizens of the county, and a member of one of the pioneer families of this section. The rites were conducted by Rev. Lawrence Crawford and Rev. A. C. Queen.

Mr. Wood who was in his eighty-fourth year, suffered a stroke of paralysis early Wednesday and died at 11 a. m.

Mr. Wood is survived by two sons and four daughters: James A. Wood, Jr. and Cleve Wood, both of Wolf Mountain; Mrs. George Coward of Eagle Lake, Fla., and Mrs. Norman Nicholson, Mrs. Mack Nicholson and Miss Mary J. Wood, all three of Wolf Mountain.

Affectionately known to all his friends as "Uncle Jimmy," Mr. Wood had lived in Canada township since his parents moved there while he was still a babe in his mother's arms, not quite one year of age. He had literally grown up with the country, for when his parents moved to Canada township they went in over the Indian trail on horseback.

Mr. Wood could remember days as a small boy, he watched the Indians come into the region where his parents lived every spring and leave it every fall. All summer they hunted over the mountains and fished in the headwaters of the Tuckasegee and its tributaries, Wolf Creek, Tennessee Creek and Slickem Creek.

"They fished a great deal more than they hunted," the late Mr. Wood told the writer of this article only a few weeks ago. "There were plenty to fish for in those days, too," he added. "Streams were all full of trout."

"The Indians always marched in single file. There would be 20 or 30 of them in a train, the braves marching in front and the women following with the baggage, for the braves did not carry anything except their guns or bows and arrows and fishing poles. None of them would speak to you except the leader. As a boy, I was in mortal fear of them. They would stay for three or four days in one place and then move. Sometimes they would go clear across the Blue Ridge to the Cane brakes in search of good fishing poles."

Uncle Jimmy delighted to tell reminiscences of those early days and fishing parties were always furnishing him with new audiences who heard him with the greatest pleasure, for he had a very shrewd mind.

He continued to work actively on his farm and in looking after his kindred interests and until the very end was vigorous of mind and body. In his long life he had seen forests grow up on lands which in his youth he had helped to cultivate, a notable one, a fine body of poplar woods of which he was immensely proud, trees tall and straight like himself. Throughout the region where he lived he was held in the highest respect, and there are many who will learn with sorrow of his death.

County Tax Rate is \$1.68

The general county tax-rate for the year has been fixed by the county commissioners at the same figure it was last year, \$1.68 on the one hundred dollars valuation of property.

To be added to this in many of the special tax districts, is the special tax for schools and roads. The county rate is divided: general county, 23c; schools, 71c; roads, 26c; and debt service 48c. There is a slight reduction ranging from 2c to 10c in some of the special school districts. The debt service is raised from 36c last year to 48c this, an increase of 12c, while other rates are lowered, but the total general rate remains the same.

In no other county in Western North Carolina does the rate remain unchanged, except in Cleveland, with a rate of 73c this year and last.

Fifteen of the Western counties have reduced their rates; while four have increased them.

Swain and Buncombe have the greatest reduction. Buncombe cut the rate from \$1.51 to \$1.20. Swain took a reduction from \$2.11 to \$1.87;

Burke from \$1.12 to \$1.06; Caldwell from \$1.13 to \$1.10; Catawba from \$1.25 to \$1.23; Cherokee from \$1.48 to \$1.28; Clay from \$2.52 to \$2.32; Graham from \$1.60 to \$1.50; Haywood from \$1.45 to \$1.29; Henderson from \$1.87 to \$1.67; Macon from \$1.64 to \$1.40; Mitchell from \$1.96 to \$1.87; Polk from \$2.15 to \$2.10; Transylvania from \$2.13 to \$1.94; Yancey from \$1.98 to \$1.78.

Rutherford raised its rate from \$1.39 to \$1.75; McDowell from \$1.24 to \$1.35; Avery from \$1.84 to \$2.00; and Madison from \$1.92 to \$2.05. A bank failure involving a considerable amount of the county's funds, is assigned as the reason for the tax raise in Rutherford, while the cost of criminal cases growing out of the Marion strike troubles is said to be the reason for McDowell's increase.

The total saving to taxpayers in the fifteen counties where the rates were reduced is put at \$750,000.00, while there is an additional savings, in many of these counties, due to reduced rates in, the special tax districts.

SAY POSEY STILLWELL SAW HARVEY FRADY SLAY NEGRO

Officers of Jackson county are seeking Harvey Frady, young white man and son of Reubin Frady, for investigation regarding the death Friday afternoon of Ed Blakley negro of Webster township, who was found shot to death in the road on Little Savannah, a short distance above the home of A. R. Stillwell.

According to information in the hands of officers, there was an eyewitness to the shooting. Mr. Posey Stillwell, who is a citizen of the community, is said to have seen the entire affair and, according to information that officers have now, he was with Frady at the time the shots were fired, and is said to have attacked Frady, who, according to the story told officers, wrestled Blakley's legs, as he rushed upon Frady, and, when the Negro thrust his hand into his pocket in threatening manner, Frady fired into his body, according to the information brought to officers regarding Mr. Stillwell's testimony as to how the slaying happened.

The dead negro and his wife were going up the road, it is said, when the wife stopped at the home of some white people to speak to the lady of the house, and Ed Blakley proceeded up the road. In a few minutes a number of reports believed to be pistol shots were heard, and shortly afterward the woman found the body of her husband. Blakley's body was found, was lying on his back, his head in the edge of a cornfield, and his body was stretched half way across the little and unfrequented road. Three wounds from gunshot were discovered by the undertaker who prepared the body for burial. One had entered the back of the head, to the left and ranged downward toward the right, through the brain. A second had entered his left shoulder almost on top, and it came out just above his shoulder blade, at the back. The third shot had entered the left side of his body below the heart, and from the fact it was stated that there had been some difficulty between you Frady and Jule Blakley, father of the dead man, and with Ed Blakley two or three weeks previous to the shooting. Other negroes stated that Blakley had said Frady had threatened to kill him, and Frady is said to have been seen in the neighborhood a short time before the slaying were heard. Officers believe that there is strong circumstantial evidence pointing toward Frady as having been implicated in the affair.

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