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Despondency Motive

Milton Trevathan Uses 9mm Pistol to Kill Self

Despondency was thought to be the motive for the suicide of a Zebulon man early Tuesday morning.

Robert Milton Trevathan, 36, was found Tuesday morning about 6 o'clock lying on the sidewalk in front of Screws-Hudson Funeral Home mortally wounded.

He left no note, according to Police Officer Willie B. Hopkins. Wake County Coroner M. W. Bennett ruled the death suicide.

Police Officer Hopkins said Trevathan used a 9mm pistol for the death weapon. The bullet entered the victim's heart region. The bullet did not strike the heart. He died on the way to Rex Hospital.

Trevathan was found by Russell Jones, Negro street sweeper, Hopkins said. Jones told the officer he heard struggling and scratching sounds before discovering Trevathan.

Jones notified Night Policeman M. G. Crowder, who called Dr. George Tucker.

According to Hopkins, Trevathan left home about 5:30 a.m. to go to Whitley Furniture Co. He had been an employee of the company for the past five years.

A funeral service for the victim will be held today at 11 o'clock from the Zebulon Methodist Church, of which he was a member. The rites will be conducted by the Rev. W. K. Quick, pastor. Burial will be in the Zebulon Cemetery.



Milton Trevathan

He is survived by his wife, the former Vivian Privette Bercik; one daughter, Sharon, and one son, Bobby Milton, both of the home; a stepdaughter, Priscilla Bercik; his father, Robert Trevathan of Route 1, Zebulon; one brother, Darnel Trevathan of Middlesex; four sisters, Mrs. Velma Johanson of Houston, Texas; Mrs. Patricia Rimmer of Albany, Ga.; Mrs. Agnes Bunn of Zebulon and Mrs. Darline Edwards of Roseboro.

Ratings Given For Restaurants, Markets

Ratings on eating establishment and meat markets in Zebulon for the quarter ending December 31, 1959, have been set by the Wake County Health Department.

Restaurants: Hilliard's Restaurant, 95.0; Meet & Grill, 93.5; Smitly's Restaurant, 91.0; Chiew Drive In, 88.0; Russells Restaurant, 88.0; Bus Station Grill, 70.0.

Markets: Wakelon Superette, 97.0; Temple Market, 96.0; Parrish Market, 96.0; Massey's Grocery & Market, 94.0; Dunn's Market, 92.0; and Price Grocery, 91.5.

Bill Selfs Have Second Child, Son

The Rev. and Mrs. William Self of Rocky Mount announce the birth of a son, Bryan Edgar, Saturday, January 30, in a Rocky Mount Hospital. Mrs. Self is the former Carolyn Shealey, and was at one time a member of the Wakelon School faculty.

Knightdale Methodist Minister Is Devotions Speaker

The Rev. Richard Harrington, pastor of the Knightdale Methodist Church, will be the devotional speaker over Radio Station WETC next week, February 15-20. The devotions are sponsored by the station as a public service each weekday morning 9:05-9:15. The public is invited to listen to these daily devotional messages.

Fight May Develop Over Sewer Project For Local Hospital

Scout Honor Court Sunday

A Scout Court of Honor will be held in Zebulon Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:30, according to Scoutmaster Howard Phelps, who will be in charge of the service.

Troops participating on the program will be 525 and 540. Ed Ellington, troop leader of 540, and Phelps, troop leader of 525, along with District Commissioner Armstrong Cannady and District Executive Hubert Ellison, will appear on the program.

Saturday, February 13, the local Boy Scouts will hold a camp site exposition on the grounds of Zebulon Baptist Church. This will be in conjunction with the Court of Honor, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Scouting in America.

The public is invited to attend this exposition, Howard Phelps has announced, and observe what scout camping is like.

Heirs Won't Give Right Of Way Consent

A court battle between Wake County Hospital Authority and the George Broughton heirs over the erection of a sewer line to Wendell-Zebulon Hospital may develop.

In a letter to Frank Ceruzzi, assistant hospital administrator, Dr. J. O. Broughton, Wilmington dentist and trustee of the George Broughton estate, said that he "finds it is not to our best advantage to give a deed of easement" across the property for the placement of a sewer line.

Dr. Broughton pointed out that it would greatly depreciate the sale value of the property in any future development; that it would render a large portion of the land along the line area unsuitable for cultivation due to the closeness of the pipe to the surface; and that it appears the grade or fall of the line which would be more service-operational problem to keep open, requiring continuous trespassing across the land that would be in cultivation.

Dr. Broughton also stated that he believes there are other ways of installing or running this sewer line which would be more serviceable and require less maintenance.

The local hospital is about 70 per cent complete, according to Ceruzzi.

The installation of the sewer line was postponed last year because the land which the line had to cross was in cultivation. Plans were made to make the installation when there were no crops under cultivation.

The Authority may bring a condemnation suit and place the line, or they may place the line and then wait for action from Dr. Broughton.

New Secretary

Mrs. Carrie R. Martin has become secretary to Attorney Foster D. Finch. She assumed this position Monday.

Mrs. Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rogers of Route 1, Youngsville. Her husband is Edsel Martin, and she is the mother of two children, a boy, 7, and a daughter, 4. The family resides on Route 4, Zebulon.

Wakelon PTA To Observe Founders Day

A short Founders Day program will be followed by an open house at the meeting of the Wakelon School Parent Teachers Association Monday night.

Beginning at 7:45 p.m., the Founders Day commemoration and business session will take place in the school auditorium. Entertainment will be given by some of Mrs. H. C. Wade's dance students.

Upon completion of the events in the auditorium, the parents will be invited to visit their children's class rooms for light refreshments. During this period the teachers will discuss the program of studies for the year.

Man Of Year

Feels Church May Lose The Sabbath Day

During his short pastorate here, the Rev. William K. Quick has made a deep and lasting impression on the religious and civic life of the townspeople and communities.

The Rev. Mr. Quick, named Zebulon's Man of the Year for 1959 in a poll conducted by his newspaper, moved here with his family the middle of last year. He was named minister of Zebulon Methodist Church by the Methodist Conference.

"This might sound like a pious, 'preachery' phrase," the affable young minister said, "but when I was told of the honor I was humbled to feel that such an honor came to one less deserving than so many other Zebulon leaders."

Between 14 and 15 hours a day, every day, is spent by Quick executing his pastoral duties in the community. "Tiring but rewarding," is the way he put it.

He said he makes approximately 250 visits per month to the membership of his church. This includes visits to the members of the church, non-members, prospective members and hospital calls.

Quick is a firm believer in visiting. He says there is no substitute for a visit. "Fifty-two sermons can never do what one pastoral visit will do."

He says he makes it a policy in his pastoral ministry to try to keep his visits on a spiritual level and in 98 per cent of his visiting he will have a prayer with the persons being visited.

"It is so easy for some ministers to take advantage of the wholesale invitation of members of other churches to visit in their homes and therefore cause a misunderstanding among the clergy," he said.

He stated that he does not make it a policy to visit persons who are not members of his church unless asked by some member of his church to do so.

Quick doesn't believe in visiting just for the sake of visiting. "Church people shouldn't expect their preachers to make social calls."



MAN OF YEAR AND FAMILY. Above are the Rev. W. K. Quick, Zebulon's Man of the Year for 1959. He is holding son, Steve, 4, Mrs. Quick is holding daughter, Kathy, 22 months.

One of the greatest joys he gets is mingling with those outside the church.

"It is a habit of mine to do visiting at various times in the week in the business establishments and on the street. The minister can reach people and be a witness in the market place. The great divorce of our time is the divorce between the church and the market place."

"One of the great tasks, ministers have today," Quick said, "is to confront people to take religion with them Monday through Saturday." He said the only Bible a lot of people will ever read is the lives of Christian laymen and laywomen who witness not only Sunday but from Monday to Saturday in the market place.

Of great concern to him is the fact that today's ministers are so entangled with church administration responsibilities and the like that so much of their time is taken up with unimportant things.

"Yes, we must have organization, but the minister has been called and educated to preach Christ and to teach people in the faith of the Christian church."

He freely admitted that he enjoys the church and pastoral ministry most of all; administration and organization, least of all.

Another thing which disturbs him terribly is that the church is in danger of losing the Sabbath.

"In most communities churches are as dark on Sunday nights as the pits of hell, while the rest of the town is blazing with neon

signs, theaters, restaurants, gas stations and the like. In some areas, hardware stores remain open on Sunday.

"We have just about lost Sunday night. Shall we give it to the Devil? Come the four-day work week with a three-day holiday weekend, the Sunday School and morning worship will be next to go.

"Some people cannot understand within the church, I am sure, and outside the church, why we started a Sunday night service at our church. I believe Sunday night belongs to God and we can spend it in no better way than in His house."

"It takes real effort to be a 'twicer,' but church will lose its meaning with 'effortless' Christians. In too many communities the church is no longer an influence but an affluence.

"The easiest thing in Zebulon to join is not a card or bridge club but any one of the churches. There was a time when men paid a price for discipleship. The church has ceased to preach that Christ has vast demands from a person's life."

Quick thinks that if a man has none of the qualities of a scientist or a lawyer, he can always become a preacher.

"This attitude is so prevalent among our youth today, and is to me a great tragedy. It points to the pessimism and moral decay of our country."

He said further it is in essence that there is doubt and pessimism in both the pulpit and the pew. The preacher doubts that the congregation believes what the preacher preaches and the pew doubts if the preacher believes what he preaches.

"If this is true, and in so many cases I think it is, this could be the reason for the rise of delinquency and the moral decay of our mid-20th Century America."

"Some laymen," he said, "say that the church generally is plagued by a ministry that has

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