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CHILDREN FIND VICTIM

Farmer Takes Life in Barn

A brother and sister discovered the body of a Wakefield man Friday morning hanging from a tobacco barn where he had committed suicide.

Marie and Leslie Patterson, Jr., found the body of Lexton Glenn Hinton hanging from a plow line, according to Sheriff's Deputy Steve Blackley.

Hinton, whose death was ruled suicide by Wake Coroner M. W. Bennett, had tied the plow line to the top tier of the tobacco barn, according to Blackley, and then had apparently jumped.

Blackley said Hinton was that morning in the process of beginning barning tobacco. He had sent the primers to the field of tobacco. His son, Freddie, was among them.

Hinton, according to Blackley, told the scaffold help he would come for them later. He didn't show and Leslie went to the barn to see what had happened. He told the deputy he saw Hinton moving around in the top barn on the tiers.

Leslie left the scene and later his sister, Marie, went to the barn to further check why Hinton had not come for them. She told the deputy that she could see Hinton's feet hanging near the bottom tier. She immediately notified a neighbor who called Blackley.

The young girl also told Blackley she saw Hinton's hat lying outside the barn door.

Blackley said Hinton had taken a plow line and doubled it in order to commit the tragedy. The deputy also added that the rope was so tight around Hinton's neck that it had to be cut off.

Blackley said he was called to the scene of the accident about 7 a.m. Friday. The accident occurred on the farm belonging to Mrs. W. O. Glover of Durham. Hinton rented the farm.

Hinton left no note explaining the reason for his action. It was thought that he had grown despondent over the housing of his tobacco.

Surviving are his wife, the former Gora Lewis; two sons, Mickey Hinton and Freddie Hinton of the home; five sisters, Mrs. Leon Driver and Mrs. O. B. Spell, both of Durham; Mrs. George Powell of Raleigh, Mrs. J. O. Allen of Wendell, and Mrs. W. E. Bunn of Zebulon; two brothers, Dexton Hinton of Wendell and Braxton Hinton of Smithfield.

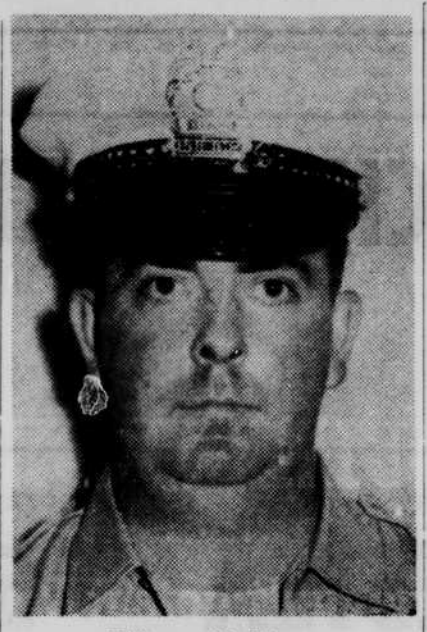
He was the son of the late W. Bragg and Ella Driver Hinton.

Funeral rites were held Sunday at 2 p.m. from Zebulon Baptist Church with the Rev. David Daniel, pastor, and the Rev. C. C. Wheeler, officiating. Burial was in Hales Chapel Baptist Church cemetery in Johnston County.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kemp sang "Sunrise," accompanied at the organ by Charles Horton.

The casket was covered with a pall of yellow chrysanthemums and pompons.

Pallbearers were Rex Tippett, Connie Mack Bunn, Warren Allen, Steve Driver, Douglas Lewis and Carson Strickland.



Wilson Stallings

Rookie Policeman Begins New Duties

The mayor and town board have added an extra man to the town's police force. This brings the police team to a total of four.

Wilson Stallings was made a policeman at a recent town board meeting. The 22-year-old rookie policeman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodrow Stallings of Route 3, Zebulon. He is a 1958 graduate of Wakelon High School.

Stallings will receive a salary of $260 a month. He will still maintain his former duties as labor foreman.

Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins said of Stallings: "He comes of a mighty good back ground. He has a good character and qualities to make a good policeman."

Stallings is unmarried.

Plans Are Discussed For Nursing Home For Zebulon-Wendell

There is a need for a nursing home in the Wendell-Zebulon area, Frank Ceruzzi of Fayetteville's Highsmith Hospital told Zebulon Rotarians last week. He suggested that a 25-bed nursing home be constructed and gave step-by-step requirements from FHA to be completed before a loan application can be made.

Mr. Ceruzzi is well-known in this area, having served as administrator of the Wake County Branch Hospitals until the local hospital was established.

An adequate nursing home costs about $5,000 a bed, he said. The proposed 25-bed home could be expanded as required to a 40-bed unit. The FHA will finance up to 90% of the construction costs, if its requirements are met.

In addition to the necessary 10% of the construction costs, Mr. Ceruzzi cited the need of at least $7,000 in operating capital to get the nursing home in operation.

"In this area," he said, "the nursing home should reach a break-even point during its second year of operation."

The Zebulon Rotary Club has begun work toward acquiring a nursing home here as a community service project.

A site near the Wendell-Zebulon Hospital is desired, so that the x-ray and laboratory facilities of the hospital will be available and convenient to the residents of the nursing home.

An estimate was made of $32,000 to build the nursing home and get it in operation.

Prior to the program, Rotarian Ed Hales was recognized for having danced with Miss Zebulon without noticeable damage to the beauty queen; and Rotarian Lee Sedwitz was applauded for his outstanding work as surgeon at the Wendell-Zebulon Hospital.

This week's program will include a talk on zoning with members of the Zebulon Board of Commissioners as guests of the club.

Much Action Taken At July Meeting Of Commissioners

Willie B. Hopkins need not fear about his job with the town. The mayor and town board has engaged his myriad services for another year. Hopkins, who holds titles such as town clerk, water commissioner, fire chief, chief of police, town manager, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., asked the board to release him for Sunday duties except in the case of emergencies. He was granted this release. Hopkins has been with the town for more than 20 years.

The hoary old 1953 police car sits like an old woman, weary with age and a lot of miles. It has racked up 54,541 miles of patrol work for the town. And now it waits to change hands. It is up for auction to the highest bidder. Sad, dejected, but happy to have served the citizens, it waits like a hoary old woman who has done her do.

The mayor and town board think that the word Zebulon is too small on the city license plates. Next year they want Zebulon bigger, bigger, bigger. Big enough to be seen at a great distance. They also want to retain the motto, "The Town of Friendly People." However, if it is impossible to put the motto on the plates with the big, big, big Zebulon, they consented to omit the motto and increase the size of the town's name to Zebulon, ZEBULON, ZEBULON.

Businesses can breathe a sigh of relief. The town board hasn't

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Balcony Battle In Movie House

A fist fight broke out in the balcony of Wakelon Theater Sunday night about 8:30, according to Night Policeman Wendell Perry.

Two Negroes engaged in an affray which led to the distruction on one's Sunday shirt.

Police said an argument ensued between the two youths—14 and 17. The argument allegedly started over pop corn throwing, and ended with a battle of the fists.

The two declined to tell police very much about the incident.

George High will be tried in Wake Juvenile Court; James Edward Yarborough has been charged with engaging in an affray in a public place. He will be tried in Zebulon Recorder's Court.

Sheriff's Deputy Graham Bunn assisted Perry with the investigation.

'Messing' Brings Man Trouble

"They were lying in bed together," the mother told the police, her voice trembling emotion and her welled-up tears springing over and falling on her cheeks.

"But they weren't doing anything when I walked in," she continued, brushing her cheeks.

Mrs. Pat Van Dyke, operator of Pat's Grill at the forks of Highways 97 and 264 about two miles east of Zebulon, called police Sunday morning and signed a warrant against her husband, Frank Van Dyke, charging him with carnal knowledge of her 12-year-old daughter.

The woman told police she had been working in the grill and later left and walked into the bed room and found Van Dyke in bed with the girl.

The pretty young girl is by an earlier marriage of Mrs. Van Dyke's.

"I suspected something was going on," police quoted Mrs. Van Dyke.

The mother told police she got a confession from her daughter that the stepfather had "known" her.

The girl also told police that Van Dyke had "messed" with her. Police said she cried all the time she told of the affair with her stepfather.

The girl said Van Dyke, who police said is about 43-years-old, "started messing" with her on April 11. She said the first act took place two days later.

Further questioning of the girl by the police officers revealed that Van Dyke had had intercourse with her "several times."

Asked by police why she didn't tell her mother of her stepfather's advances, the girl said: "I was scared."

When police told Van Dyke of the charges brought against him, Van Dyke looked amazed, and denied the accusations.

"You're joking," he was quoted by police as saying.

He was placed in the local jail and was transferred to Wake County Jail Monday.

According to the officers Van Dyke has had difficulties with the law several times before.

Officers did not learn if Van Dyke is employed or not.

He will be given a hearing in Zebulon Recorder's Court.

Wake Sheriff's Deputy S. J. Blackley and Zebulon Police Chief Willie B. Hopkins were the investigating officers.

No Principal Yet

School Board Chairman Philip Olive said no decision has been reached on a principal for Wakelon School.

"We are very close, though," Olive added.

The board is still conducting interviews of prospective principals.

Olive indicated he feels certain that a principal would be named for the school next week.

Mortician Heading Annual Drive In Community for Boy Scout Funds

Crafton Hudson has been selected to head the annual campaign for funds for Boy Scouting in Zebulon, it was announced this week by Nello Teer, Jr., of Durham, Council finance chairman.

Teer, president of Nello Teer Company and prominent civic leader, said Dr. Ben Thomas's selection virtually insures the success of the Boy Scout Finance Drive locally. The campaign, scheduled for September 12, with the leadership gifts enrollment coming several weeks earlier, seeks to enlist the direct financial support of at least one-fifth of all local citizens.

The leadership gifts is made up of business firms and individuals who give $100 or more to the Boy Scouting program here.

Zebulon now has seven scout units with 165 Boy Scout members and is served by 60 leaders. Many more boys would like to be Scouts said Armstrong Cannady, District Chairman of the Saponi District. But unfortunately it takes money to organize additional Scout troops, he added.

Last year's drive here netted $2,600, Cannady said. The goal for 1962-63 is $2,600.

Hudson, prominent Zebulon businessman and active civic leader, is a partner in a mortuary establishment, Screws and Hudson Funeral Home.

June Bustin' Out At Local Hospital

There were 82 adult admissions, 9 births, and 45 operations at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital during the month of June, according to hospital officials.

PRACTICES WHAT HE PREACHES

'Women Need Whipping'

"A man ought to whip a woman once in a while."

So said Otha High, Negro, after he had given Core Ree High a going over.

"And she ought to stand there and take it and not do anything about it," High continued.

Cora Ree didn't stand there and take it. And she did something about it. She went to the police and swore out a warrant for High.

However, after going back to her home on Barbee Street, Cora Ree began thinking it over and she tripped back to the police station again.

"I don't want to indict him," she told police. "I decided I love him. Couldn't you do something about the warrant? I love him and I don't want him to go to the roads."

Police said they didn't promise the pleading woman anything. The papers had been drawn up against the woman-whipper.

"Yes, sir, a man ought to whip a woman once in a while," High said.