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Tragic Death Of Charles T. Wood; Takes His Own Life

Lifeless Body Found In The Planters Warehouse Early Monday Morning

FOUND BY J. T. WALKER

Early Monday morning, sometime between 6 and 7 o'clock, Mr. Charles T. Wood took his life. He accomplished the rash deed by shooting himself through the head, the ball entering just above the right ear and coming out on the left side.

His body was discovered by Mr. J. T. Walker, A. T. Company buyer in this market. His body was found lying flat on his back, with the revolver close by his side, his head resting in a pool of blood.

There is no known reason why Mr. Wood should have thus ended his life, though he has been in poor health or some time, his physical condition was not at all alarming. He left in his pocket a letter addressed to his wife, which threw no light on the rash act, as it was purely personal, telling of his love for his wife and his children.

Mr. Wood was a native of this County, was born and raised near Concord, having moved to Roxboro about five years ago, and since that time has been engaged in the tobacco business. He was a loyal, faithful and consistent member of Concord Methodist Church, was very active in church work. He was a member of the County School Board, and was one of the County's most active and best known citizens. The burial services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon and the body laid away in the Concord cemetery.

Surviving him is his wife, two sons, Charles, who is a student at the University, and Arch, and one daughter, Francis. The sympathy of all go out to the family in this sad hour.

Millions Hail Its Return

Rex Ingram's Production "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" with Rudolph Valentino and Alice Terry, coming to Palace Theatre, Monday and Tuesday February 21, and 22nd. Rex Ingram's stupendous achievement—a film masterpiece that has made Motion Picture History—returns now in triumph to the screen. It's coming is the most important news of the year to film fans—the picture you will see again and again and will be the Wonder Picture of all times. Here's news that will thrill you, man, woman and child in the country. "Four Horsemen" is coming back! Watch for it—break all box office records, but more than that, see the picture that shook the world. Rex Ingram's "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" based on the classic by Louis-Ferdinand Celine.

Special Matinee Monday, Feb. 21, at 3:00 p. m.

Children under 15 years admitted on matinee performance for 15 cents. Admission 25-30 cents. Evening performance 7:15-9:45 p. m.

Escaped Jail

Andy Mast, the youth who stole Chief Oliver's automobile and who was later taken into custody, given a court trial and ordered to be sent to Jackson Training School, must have decided that his lonely stay in the jail was a little too much for him, so last Thursday morning while the man was falling too heavy for street traffic or pedestrian outing, Andy proceeded to liberate himself from the County jail and was successful, making a complete get-away and has not been seen since.

Olive Hill Parent-Teachers Asso.

The regular monthly meeting of the Olive Hill Parent-Teachers Association will NOT meet Thursday, Feb. 17th. The next meeting will be held in March. See.

The Shannan Players' with their dramatic play "The Work of February 28th.

INDEBTEDNESS OF PERSON COUNTY

Owes For County Home \$25,000
County Schools \$71,000 and
District Schools \$89,075.50

TOTAL DEBT \$769,075.50

The following report of the financial condition of the County has been prepared by the Auditor and approved by the Board of County Commissioners:

Statement of expenditures of the General County funds from Dec. 1, 1925 to Nov. 30, 1926:
County Home \$5869.07
Supplies for court house and cost of courts \$3164.81
Outside paupers \$1407.55
Jail \$652.02
Miscellaneous, including tax-listing, mother's aid, insurance, cost of people in State institutions \$11,497.48
Grand total \$22,220.93

Amount of tax levy for general County fund \$23,208.52

Financial Statement Person County, February 5, 1927.

Notes for County Home \$25,000.00
Surplus for this fund \$9,421.91
County School notes \$71,000.00
Surplus for this fund \$7,425.50
Notes for Tax District Schools

Bethel Hill \$27,430.00
Olive Hill \$22,570.00
Allensville \$1,487.50
Helena \$6,500.00
Hurdle Mills \$21,250.00
Leasburg \$9,848.00
Total for tax dist. \$89,075.50
Summing up this statement it shows the County is indebted for:

County schools \$71,000.00
County Home \$25,000.00
Special Tax districts \$89,075.50

Read bonds \$584,000.00
Grand total \$769,075.50

Operating Schools for 1925-26 \$85,283.98
Salaries \$76,239.36
Expense fund, buses, etc. \$161,623.35

Total \$1,221,623.35
This amount includes \$25,000 loaned the town schools for the new school building, and also includes \$4,298.00 put in new school buildings in the County.

Total indebtedness of the County is \$44.77 for every man, woman and child, including white, black and Indian, in the County.

Now, take the indebtedness of the town of Roxboro, which is \$562,000, all in bonds, and you will see that person County and Roxboro owes \$1,221,623.35. The per capita indebtedness of Roxboro is \$169.80 for every man, woman and child, white and black.

It requires twenty per cent of all money collected by the County to pay its interests, and nothing of the school fund required.

There is approximately one hundred thousand dollars of uncollected taxes due the County, and if the Sheriff is successful in collecting these taxes the County will be able to reduce its indebtedness to some extent, though out of this fund must come the money necessary to run the schools the balance of this session.

Store Robbed

Robbers entered the store of Mr. S. T. Wynn near Roxboro, Friday night and carried away quite a lot of merchandise, and all the cash that was left in the cash drawer after the days work, which amounted to between twelve and fifteen dollars. Three fellows were pretty brave as they entered the store from the front side facing the main road.

Epworth League

There will be a Washington Birthday Entertainment in the basement of the Brookdale Methodist church on the evening of Feb. 22nd at 7:30 o'clock. A silver offering will be taken at the door. Be sure and not forget what happens on the evening of Feb. 22nd.

Come and bring your friends.
LYNN LOY, Sec.

MINISTER TO HUNGARY

Washington, Feb. 15.—(By United Wire.)—A candidate for assistant secretary of state was nominated today by President Coolidge to be minister to Hungary.

First Baptist Church, W. F. West, Pastor.

Her Home Now Temporary White House



Mrs. Elmer Schlesinger, nee Patterson, of Chicago, offered her palatial home in Washington to President and Mrs. Coolidge while extensive repairs are being made on the White House. Though ten blocks from his office, the President and Mrs. Coolidge made this selection from a score of offers.

Negro Desperado Tries To Kill Sheriff Brooks

Negro Wrests Pistol From Sheriff In Scuffle And Only Timely Arrival Of Deputy Gentry Prevents Him From Committing A Capital Crime; Now Confined In Local Jail.

One of the most daring and savage assaults was attempted on the life of Sheriff N. V. Brooks Monday evening by a savage negro man who has several names, but who is better known as Henry Frogeye. The assault was made in the home of St. Winstead, a colored man whose home is in the Chub Lake section. Sheriff Brooks and Deputy W. R. Gentry had gone into the home of Winstead to make a search for some stolen property and while deputy Gentry was busy upstairs making the search Frogeye demanded of Sheriff Brooks an explanation and before anything could be done he had Sheriff Brooks looking straight down the bar-

rel of a dangerous looking shot gun, advancing on him with a savage threat; fortunately deputy Gentry came down wrenching the gun from the negro before a shot was made, then came what looked like a death and life struggle between Sheriff Brooks and the negro. In the scuffle the negro got hold of the sheriff's pistol and but for the lightning action of Gentry the negro would have shot him down with his own gun. Deputy Gentry cooled the negro with a heavy blow on the head after which he released his clinch on the gun as well as Sheriff Brooks. He was brought to town and given a hearing and placed in jail for safe keeping.

Death Of Jasper Ruffin Woody

Student At N. C. State College Making A High Mark In His Studies

The sudden death of Mr. Jasper Ruffin Woody at the Raleigh hospital last Thursday morning was a great shock to his friends at Bethel Hill. He had been troubled with his eyes for some time, when on Wednesday evening he consulted a specialist, who advised him to see a physician. Three physicians examined him, finding that he had a tumor of the brain, which a few hours later caused his death. Jasper was only 18 years of age, a student at A. and E. College, and was making a most enviable reputation. His sudden taking away is a great loss to his mother and relatives.

His remains were brought to his home Thursday for burial. The funeral services took place at the church at Bethel Hill, Friday afternoon. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Rev. N. J. Todd conducted the services and was assisted by Rev. J. A. Beam. Many people from Roxboro attended the services.

Surviving the deceased are his mother, Mrs. W. A. Woody; a brother, E. Bruce Woody; and the sisters Mrs. Charlie Walters, of Blauvelt, N. C.; Miss Marie Woody, Miss Elizabeth Woody, and Miss Lucile Woody.

Sale Continued

It has been reported in some sections that our annual Farmers Sale ended the first of this month. This is an error, as the sale will be continued through the month of February. We are doing this because of the popularity of this sale and the fact that, although hundreds have already taken advantage of the bargain, we are offering there are still many who wish to do so but have not had the opportunity. So, if you are in need of farming implements and supplies come in or write for one of our circulars and avail yourself of this truly remarkable opportunity. We are offering the very best of this month.

WILBORN'S HARDWARE, South Boston, Va.

Bethel Hill Farmers Organize Spray Ring

Farmers meet at Vocational Department of Agriculture and have interesting fruit meeting

On last Friday night several of the farmers of the Bethel Hill section met with the Teacher of Vocational Agriculture at the High School and listened to a talk on "How to Grow Better Fruit by Spraying and Pruning." After the talk it was decided to organize a spray ring and Mr. G. E. Woody was elected manager of the ring. A good spray outfit will be purchased for use by the ring members and they will work cooperatively in the spraying. It was agreed that a day would be set for the spraying and Mr. C. M. Powers would furnish the material to spray the fruit and he to have the material for the spraying of his orchard furnished by the other members. All members are to help in the spraying and will go from one orchard to another until the job is complete.

The Vocational teacher is to select the spray outfit and material for spraying; also to mix the spray and to help with the spraying. Spraying by the spray ring method is economical since buying the material for spraying in large quantities would make it cheaper and since labor conditions are such that it is necessary to cooperate in order to have plenty of labor to do the spraying. Farmers enjoy getting together for the work and can make the work a pleasure rather than a burden.

MULES! MULES!

To My Friends and Patrons: You will find me at Union Warehouse, Danville, Va. I keep from 20 to 30 nice team mules at all times. Come to see me.

T. J. HATCHETT.

"The Shannan Players" (That Classy Stock Company) Presenting "The Old Who Came Back" My wife took Rose and "St. Elmo" coming to the Palace Theatre week of February 28th.

OTTO WOOD CAPTURED IN TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Attempted To Hold Up Drug Clerk, When He Is Shot Through Body

RECOVERING RAPIDLY

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—North Carolina today moved officially to bring Otto Wood, five times jail breaker, back to "slow death in solitary."

The one-armed outlaw who escaped from state prison a third time last November, after he had escaped from Ohio and Tennessee prisons, will be brought back from Terre Haute, Ind., jail provided other states and the federal government release him, and put in the death cell for safe-keeping. Wood was under 30 years sentence here for the murder of a Greensboro, N. C., pawnbroker. Wood terms the cell confinement "slow death in solitary."

Extradition papers, signed by Governor McLean will be dispatched tomorrow to Indiana where Wood is held, following his holding up a railroad brakeman and attempt to rob a drug store in the case, which "broke" Saturday when state prison Superintendent Pea announced identification of Wood, referred to in several newspaper headlines as "North Carolina's one man crime wave."

The elusive Wood escaped the last time in November last year.

In a letter to a newspaper purporting to come from him he said love of his children lured him to make his third escape from prison walls here.

Wood was placed in death row after his second escape here but was removed later and put to firing the boiler by the directors over protest from Superintendent Pea and the board took full responsibility for his last escape.

"A Little Clodhopper"

Thursday evening, Feb. 24th, 1927, in the graded school auditorium a play entitled, "A Little Clodhopper," will be presented under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. From all reports the play is considered one of the best comedy-dramas to be presented here in some time.

Characters

Septimus Green, Dick Woody, a young boat agent, full of pep.
Orel Gump, Coy Day, a fresh country product, by Heck.
Geo. Chizzcrack, Johnnie Clyde Hall, an innocent little lamb from the city.

Mrs. Cigger J. Boggs, Bivins Winstead, Mrs. Mamma, with a smooth scheme.

Miss Julietta Beam, Mabel Montague, a Spinterville boarding-house keeper.

Chairman Carter, Mary Riley, who thinks she is a vampire.

Judy, Sadie Lee, a little clodhopper from the city.

Shanty, Charms and beautiful mules will be introduced during the performance.

From the list of characters above it is to be seen that for an evening full of mirth, happiness and pleasure one will do well to see "A Little Clodhopper."

Tickets on sale Feb. 2nd, 1927, at Davis Drug Store. Reserved seats 50 cents, general admission 35 cents.

Bible Class Organized At Hurdle Mills

We are very glad to learn that Rev. Cary Adams has organized a Bible class for the High school students at Hurdle Mills and from the Bible evidence, quite a fine class has been organized and has become very enthusiastic over the work. We are of the opinion that the parents of all students should encourage them in this work as this is an opportunity to learn something about the great Book that will serve them well in their mature years.

Tatum-Whitfield

Miss Irene Isabel Tatum and Mr. Charles Dewey Whitfield were married last Thursday by V. M. W. in the office of the register of deeds.

The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace, H. S. Turner, in the presence of a few friends.