

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY, FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1920, TO FEB. 1, 1921

RECEIPTS:	
From County Treasurer (tax acct.)	\$15,204.97
From Temporary notes (repaid)	15,000.00
From County Bonds	50,000.00
From United States Forestry Account	1,204.83
From State Forestry Account	875.54
From State Road Account	1,408.00
From State Chain Gang Work	4,225.51
From Sale of horse	148.85
From Roman-for work in town	16.00
Total receipts	\$88,073.62
DISBURSEMENTS:	
To County Commissioners to pay their notes and interest on same	\$15,450.00
To pay their commission on Bond Sale	2,500.00
To maintain State road from Henderson County to Jackson	15,737.01
County and temporary detours (\$1,495.00) repaid by state	2,295.62
For rights of way and	25,000.00
On State Contract	3,669.39
For Bridges	20,195.30
For Chain Gang	1,279.35
(\$4,225.95 paid back by State) for Equipment-Machinery, etc.	1,473.64
For General Supplies	1,150.50
(Vitrified pipe - Steel Culverts, etc.) for general expenses	891.30
Paid Road Overseers for expenditure in Boyd Township	1,091.39
Paid Road Overseers for expenditures in Brevard Township	1,021.35
Paid Road Overseers for expenditure in Cathey's Creek township	2,142.85
Paid Road Overseers for expenditure in Dunns Rock	1,238.12
Paid Road Overseer for expenditure in Eastatoe Township	836.55
Paid Road Overseer for expenditure in Gloucester Township	1,108.34
Paid Road Overseer for expenditure in Hogback township	924.85
Paid Overseer for expenditure in Little River Township	79.80
Previous Year's Overdraft	79.80
Total Disbursements	\$87,585.36
Cash balance in bank	488.26
Final Total	\$88,073.62

Thos. H. Shipman, Chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners of Transylvania County, N. C., being duly sworn deposes and says that the foregoing statement of the receipts and disbursement of said Board for the year specified is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

THOS. H. SHIPMAN
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of June, 1921. R. L. Gash, Notary Public. My Commission expires March 2, 1923.

CHARGE MURDER OF STEPMOTHER

Seventeen-Year-Old Girl Accused of Strangling Widow of Her Father.

DISPUTE OVER ESTATE

Woman, Missing for Several Weeks, Found in Pond With Rope Tied Around Her Neck—Garrote Leads to Arrest.

New York.—Accused of murdering her stepmother in a dispute over the division of her father's estate, Mrs. Carolina Verderosa, a seventeen-year-old girl, and her husband, Luciano Verderosa, a Williamsburgh contractor, were held without bail.

The arrests were made within a few hours of the time when the body of the stepmother, Mrs. Catherine Trotta, was found in Cooper's pond, in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, with a rope tightened about the neck.

Had Been Missing a Month.

Mrs. Trotta had been missing since she left her home in Brooklyn some weeks ago to do some marketing and to attend to some matters connected with the settlement of her husband's estate. When she did not return a son-in-law reported her disappearance to the police and a search was started.

The police learned that Mrs. Trotta had gone from her home to the North Side Savings bank in Williamsburgh, where she drew out \$400. From there she went to a pawnbroker's to take out of pawn some jewelry valued at \$1,000, which had belonged to her husband. It was her intention, it is believed, to sell the jewelry and divide the proceeds among those who were to share in her husband's estate.

Garrote Leads to Arrest.

Mrs. Trotta, it was found, had the jewelry with her when she went to a meat market to make a purchase. Soon after that she was reported as entering the Verderosa home in Williamsburgh.

When Mrs. Trotta's body was found in Cooper's pond the police discarded the theory of robbery. Her handbag,



The Body Was Found in Cooper's Pond.



which had contained the redeemed jewelry, was missing, but there were five rings on the fingers and about \$15 in cash in a pocket, which, the police believed, robbers would not have overlooked.

The evidence which led to the arrest of the Verderosas was the cord about Mrs. Trotta's neck, with which, in the belief of Dr. Carl Pottiger, Brooklyn medical examiner, the murder was accomplished. It was a short piece of sash rope, apparently recently cut. In their search of the Verderosa apartment, after the body was found, the police found a quantity of similar cord.

SHE LIVES IN HIDDEN ROOM

Woman Rents Whole House to Tenant, But Continues to Occupy Part of It Secretly.

Philadelphia.—Occupancy of a secret room in a building which she had leased in its entirety to Mrs. Bertha M. Nelson of Philadelphia, during the full period of the lease, resulted in a decision by Judge Repetto, in Atlantic City, N. J., that Mrs. K. Louise Barrett must pay the sum of \$400 as a fair rental for the room.

Discovery of the strange abode of the owner of the house did not occur until several months after the lease had been executed and possession taken by the tenant. Mrs. Barrett had built a room adjoining the porch and access to it was made by a secret stairway. The room was entirely shut off from the rest of the house.

Attempts to dispossess the owner failed and finally suit was instituted for rental. Mrs. Nelson rented the premises for the sum of \$2,500.

Boy Hanged Self From Garret Rafter, Hartford, Conn.—The body of Thomas Hepburn, fifteen-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn, was found by his thirteen-year-old sister hanging from the rafters of his garret room in New York city. The two were visiting Miss Mary Towl, a friend of the family.

HELD PRISONER FOR 16 YEARS

Daughter Caged by Mother in Darkened Room Without Light or Air,

BUT ONE PERSON KNEW

When Found by Humane Officer Girl Was Wearing Child's Bonnet and Child's Clothing—Has the Mentality of a Child.

Ballston, N. Y.—There may be a mystery to unravel in connection with the strange case of Miss Jennie Hall, who for 16 years was held a prisoner by her mother, Mrs. Catherine Hall and another daughter, in a tumble-down shack near Round Lake, a short distance from Ballston, Saratoga county, New York.

During all of this period Jennie never saw the light of day except as it may have slightly filtered through a heavily planked window. Never except twice did she see another human being except her mother and her sister, Never in the 16 years until a humane officer from Saratoga entered her dark prison the other day did she see a man, and at sight of the unusual spectacle she fainted.

Only One Neighbor Knew.

Only one neighbor knew that such a being as she existed, and it was this neighbor who finally brought the matter to the attention of the Saratoga County Humane society, whose superintendent, William Hennessy, investigated and led the affrighted woman, who is thirty-one years old, away from her prison. Other neighbors considered the Hall family—mother and daughter, as "queer," and the shack in which they lived was avoided.

Jennie has the mentality of a child. When found by the humane officer she was wearing a child's bonnet, which apparently she dearly prized, and a child's clothing.

Jennie at one time—some twenty years ago—was for a brief time an inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane at Utica. When she returned to her home she vanished from sight, to live the intervening years up to the present buried in a living prison.

The mentality of the mother and the other daughter is now being inquired into and action in the case of Jennie will be taken accordingly.

Mystery in Key.

The element of mystery centers around a key found tied in the apron of the mother, Mrs. Hall. Evidently

The key Dr. something, was the same



Never in 16 Years Had She Seen a Man

thing has not as yet been discovered. It is believed that somewhere on the place there is a buried treasure chest and that in it there is a missing inheritance of \$10,000 left to the two

Daughter of a man who...
The story is that...
Jennie's...
hospital...
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Suction Drew Fireman From Engine.
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