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## An Avenue Of Evergreens 14-Mile Long

### CHAS. W. HAYNIE FOUND DEAD

**Two Youths and Girl Arrested—All Exhonorated By Coroner's Jury—Public Excluded From Investigation.**

Franklin Friday was shocked and stirred by the finding of the body of Charles W. Haynie, on the sidewalk on Iotta street, about 6:30 in the morning, and the subsequent arrest the same day of DeWitt Sutton, Harry Shepherd, and Miss Blake Addington. The latter is from Clayton, Ga.

At the secret inquest held Friday afternoon, the three were exhonorated of blame for the death of Haynie, the jury finding that Haynie's death resulted from "acute alcoholic poisoning."

Shepherd and the Addington girl, however, were held for authorities in Sylva, where they were arrested. They were said by officers to have registered at a Sylva hotel, early Friday morning, as man and wife. Shepherd gave bond of \$500 for his appearance in recorder's court in Sylva Monday, and the girl was taken to Sylva by Jackson county authorities Saturday morning.

The body of Haynie, 39-year-old horse trader, was found stretched across the sidewalk, about 300 yards north of the courthouse, about 6:30 Friday morning by E. B. DeHart. He became alarmed, and hastily summoned J. J. Conley, the coroner, and Mayor R. D. Sisk from their homes nearby. Examination disclosed that Haynie was dead.

He had blood about his nose, on his hands and clothes, his knees were lacerated, and there was mud on his shoes. The tracks of an automobile, where it had driven close to the sidewalk, were clearly visible.

Shortly after the finding of the body, Sylva authorities telephoned to Franklin that blood and a hat identified as Haynie's had been found in the car in which Sutton, Shepherd, and the Addington girl had come to Sylva. The officers here, who recalled having seen Haynie leave town the afternoon previous with the two youths, hastened to Sylva, and brought back the trio. Under orders from the coroner, they were kept separated until after the inquest, Shepherd and the girl being lodged in jail, while Sutton was kept under guard outside.

The testimony of the three, taken separately, was said to have been practically the same, that they had been to Georgia; they had all been drunk; they put Haynie off near his house, at an early hour assuming that he could get home; and the presence of blood in the car and on Haynie was due to his having struck his nose on the rear of the front seat (he was riding in the back of the car), with resulting profuse bleeding of the nose.

Physicians and the coroner's jury were unable to find any wound or bruise sufficient to have caused death.

The inquest was held behind closed doors, nobody except witnesses and officers being admitted, with the exception of two attorneys. A big crowd which assembled in the upstairs courtroom for the investigation, incidentally, was fooled into waiting there for an hour for the inquest to begin.

The impression was general that the hearing would be in the courtroom, and public. And this was strengthened by the presence there of Sutton and his guard. The crowd waited approximately an hour for the beginning of the questioning, unaware that it was already under way in the office of the clerk of the court. The crowd, in fact, did not realize what was happening until Sutton was summoned by officers, and found, to its surprise, that it would not be admitted to the hearing.

"Under evidence," read the coroner's jury report, "We believe death was the result of acute alcoholic poisoning assisted by exposure in the night air for several hours, combined with an already weakened heart."

The jury was composed of W. C. Arve, F. S. Myers, John H. Thomas, G. T. Stiles, J. W. Hastings, and J. C. Ledbetter.

Witnesses examined were Sheriff C. L. Ingram, Chief of Police R. M. Coffey, DeWitt Sutton, Miss Blake Addington, Harry Shepherd, and Drs. J. H. Fouts, S. H. Lyle, and W. A.

### MASS MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

**Need for New Court House and Jail to be Discussed—Many Grand Juries Have Recommended New Buildings.**

Citizens of Macon county are called to meet in mass meeting at the courthouse here next Tuesday, April 19, to discuss the need for a new courthouse and a new jail, and methods for financing such a project. The call was issued by the Board of County Commissioners.

The meeting will be held, probably at the noon hour, since court will be in session in the courtroom that week; the exact hour will be announced in court.

A new courthouse and jail have long been recognized by a majority of the citizens as sorely needed, and the meeting, it is expected, will be largely attended.

The present courthouse and jail are both not only antiquated, but they are also inadequate. Practically every grand jury for the past several years has pointed out the need for new buildings, the last report suggesting that conditions under present circumstances, especially at the jail, are far from desirable, but adding that little material improvement can be expected with the present buildings and facilities.

### Dillard-Highlands Road

Mr. R. W. Shields has informed the Press that work on the Dillard-Highlands road is progressing rapidly, both grading and hardsurfacing being under way. By the first of August, Mr. Shields, states, the grading should be completed and four miles of rock placed. The government has also given South Carolina \$15,000 to be used on the road from Walhalla to Highlands, between Walhalla and the North Carolina line. The South Carolina authorities are expected to begin this work in the near future. It is understood that this road from Walhalla to the line will be hardsurfaced.

Mr. Shields had no announcement to make concerning the road from Nantahala Gap to Aquone.

### Forest Official Here

Mr. I. F. Kneipp, assistant forester in charge of the branch of lands, visited the local forest office first of the week with a view to investigating the possibilities of additional lands to be included in the Nantahala forest. Just previous to his visit here Mr. Kneipp had been in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia in connection with projects looking to acquiring lands in those states for forestry purposes. Mr. Kneipp went from here to Dahlonega, Ga., to visit officials of the Cherokee National Forest.

Mr. R. W. Shields, local supervisor, states that the government is buying lands when offered for sale to be added to the Nantahala forest.

### Addition Made to Name

The Board of Directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, at its last meeting, voted to change the name of the organization by adding the words, "and Agriculture," making the full title, "Franklin Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture."

The suggestion that the change be made was offered to the board by County Agent Lyles Harris.

Mr. Harris' suggestion that the organization really was devoting much of its interest and attention to the agricultural interest of the county, and that the future of the town and county was closely tied up with agricultural development, met with the general agreement of board members, and the vote to change the name was unanimous.

### Rogers.

Haynie who is survived by his widow and one daughter, was a man of good reputation, except for his addiction to liquor. His friends declared that he was fair and square in a trade, and that, in the matter of paying his debts, he was honest to the penny.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the Franklin cemetery.

### Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Forestry Service, State Highway Department, Individuals, Co-operating to Plant Trees on Highway No. 286 from Franklin to Georgia Line.

The first trees were to have been planted on Tuesday of this week. The condition of the roads, however, was such that it was not considered possible to get a truck load of trees over them, and it was found necessary, for this reason, to postpone the first planting for a few days.

Fourteen miles of highway, lined, on each side, with white pines, set at uniform intervals—except that no trees will be planted at special "vantage points" where the view of the mountains is specially good. That is the goal for Highway No. 286, between Franklin to the North Carolina-Georgia State line.

The goal may not be entirely reached this year, but it is felt that if a good start can be made, it will be but a matter of time until the entire highway will be tree-lined.

White pine has been chosen, since it is an evergreen, and will beautify the highway during the winter months when most vegetation in this country is dead. It has other advantages, too.

What would be the result of the successful carrying out of such a plan?

It would provide for Franklin and Macon county one of the most magnificent drive-ways—14 miles of it anywhere in the western part of the state. It would advertise the county far and wide; tourists would come by Franklin, even though it might be out of their way, in order to make the drive.

And property along the highway would be enhanced in value—how much would be hard to say. Certainly the increase is worth consideration.

It is proposed to make the start toward this project this month, and to complete, as much as possible by April 28. American Forest Week is April 24 to 30. It has been suggested by some that the date is late in the season for planting trees, but the forest service has given assurance that the trees, properly dug and properly planted, will grow set the latter part of April, or even later.

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce has assumed responsibility for the project, and believes it can be made a success, through the co-operation of the Forest Service, of the State Highway Commission, of the landowners along the route, and of individuals and organizations generally.

The Forest Service has agreed to furnish the trees, and to supervise their digging and planting, as well as to help in other ways. The State Highway Commission will co-operate, probably by lending some trucks to haul the trees. T. W. Angel has also tendered the use of one of his trucks. The landowners, it is expected, will without exception gladly dig the holes for the trees and, in many cases, plant them. In fact, the average property owner probably would prefer planting trees in front of his property, and knowing the work was done right according to his standards, than to have someone else do it, after he had dug the holes. And there is room for plenty of co-operation from citizens and organizations. The trees must be dug, some of them will be to plant by volunteer labor, and there are details of the "big day's" program to be attended to.

The plan was to dig the first truck load of trees on Monday, April 11, to be planted the following day. Other trees may be planted Wednesday and Thursday, and Friday, as part of the day's program, the plan calls for planting of the beautiful straight stretch of road between the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Allman and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lowery.

On Friday, the people of the county are invited to come and bring their dinners for a picnic dinner. There will also be a program on that day.

There will be planting at other dates prior to American Forest Week, and during that week there will probably be trees here for planting on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Friday, April 29, as part of the day's program, the plan calls for planting a very few trees—Governor McLean, if he is here, probably will plant one tree.

The program Friday will be held in the afternoon.

Among those being invited for the day's festivities are Governor A. W. McLean; Dr. R. E. Park, head of

the English department of the University of Georgia; Major Wade H. Phillips, director of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development; J. S. Holmes, State forester; former Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City; Judge Walter Moore, of Sylva; Senator R. J. Roane, of Whittier; Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission; J. G. Stikeleather, ninth district highway commissioner; J. C. Walker, ninth district engineer; Dr. J. M. Reade, head of the department of botany at the University of Georgia; Dr. Frank Waugh, of the department of horticulture, Massachusetts State College; the president and secretary of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce; and representatives from the chambers of commerce at Clayton, Sylva, and Bryson City.

Work was begun the latter part of last week staking off the property for tree planting, according to the specifications of the State Highway Commission, and property owners on the highway who wish to co-operate are urged to get in touch with the Secretary of the chamber of commerce, or Z. B. Byrd or W. N. Sloan. The two latter have agreed to stake off the property, in conformity with the requirements of the Highway Commission.

Property owners who will plant trees in front of their property are requested to indicate as soon as possible on what day of the tree-planting week they will plant, in order that the trees may be dug and delivered to them on that day. For the various plantings, it is planned to dig the trees and get them to town the day prior to their planting; but it is suggested that they ought, in every case, to be planted the day after they are dug. It is also suggested that holes be dug the day before the trees are to be planted, or even earlier.

The trees will be planted, in conformity with regulations of the State Highway Commission, 50 feet apart and 27 feet from the center of the highway. The intention is plant them only along the front of property the owners of which are favorable to the idea and who will co-operate.

In order to stimulate the idea and to help put the plan over, public-spirited business firms and citizens of Franklin have donated money and merchandise prizes.

The following have contributed money, to be used in paying for the digging of the trees: Dr. S. H. Lyle, Conley & Joines, A. W. Horn, Lee Barnard, Lester Conley, Jake Addington, and Jones and Jones.

In addition, the following prizes will be awarded on April 29, the prizes to go to the first 11 men who volunteer to plant their frontage with trees, and who actually do plant according to specifications, the planting to be completed prior to April 29:

\$6 cash (donated, \$5 by the Bank of Franklin, \$1 by Frank I. Murray, J. S. Porter & Co.—Best Stetson Hat.

Smith's Drug Store—\$6 Fountain Pen.

Franklin Furniture Co.—Five Dollar Prize.

Franklin Hardware Co.—Five Dollar Prize.

Bryant Furniture Co.—One Exminster Rug.

Franklin Pharmacy—Five Dollar Bill Fold.

Macon County Supply Co.—Five Dollar Prize.

Franklin Press—Three-year subscription.

Sloan Bros. & Co.—Five Dollar Prize.

Jos. Ashear—(To be announced later).

The first volunteer will be given first choice of the 11 prizes; the second volunteer, second choice; the third volunteer third choice; and so on.

To qualify for one of the prizes, it is necessary for a property owner to see either member of the committee: T. W. Porter, T. W. Angel, or Z. B. Byrd, or the Secretary of the chamber of commerce and agriculture, Weimar Jones, stating that he will plant his property, describing his location, and giving the approximate footage along the highway.

### Mrs. W. W. Sloan President

Mrs. W. W. Sloan will head the local Parent-Teacher Association next year. Mrs. Sloan was elected at the last meeting of the organization.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Weimar Jones, vice-president; Mrs. C. W. Hames, secretary; and Mrs. W. A. Rogers, treasurer.

### GEORGE PATTON IS NOMINATED

**For Mayor. Dowdle, Cabe, Sloan, Dean, Gabrels and Joines Named for Aldermen—Dowdle and Cabe Members of Old Board.**

About 80 citizens of Franklin, assembled in the courthouse here Monday night nominated a ticket for mayor and board of aldermen for the election on May 3.

George B. Patton was nominated for Mayor, and the following were the six high men in the voting for aldermen and were declared the nominees of the meeting: M. L. Dowdle, H. W. Cabe, W. N. Sloan, John E. Rickman, R. C. Gabrels, and S. R. Joines. Messrs Dowdle and Cabe are members of the present board.

M. D. Billings, who called the meeting, was unanimously chosen chairman, and presided.

He first threw the meeting open for discussion of the method by which nominees should be chosen, and at the suggestion of Dr. S. H. Lyle, it was agreed that nominations should be made from the floor. The nominees for aldermen were chosen first.

The vote for aldermen was as follows: Dowdle, 69; Cabe, 48; Sloan, 43; Dean, 42; Gabrels, 40; Joines, 40; John E. Rickman, 34; T. W. Angel, 33; R. D. Sisk, 25; W. L. Higdon, 25; Jas. A. Porter, 24; J. H. Stockton, 9; L. A. Allen, 7 (Mr. Allen announced, through the chairman, prior to the voting that he was not a candidate); and 10 other candidates, who received one or two votes each.

For mayor, S. H. Lyle, Jr., nominated George Patton; Rev. E. J. Pipes, R. S. Jones; and Alvah Pearce, T. J. Johnston. The vote stood: Patton, 39; Jones, 21; and Johnston, 14. R. D. Sisk, the present mayor, who had announced previous to the meeting that he would not be a candidate, and who was not placed in nomination, received two votes in the mayoralty nomination voting.

Later, Geo. Dean has declined to make the race, so the name of John E. Rickman has been placed on the mass meeting ticket instead of Dean.

### SHIELDS ADDRESSES ATLANTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

R. W. Shields, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, left Friday for Atlanta to meet Major Evan W. Kelly, of the forest service, the supervisor of the Cherokee National Forest, and other foresters. While in Atlanta, Mr. Shields delivered an address before the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce on the recreational features of and the construction of roads and trails in the Georgia end of the Nantahala Forest.

### Broadway Locals

Mr. Andy Wilson and Mr. Tom Wilson took a load of potatoes to Dillard, Ga. Thursday.

Mr. R. B. Wilson gave a grubbing last Tuesday. He had a large crowd present, and got a good day's work done.

Miss Helen Smith and Homer Smith were the guest of Mrs. Fannie Ballew Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Bill Brown is taking advantage of the pretty days, plowing his crop on Broadway. He also had a log burning Monday night.

Mr. Frank Cabe has been working at Highlands for the last two weeks. Mr. R. B. Wilson and son have been cutting cord wood for the last few days.

Mrs. Andy Wilson spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. F. A. Carpenter.

Miss Addie Wilson spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. H. C. Wilson.

Mrs. Effie Wilson made a business trip to Highlands last Saturday.

### Chief Will Shoot Dogs

Chief of Police R. M. Coffey again has called attention to the fact that the law provides that all dogs must be fastened up after 6 p. m. daily.

Depredations continue to be made by dogs at night. Mr. Coffey stated, and he added that unless owners will voluntarily fasten up their dogs, he will have no recourse over other than to shoot dogs found at large at night.