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Haywood Man Murders Lover, Commits Suicide In County

Tragedy Occurs In Max Patch Section; Notes Found In Car

Officers Friday pieced together the strange story of dark, brooding mountain farmer Way Arrington who killed himself and the woman he said he loved.

The final chapter in the tale of love and violence unfolded last Thursday afternoon on a remote mountain logging road near here. A Wildlife officer found Arrington dying of a gunshot wound in the head. On the back seat of his car was the body of Mrs. Bethel Lee Messer, 10 years younger than the 45-year-old Arrington. She was shot twice.

In the car were notes signed by Arrington and apparently, from Mrs. Messer.

Both notes professed their love for one another and said they were "in love and wanted to die and be buried together."

But Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said he believed both notes were written by Arrington. He said he did not believe Mrs. Messer entered into a suicide pact with Arrington.

He said Arrington, 45, apparently shot Mrs. Messer twice with a .22 caliber pistol and then turned the weapon on himself.

Arrington's wife, Edith, charged last year that Arrington forced her to attempt to kill herself.

Ponder said Edith Arrington was Edward Messer's first wife. Mrs. Bethel Lee Messer, who married Arrington Thursday, was the late Edward Messer's second wife.

Arrington was brought to trial last year on the charges by Mrs. Arrington.

At his trial, she testified that Arrington forced her to write a suicide note and then tried to make her hang herself from a rafter of their tobacco barn.

She said she pleaded with Arrington to let her shoot herself instead. She testified he relented, and held a pistol against her breast and forced her to pull the trigger.

Mrs. Arrington said she fell to the ground seriously wounded and pleaded with him to call medical aid. She said he refused to help her until exacting a promise that she would say she was shot in a hunting accident.

She recovered from her wound. The trial ended in a hung jury.

She won possession of part of his property in a civil suit and the criminal charges were never reopened.

Madison Family Escapes Injury In Collision Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Plemmons of Marshall RFD 1, sat open-mouthed, astonished and happily uninjured in the pick-up truck Monday after a big chicken truck rounded a curve on Jupiter Road, slid sideways on the ice-coated pavement and climbed right up on the hood of their small truck. Edward Posey Cole of Asheville, driver of the top-side truck, was uninjured. Plemmons and State Highway Patrolman Fred Almond agreed the ice was at fault. The Plemmons' two small children with them at the time likewise escaped injury.

Car Damaged By Fire Near Here Sunday Afternoon

A short in the wiring was thought to be the cause of a fire which badly damaged the 1948 Buick sedan belonging to Rev. J. H. Henson on Remond Hill Sunday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. Henson, from Marshall, was not injured and escaped with the car.

Marshall Doctor



DR. LEE J. KNIGHT, who recently opened offices here over Moores Pharmacy. Dr. and Mrs. Knight and two children are residing in the J. M. Baley home, formerly occupied by Dr. and Mrs. John McLeod and family, on Roberts Hill.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICIAL TO BE HERE JAN. 24

It was announced here this week that an official of the Social Security office would be at the courthouse on Friday, January 24, at ten o'clock.

He will assist anyone wishing information concerning Social Security.

Marshall PTA To Meet On Tuesday; Dr. Knight To Speak

Mrs. Earl Robinson, president of the Marshall Parent-Teacher Association, announced this week that the association will meet next Wednesday, January 22 at the Marshall school cafeteria at three o'clock.

Mrs. Bernard Brigman, program chairman, announced that Dr. Lee J. Knight, Marshall physician, will be the principal speaker.

Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts will have charge of the devotions and Mrs. Howard Barnwell will sing a solo.

All members are urged to attend.

G. I. Home Loan Bill Introduced By Con. Whitener

Washington, D. C. — Congressman Basil L. Whitener recently introduced a bill to revitalize the now defunct G.I. home loan program.

The Whitener bill is identical to one passed by the Congress during the closing days of the first session of the 85th Congress. The bill was then vetoed by President Eisenhower.

In remarks to the House of Representatives at the time of the introduction of the bill Whitener said: "All economic reports seem to indicate that there is a great need for the revival of this veterans' home loan program, with the very realistic interest rate of 3 1/2% upon such loans."

Congressman Whitener expressed the hope that prompt Congressional action would be taken on his legislation. He predicted that in the light of developments in the homebuilding industry in recent months that the White House would not disapprove this type of legislation again.

IKE OFFERS \$73.9 BILLION BUDGET

Washington, Jan. 13 — President Eisenhower presented to Congress today the highest budget in peacetime history — \$73,834,000,000 to embark the nation on "the dawning age of space conquest."

Two out of every three dollars in the spending program, for the 1959 fiscal year starting next July 1, are earmarked for national protection in what Eisenhower said is clearing "a time of growing danger."

To meet these dangers flung out from the Kremlin, the President proposes to spend a billion dollars more on the missile program alone — a total of \$5,300,000,000.

The precariously balanced budget cuts and skimps on civilian and even some military items to put more money into missiles and nuclear weapons and vehicles, supersonic planes, greater foreign aid and a stepped up effort on military satellites and other outer space vehicles.

TAXES UNCHANGED

It calls for holding taxes where they are now, for lifting temporarily the 2 1/2-billion-dollar lid on the national debt, for a nickel stamp on letters, and for 83,000 fewer men in military uniform.

Pronouncing his budget adequate to meet America's responsibilities, Eisenhower informed Congress in a 22,000-word message.

"Americans have a tradition of uniting in action when their freedoms and welfare are threatened. We do not shrink from our responsibilities when new challenges arise."

"I feel confident that this budget expresses the way in which the American people will want to respond to the promises and dangers of the dawning age of space conquest. New dimensions must be added to our defenses, and outmoded activities must be discarded. Closer international cooperation is vital in a world where great distances are losing their meaning. As we devote more of our efforts and resources to these compelling tasks, we will have to limit our demands for less essential services and benefits provided by federal government."

Secondary Roads Are Improved In County During Dec.

Division Engineer W. M. Correll of Asheville, announced this week that during December in Madison County, two secondary roads, varying in width from 12 to 14 feet, were graded, drained, and surfaced with traffic-bound macadam. Tolley for 0.2 mile; and White Oak for 0.2 mile.

Social Security, Income Tax To Be Discussed Here Wed.

Meeting In Courtroom; All Farmers, Others Are Invited To Attend

Since 1955 farmers of Madison County have been eligible for Social Security benefits on self-employment income. Laws and regulations covering the eligibility for benefits have been changing and the interpretations of the laws have been changing each year since the farmer and his family were eligible for Social Security benefits.

There are many questions in the minds of farm people in Madison County relating to the advantages and benefits of Social Security and who are eligible to receive benefits. There is also a misconception that Social Security is not to be paid by the farmer.

NEW 1958 FARM BURLEY TOBACCO ALLOTMENTS

Applications for new farm burley tobacco allotments for 1958 are now being accepted at the county ASC office in Marshall. According to Ralph W. Ramsey, county ASC office manager, the requirement which must be met by the farm and the applicant are much more rigid than they once were due to the tightening of the tobacco Public Law enacted by Congress some three years ago.

Following is a list of the major requirements, each of which must be met before the county ASC committee may recommend approval of an allotment for the farm:

(1) The farm operator shall have had experience in growing burley tobacco during two of the past five years. (2) The farm operator shall live on and obtain 50 percent or more of his livelihood from the farm on which the application is filed. (3) The farm covered by the application shall be the only farm owned or operated by the applicant for which a burley allotment is established for the 1958-1959 marketing year. (4) The farm must be operated by the owner thereof. (5) The farm or any portion thereof shall not have been a part of another farm during any of the past five years (1953-1957) for which an old tobacco acreage was established. (6) There are barns on the farm suitable for the curing of tobacco. (7) The applicant must execute and sign his application form prior to the closing date for filing.

On January 15, 1958, the deadline, Ramsey said that any interested farm owner with a non-allotment farm who thinks that he and his farm meet each of the above requirements for a new farm tobacco allotment should visit the ASC office for additional information and the filing of his application.

Regional Sunday School Clinic To Be In Asheville Jan. 20

One of the most important Sunday School events of the year, in the opinion of Rev. Ralph Hogan, moderator; Mr. Wade Huey, Sunday School Superintendent; and the Rev. David B. Roberts, Field Worker of the French Broad Baptist Association, is to be the Regional Sunday School Clinic, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, under the direction of Mr. John T. Sizemore, ably assisted by Dr. Herman Ihley, Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Sunday School Department. Residents of this area are fortunate in the fact that this clinic is to be held in

Marshall, N. C., on Sunday, January 20, 1958.

The following door prizes will be awarded:

Twelve pounds of orchard grass seed and two pounds of Ladino clover seed by Teague Milling Company;

Two bags of 2-12-12 by Coal, Feed and Lumber Company;

One gallon of 2,4-D weed killer by P. R. Elam Farm Supply;

One bag of Ammonium Nitrate by Madison County Soil Conservation and Land Use Association;

Four pounds of rat poison by the County Agent's Office.

All you do to win one of the prizes mentioned above and get the latest information on pasture and forage crop production and corn production is to be present at the court house in Marshall, Thursday, January 23, at 1:30 p. m., for the agronomy school.

Huff, Welch Deny Guilt At Preliminary Hearing Here

PRODUCTION ON FARMS WILL BE DISCUSSED HERE

Door Prizes Too Be Given At Meeting Next Thursday

Pastures, hay crops, and corn for grain or silage utilize most of the agricultural land in Madison County. From these crops we receive the family meat and milk supply. Out income from the sale of milk, beef cattle, yearling calves, sheep and swine depends upon our success in producing good pastures, corn and adequate winter feed crops. Madison County farmers must be successful in producing the pasture and feed crops or become failures in the competitive field of farming!

What's new in 1958 in producing pastures, corn, and other feed crops?

The latest in research findings on corn, pasture and forage crops will be presented to farmers of Madison County at a meeting with the following program:

1. The latest in corn production including labor savings by the use of chemical weed control.

2. Pasture and forage crop production including proper fertilization, varieties, cultural methods and weed control.

3. How to obtain and use your A.S.C. assistance.

This program will be presented by: Dr. A. D. Stuart, Agronomy Extension Specialist in corn; Mr. Carl T. Blake, Agronomy Extension Specialist in pasture and forage crops; Mr. Ralph Ramsey, ASC county office manager, and your county agents.

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GETS PROMOTION



MRS. RUTH PEOPLES, who is connected with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company at Winston-Salem, has been appointed assistant chief operator. Mrs. Peoples has been with the company approximately nine years. She is the former Miss Ruth Morgan, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Morgan, of Marshall RFD 2.

ATOMIC FALL-OUT SHELTERS ARE NECESSARY

There are indications that the Administration is planning to recommend to Congress the construction of radioactive fall-out shelters. Such shelters, as a defense preparation, seem to be a certain eventuality.

Perhaps the stimulant which has brought about concentration on this subject at the moment is the impact caused by the Gaither report. In that report, which was concerned with the chances of the United States in a war with Russia, it was warned that this country should be spending many billions of dollars each year in the construction of fall-out shelters.

If the people of this country

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Community Club At Bull Creek To Meet Monday Night

The Bull Creek Community Club will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday night, January 20 at 7:30 o'clock in the community building.

The Rev. Glenn Whitley will preside.

"Save Your Vision Week" Emphasizes Vision Enjoyment

More than 1,200,000 men and women of North Carolina who are over 45 years of age can enjoy better vision as the result of Benjamin Franklin, whose birthday is celebrated January 17.

Franklin invented bifocal glasses, which, according to Dr. James S. Bailey of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina State Optometric Society, still follow Franklin's principles. One argument focuses light for near, such as for reading, and another for distance, to aid eyes that are less adaptable than when they were younger.

Douglas Bailey said that Save Your Vision Week, March 23, focused on examining eyes, correcting vision and keeping eyes healthy.

Defendants Bound Over To February Term Of Court Here

Clyde Huff and George Welch, both about 50, and both of Newport, Tenn., were bound over to the February term of superior court following preliminary hearing Monday morning before J. Hubert Davis, Justice of the Peace, here.

The two defendants were charged with possession of burglary tools and carrying concealed weapons when they were arrested last week by Policeman Carl Burrell and deputy sheriff John Hensley about a mile south of Marshall.

Arrested at the same time was Herschel Carver, 54, of Leicester, driver of the car. Carver, it was revealed later, had escaped from the Orange County Prison Camp on December 6 while serving a sentence for the murder of Roy Rogers about 25 years ago.

Both Huff and Welch pleaded not guilty when asked about the burglary tools. They denied having knowledge that the tools were in the car and stated that they were "picked up" in Hot Springs by Carver. They also denied knowing Carver prior to the time they were picked up last week.

Policeman Burrell testified that all three men were armed when he arrested them, but that when they were taken to the jail, the other two men "threw down their pistols beside the road." On cross examination by Attorney Porter of Newport, Tenn., counsel for the two men, Burrell said that he was positive that all three were armed. He told Mr. Davis that he "went back the next day and picked up the two pistols which Huff and Welch had thrown down." He said that John Hensley remained in the Police car until Carver made a move toward his pistol. "Hensley then jumped out of the police car and while he was disarming Carver, he (Burrell) searched the other two men for other arms." He told the court that "Huff and Welch didn't give me any trouble and didn't resist arrest."

Burrell then told of finding the burglary tools in the car, which consisted of 3 or 4 bars, hammer, screwdriver, punches, and other articles. When asked why he didn't pick up the pistols which had been thrown down at the time, Policeman Burrell said, "I was only interested in taking the men to jail at that time." He explained that it was nighttime and that he returned to the scene of

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Freeman Expresses Satisfaction From Silage Feeding

Burt Freeman, of the Tillery Branch community is feeding his cattle silage from a self feeder bunker silo. Weather conditions during harvest time for silage, and other work requirements, prevented Burt from getting his silage corn cut at the proper time to have the best silage for his cows. Harry G. Silver, county agent, said here this week. However, Burt states, "I am well pleased with my silage and hope to be able to feed more silage to my beef cattle in the future. I do not have enough land at this time to produce and feed silage to my beef cattle."

Burt and his fellow farmers have been pleased with the silage that they are feeding to their cattle.