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Wilson Confesses Shooting Of Wife; Claims Accident

Magnolia Farmer Says Wife Killed When Automatic Pistol Was Prematurely Fired; Woman Found Dead Dec. 19.

CALLS FOR WITNESSES AND SIGNS CONFESSION

Held Without Bond After Preliminary Hearing Monday In Kenansville

In his cell in the Duplin county jail in Kenansville Sunday afternoon A. James Wilson, 22-year-old Magnolia farmer, confessed that he shot his wife, two years younger and the mother of an unborn child, and thereby supported claims of the sheriff's office that the young woman's death was not a suicide.

Wilson made and signed a statement, in which the shooting was explained, in the presence of R. V. Wells, Clerk of the Duplin Superior Court, and Gurman Powell, a deputy sheriff. Wells wrote the statement according to Wilson's dictation. The confession stated the shooting was accidental.

Mrs. Wilson was found dead in the heart of a bedroom of their home near Magnolia on the night of December 19 with a bullet hole in her head. A .25-calibre pistol lay close by. Sheriff D. S. Williamson was notified, several hours after the shooting, by Dr. J. F. Quinn.

Immediately following his arrest Wilson asserted that his wife committed suicide, but repeatedly conflicting versions of the death prompted the sheriff's office to hold him until a proper investigation could be made. Will Farrior, a negro involved in the case, is being held as state's witness.

In a preliminary hearing Monday before Magistrate C. B. Sitterson, it was ordered that Wilson be held without bond on charges of killing his wife. He is scheduled to be tried during the January court term. Officers at the preliminary hearing testified that Wilson admitted he shot his wife. Wilson, himself, made no statement at the hearing.

Wilson requested that Wells and Powell attend his cell Sunday. He is said to have revealed that he would make a statement to Powell, but wanted his attorney, Rivers D. Johnson, to be in attendance. In his statement he asserted his wife's death was the result of an accident, resulting when he was loading the automatic pistol. It did not work well, it was claimed, and a bullet was accidentally fired.

After his wife's body dropped to the floor Wilson is said to have gone to the home of Farrior, the negro involved in the case, and thence to the home of his father. He did not return to his home until the following day.

Captain Bowen Dorsey, a Greenville fingerprint expert, aided in the investigation. The funeral of the woman was held up several hours, upon the advice of Solicitor James Alderman Powers, in order that Dorsey might complete a fingerprint investigation.

Duplin officers, from the start, gave little credence to the suicide theory, holding that Wilson killed his wife in a fit of drunkenness or anger. Upon her return from a Christmas shopping trip Mrs. Wilson (Please Turn to Last Page)

Funeral Held For Eugene G. Forlaw

Teachey Man Is Buried In Rockfish Cemetery Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for Eugene G. Forlaw, 54, who died at his home in Teachey Saturday evening, were held at the home Sunday afternoon. Burial followed in Rockfish Cemetery here.

The deceased passed away after a short attack while seated at the fireside of his home. He had been in ill health for several years.

Surviving are his widow, five children, three brothers, John W. Forlaw, Wallace; Lucian B. Forlaw, Greensboro, and Elbert A. Forlaw, Mullins, S. C., and two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Wells and Mrs. E. D. Wells, both of Teachey.

The pastor of the deceased, Rev. W. P. M. Currie, officiated at the services. Rev. L. E. Wells, Rev. S. G. Harness, and Rev. E. B. Carr assisted.

Funeral pallbearers were J. B. Kilpatrick, L. L. McLendon, H. D. McMillan, Willie Wells, D. H. Boney, D. S. Boney, Robert Wells, Dr. R. L. Carr, E. J. Turner, and J. D. Mallard. Active pallbearers included W. H. Farrior, A. C. Hall, S. B. Wells, J. B. Wells, Currie Carr, E. L. Turner.

Magazine Reports City Tax Feature

Wallace One of Few Small Towns With Up-To-Date Map and Scroll

The current issue of "Popular Government", the official journal of The Institute of Government, has a short article on the tax system used in Wallace. The story was suggested by W. N. Rose, City Clerk and Tax Collector.

The article follows: "Wallace is one of the few smaller towns which can boast an up-to-date tax map correlated with its permanent tax scroll. The town also has a tentative scroll for 1934 and prior taxes with debit and credit columns and with the total of all taxes due in the last column of each page. This avoids referring to each year's scroll or abstract to secure a complete list for an individual. A card index file, which will itemize each parcel of real estate alphabetically and numerically, is now being added to the system."

TOMMIE WILLIAMS CLUB GIVES YULETIDE GIFTS

The regular meeting of the Tommie Williams Club was held recently at the home of Mrs. Stokes Williams. Miss Sallie Murphy, program chairman, presented the following: Mrs. William Farrior, Mrs. Ralph Carlton, Mrs. Stedman Carr, Ethel Farrior, Mrs. James Murphy.

The following visitors were recognized: Mrs. Hubert Boney, president of State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, Miss Thelma Mallard, head of the home economics department of Columbia high school, Columbia, S. C., and (Please Turn to Last Page)

Seal Sale Below Records Of Past

Public's Response to Christmas Seals Less Than Report of Last Year

Hardly half the local persons to whom were sent letters containing Christmas Seals for the prevention of tuberculosis have been accounted for according to a statement this week from Mrs. R. E. L. Dees, chairman of the Woman's Club committee in charge of the annual sale here each year.

Receipts thus far are considerably less than those of last year, Mrs. Dees states, and indications are that local work in the prevention of tuberculosis will be decidedly lower than the standard set in the past. Commendable progress in sanitation was made possible in the local school last year through the sale of Christmas Seals. Of the receipts a small portion is relegated strictly to care of confined tuberculars, while the greater majority is used locally for preventative measures.

In discussing the drive this year, which, as in the past, has been conducted through the medium of personal letters, the recipient being asked to refund either money or the enclosed stamps, Mrs. Dees asks that the remaining 81 persons answer the appeal. A total of 179 letters were mailed.

Among the contributors since the last publication are the following:

Elizabeth Woody, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Boney, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Southerland, Mary Emily Boney, Mrs. J. D. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farrior, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osborne, Collins Department Store, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boney, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Herring, Steve Mallard, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carter, A. W. Rivenbark, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ellington, Aleen Mewborn, Elizabeth Keith, James Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Shapiro, Myrtle Brigman, Lois Whitesides, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Campbell, Thomas Carson, Lucille Jones, Myrtle Mallard, Mary Emily Carr. Also included was an unknown contributor.

ROCKFISH CLUB HONORS RETIRING TOP OFFICER

Mrs. Register Brice recently entertained the Rockfish Club in her new home, just completed.

Eighteen members were present along with several visitors.

An interesting Christmas program was given.

On the program were Mrs. Starling, Miss Eloise Ward, Mrs. W. B. Register, Miss Ruby Johnson.

A hat was passed and each drew a name for Christmas presents. Two girls passed out the presents.

The club presented the retiring president with a lace scarf. Mrs. W. B. Register also gave her a crocheted pillow. Prior to adjournment a social hour was enjoyed.

Toothpicks

When food made of wood comes into general use, toothpick chewing will come under the head of eating between meals. — Wilkes - Barre Times Leader.

GREETING THE NEW YEAR



Above is pictured but one of America's Queens who will greet the New Year, 1937, this Queen, from a throne of roses. Miss Nancy Bumpus, college junior of Pasadena, Calif., will rule the realm in the annual Tournament of Roses at Pasadena on New Year's day.

After Greater Emphasis On Soil-Building In Farm Policy

Education Board Meets Next Week

Body to Consider Routine Business At Meeting In Kenansville Monday

The Duplin board of education will meet in regular session in Kenansville Monday at 10 o'clock. Routine business will be transacted, as nothing of especial interest is due to be brought before the body.

Regular schedules in all Duplin schools will be resumed next week after Christmas holidays averaging near two weeks.

Firms Will Have Regular Closing Schedule In 1937

Wallace Firms To Begin New Year Closing Doors At Seven O'Clock, Agreement Was Reached At Meeting of Merchants' Body.

Beginning tomorrow, the first day in 1937, members of the Wallace Merchants Association will observe regular closing hours, according to an agreement reached at a recent meeting of that body.

This schedule is to be observed throughout the year, it is understood.

The observance of half-holidays during the summer months will be considered at a later meeting. It is assumed that action will be taken to close stores and businesses here each Thursday afternoon during the approaching months of July and August. Some local firms enjoyed such a practice last summer.

During the new year stores will close at seven o'clock on week days. They are to close at 10:30 o'clock on Saturday evenings.

Chance for Revenue

Maybe the Federal debt could be wiped out by a tax on straw votes. — Burlington Hawkeye Gazette.

To Discourage Money Crops In Preference to Food and Conservation Crops

Soil-building will be given greater emphasis in the 1937 conservative program, according to Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

Farmers will be encouraged to grow fewer money crops and more crops for soil-conservation and for providing food and feed for home consumption, he pointed out.

Larger soil-conserving crop bases will be established, he added, and there will be stricter regulations regarding the minimum acreage of conserving crops required.

The minimum payment any farm will be allowed to earn has been increased from \$10 to \$20, and it may be earned by carrying out soil building practices or reducing cash crop acreage or both.

The rate of payment per acre for carrying out soil-building practices will be in line with those paid this year.

Cotton diversion payments will remain the same, five cents a pound on the average production of land taken out of cotton, up to 35 percent of the base acreage.

Tobacco payments will also continue at five cents a pound, but a grower may divert only 25 percent of his total base next year instead of 30 percent as in 1936. The amount of peanut diversion has been reduced from 20 to 15 percent of the base, but the payment rate will remain 1-4 cents a pound.

Growers will not be encouraged to divert their base acreages of other soil-depleting crops, but when considered advisable, county committees will authorize them to do so. Payments for these diversions may be slightly less than they were this year.

Soil-depleting crop base acreages for each farm this year will be carried over into 1937, with such minor adjustments as may be necessary to correct inequities.

More consideration will be given dairy farmers, truck growers, and orchardists, the dean also pointed out.

Annual Inventory Gives Farm Value

Farm Inventories Show Progress As Well As Depreciation

An annual inventory of farm property and equipment, together with a statement of liabilities, will show the farmer where he stands, said Dr. G. W. Forster, agricultural economist at State College.

The difference between the assets and liabilities represents the equity or net worth of the farmstead, he explained.

Inventories taken the first of each year will also show the progress made from year to year as the farm is built up and improved, and will show the depreciation of buildings and equipment, Dr. Forster added.

Often a farmer neglects his property and equipment because he does not realize how fast they are deteriorating.

Annual inventories will help focus his attention on the depreciation resulting from neglect, Dr. Forster pointed out, and will thus serve as a stimulus to taking better care of his property.

In case of losses by fire, a carefully prepared inventory will reveal the value of the assets destroyed. Such a record will be an aid in obtaining the proper adjustment from the insurance company, when the losses are covered by insurance.

An inventory already prepared is an aid in securing (Please turn to Last Page)

Trade Contest Is Brought To Close

Cash Prizes Given At Conclusion of Rose Hill Trading Feature

Rose Hill, Dec. 29.—N. M. Marshall won first prize of \$100 in the Rose Hill trading contest concluded here Christmas Eve. The contest was conducted by Dalls Herring through the sponsorship of the Boosters' Club.

Winners were determined by drawing. A large crowd was in attendance at the strawberry shed, where the drawing took place.

Reid Fussell won the \$25.00 award, while Mrs. J. A. Teachey received \$10.00. Prizes of \$5.00 were given Miss Virginia Alderman, James Brown, and Herman Teachey.

Miss Ruth Murray is president of the Boosters' Club and was assisted in the trading feature by Mrs. C. F. Hawes and Miss Annie Louise Herring.

HOEY AS TOASTMASTER AT MUNICIPAL BANQUET

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey has definitely accepted an invitation to serve as toastmaster at a banquet of lawmakers and municipal officials to be held in Raleigh on January 18, Mayor George A. Iseley of Raleigh, president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, announced today.

Sponsored by the League, the banquet will be the second biennial affair at which members of the General Assembly and municipal officials will get together for an evening of fellowship and discussion of problems of mutual interest. (Please Turn to Last Page)

Postpone First Week Of Duplin Court Calendar

Sinclair Scheduled To Preside At Civil Court Term Beginning January 11; First Week Is Postponed.

The first week of the Duplin Court for the trial of civil cases, scheduled to convene January 4, has been postponed, but the second week, slated to begin January 11, will be held as previously announced.

Judge N. A. Sinclair, Fayetteville, will preside at this court as well as other courts in this district until July 1.

Cases to be tried include: Branch Bk. & Tr. Co. vs. G. G. Harward (Preempt); A. L. Cavenough vs. Rowland Cavenough (Preempt); McCaskey Register Co. vs. Dr. J. W. Stroughan; J. A. Harper vs. Kilby Hill, et al; Penn. Railroad Co. vs. O. C. Blanchard; I. J. Sandlin vs. S. I. Turner, et al; L. T. Knowles vs. J. H. Wallace, et al; W. T. Rawleigh Co. vs. W. B. Bonham, et al; E. S. Owens vs. H. E. Kennedy; George I. Miller vs. Jeff. Stand. Life Ins. Co. (Preempt); George I. Miller vs. Aetna Life Ins. Co. (Preempt); D. S. Williamson, Admr. et al vs. Pilot I. Co. (Preempt); J. A. Newkirk vs. J. H. Holmes; T. A. Barden vs. W. B. Teachey; Mary B. Parker vs. J. B. Bachelor, et al; J. F. Williams, Admr. vs. J. S. Matthis et al.

PETROLEUM INDUSTRY ASKS FAIR TAX DEAL

Raleigh, December 29.—Taxation and legislation are two of the most serious business problems of the day. Every time Congress convenes, or state legislatures meet, or local boards go into session, there are introduced many bills which, in effect, increase the difficulty, or the cost of doing business, or both.

The petroleum industry and its best customers, the motorists, are the targets for much of the proposed taxation. Of the thousands of bills introduced, many are designed to tax, to regulate, to control, to (Please turn to Last Page)

DAN CUPID TALLIES 19 COUPLES DURING WEEK

Santa Claus means nothing to Daniel Cupid, according to the records of the office of the Duplin Register of Deeds, for while 17 couples secured marriage licenses immediately prior to Christmas, 19 couples followed suit during the past week.

White couples included James Miller, Jr., Leeta Howard; Clayton Heath, Sallie Batts; Walter Rivenbark, Estelle Southerland; Glenn Sellers, Irene B. Harrell; Eddie Hall, Nora Hall; Otis Redge, Flossie N. Browning; David Lee Ezzell, Ellen Smith; Garnie Taylor, Gladys Alphin; William Parker, Jennette Chasten; Granger Williams, Annie Bell Waters; Roland Sullivan, Ethel Dail; Bruce Weston, Alice Jones; Edwin Carter, Irene Blanton.

Colored couples were Adrian McCullen, Mabel McMillan; Sam McKnight, Martha Pott; Ed Smith, Mary Alice Stallings; Ben James Jones, Rose Lee Frederick; Ben Isler, Ada Miller; Charlie Newkirk, Sadie Bell Phillips.