

LARGE SUM GIVEN IN J. R. HUNSINGER SUIT ON RAILROAD

Largest Sum of Type Given in the County. Hunsinger Found Dead on Tracks.

The jury in the Hunsinger suit against the C. C. and O. railroad brought in a verdict yesterday afternoon awarding \$15,000 damages to Bertie Hunsinger, wife of the late J. R. Hunsinger whose body was found on the railroad tracks of the C. C. and O. near the Forest City station in June.

Following the verdict, railroad counsel endeavored to have the verdict set aside. Judge McElroy refused to do this and then they asked that it be modified as it was too excessive.

Although plaintiff counsel managed to keep much of that type evidence out it was hinted in the evidence offered by the defending railroad that Hunsinger had been killed and placed on the tracks, being dead before the train came along according to their view.

Hunsinger was a section foreman for the railroad at Forest City, it is said.

Interesting Case. The suit was perhaps the outstanding point of interest in the recent session of court.

Court observers here say that in the past only one award has ever been that large, none ever exceeding the \$15,000 mark in this county.

Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, and W. C. McRorie of Rutherfordford, represented the Hunsinger interests and the jury arguments of both men, particularly that of Hoey offered the high peak of court interest.

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Mr. Woodson Falls, and Hip Is Broken. Rev. C. J. Woodson, saintly minister and one of the county's most beloved citizens sustained a broken hip bone in a fall at his home on the Cleveland Springs road Tuesday.

Chicks, Thread And Socks Swell Postal Receipts Here

Local Thread Plant Sends Largest Single Parcel Post Shipment Ever Through Shelby Office. Gain Of 10 Percent Shown.

Chickens, hosiery, and thread contribute a major portion of the 10 per cent postal receipt increase reported at the Shelby postoffice for the first quarter of the year.

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The largest single parcel post shipment ever sent through the local office, postal officials say, was last week when the Lily Mill & Power company, local thread manufacturers, shipped approximately three truck loads of thread to purchasers, sales being accredited to the Chickasaw Thread agency with headquarters here.

The Janet Hosiery mill, another local plant, has shipped in recent months large quantities of hosiery by parcel post to many foreign countries as well as all sections of the United States.

A number of other companies in the city are shipping a considerable amount of goods by parcel post, claiming, it is said, that it is less expensive than other modes of transportation for many articles.

Among the many varied articles shipped by parcel post from the local office during the quarter were several thousand chickens.

In two civil suits in Superior court this week Thurman Short, young Bessemer City boy, and his father, were awarded damages totalling \$2,584.

In one suit young Short received \$2,000 from Earl Wilson and R. C. Gray representing the Gastonia Ice Cream company.

The suit developed from injuries received by the Short youth when he was riding on one of the ice cream trucks that featured in a collision with a Kings Mountain truck.

Quite an array of counsel appeared in the case including O. Max Gardner, C. R. Hoey, of Shelby; Lawrence Jones, of Charlotte; Bismarck Capps, of Gastonia, and J. R. Davis, of Kings Mountain.

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MOUNTAIN LIFE DEPICTED HERE BY MR. FRANKLIN

150 Guests at Kiwanis Night Program. Goodfellows Quartet and Band Furnish Music.

One hundred and fifty guests attended ladies night program of the Shelby Kiwanis club Thursday night when Rev. McCoy Franklin, miracle product of the Grand Fath-er mountain basis in Western North Carolina was the chief speaker.

Mr. Franklin told his life story in no boast of self, but to show the type of mountain people of which he was one.

Mr. Franklin, after going through the grades, high school, college and seminary in 12 years, came back to do mountain religious work among the people he knew most intimately and now he is connected with the Crossmore school where 490 mountain pupils were in attendance last year and 200 were turned away.

Handsome and valuable prizes given by local business men and firms were drawn by the following lady guests: Miss Gertrude Gover, Mrs. Zeno Wall, Mrs. J. S. McKnight, Miss Ouida Mundy, Mrs. Max Gardner, Mrs. Grady Lovelace, Mrs. Anna M. Price, Mrs. Lee B. Weathers, Mrs. C. A. Hoey, Miss Rachael Summerow, Mrs. A. B. Suttle, Mrs. M. A. Spangler, Miss Eva Grace, Mrs. C. A. Burrus, Mrs. E. M. Geier, Miss Foy Moore, Mrs. W. E. Jordon, Miss Katherine Carpenter, Mrs. Reuben McBrayer, Mrs. Clyde Short, Mrs. C. H. Sparks, Mrs. J. F. Ledford, Mrs. Paul Webb, Miss Ora Eskridge, Mrs. J. R. Dover jr., Mrs. C. R. Webb, Mrs. J. C. Newton, Miss Margaret Crowder, Miss Mildred Waters, Mrs. Aaron Quinn, Miss Janie Stamey, Mrs. E. B. Lattimore, Mrs. A. P. Beam, Miss Christine Walker, Mrs. J. J. Lattimore, Miss Sara Roberts.

J. F. Ledford Out For Alderman Here. J. Farris Ledford makes formal announcement in this issue that he is a candidate for alderman in Ward 1 in the May 2nd election.

At their recent annual meeting members of the Travellers' Protective association elected the following officers: H. L. Hunt, president; C. Rush Hamrick, vice-president; Felix O. Gee, secretary and treasurer. The old board of directors was re-elected.

Instead of the annual banquet the "knights of the grip" decided to give \$5 to each of the seven Bop Scout troops in Shelby to help the boys buy needed equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kiser and little son Ben of the Ora Mill, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bumgarner.

Miss Thelma Young of Shelby was the guest of Miss Janie Stamey Wednesday night.

Mr. Franklin D. Warlick, a member of the firm of the Fallston Hardware Co., is suffering with pneumonia, his many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Lifeless Body Of Young Insurance Salesman Found On Lonely "Mystery Road" Mile From Shelby-- Was Shot

Harrison Ramseur Found Dead This Morning With Gun By Side And Bullet Wound In Head. Left Love Note To Young Teacher Here. Death Shocks Entire Town.

SHELBY'S mystery road, winding through thick woods to Wesson bridge over Second Broad river, came into the public gaze again this morning when the lifeless body of Harrison Ramseur, well known young 19-year-old insurance salesman, was found drooped across the fender of his roadster at the side of the road, a bullet hole in his temple, a gun lying nearby, together with a handkerchief and an empty ether can.

The body of the youth, who comes from a prominent family, was discovered early in the morning by colored workmen going to the bridge for construction work.

It was only a few weeks ago that the lonely road, lined on each side by trees and thickets and little travelled, came into the limelight following the disappearance there one night of Claude Weathers, prominent local contractor.

Soon after the arrival of the coroner's scores of curious people began to visit the scene and view the body before it was removed to a local undertaking establishment, where a second inquest is being held this afternoon.

Among other things found was a letter to a girl friend, which, although it is not made public by the coroner, contains a farewell message, it is said.

He was educated in the Shelby High school, at Christ school in Asheville, and was a student last year at Duke university, but did not return last fall.

No statement from the young man's home was obtained this morning after the finding of the body, but several of his young friends uptown have stated that they saw him yesterday evening at about 8 o'clock and that he seemed in good spirits.

About 7 o'clock this morning colored laborers going to work on the Wesson bridge construction job turned a corner down the lonely road and saw the Ford roadster parked by the side of the road at the edge of the woods.

Others arriving soon recognized the body. The coroner's jury approaching the car and making a close investigation found the body as if young Ramseur had been sitting on the right running board facing the woods and had fallen over on his left side against the front fender.

The Star communicating with a school official this morning learned that the young teacher, who is popular here, stated that she had been called for an engagement on the previous evening, adding that although she had had several evening engagements, perhaps one or so a week, but that she had never imagined that there was more than the friendship of youth between them.

Whether or not there were any other messages on the body is not known.

Murdered or What? Many things about the tragic death of the young man during the night hours of Thursday are unusual, baffling, and mysterious.

Two holes were found in the head apparently both being made by the same bullet. The bullet apparently entered at the right temple and came out the head just behind the left ear.

The body when found was cold and stiff, and death apparently came many hours before, probably during the early hours of the previous night.

Coroner's Report

The coroner's jury adjourned at four o'clock without reaching a verdict. It was announced the jury would be reconvened in case any additional evidence were forthcoming.

Three o'clock: The coroner's jury is still sitting in the case in the grand jury room of the court house.

Broadus Newman has just been called. Broadus saw him at dark, when he was leaving town ostensibly on his way to Boiling Springs.

The fact is being made much of that a number of cuts were found in the rain coat on the dead body, as though made by a knife.

It was said four suspicious characters stood last night at the Victor Hotel, registering at twelve o'clock.

The presence of the can, supposed to have contained ether, found on the seat of the car, is still unaccounted for.

Broadus Newman told the coroner's jury that when he talked with young Ramseur late yesterday afternoon he talked much of "his girl."

Jimmie Blanton told the jury that young Ramseur calling at the Union Trust Company yesterday, exhibited a roll of bill that contained probably fifty dollars.

The coroner's jury consists of T. C. Eskridge, coroner, Dick Hennessey, Bobby Hawkins, Knox Hardin, R. Lee Weathers, A. P. Weathers.

The gun found by the body was borrowed about 11 o'clock Thursday morning from Mr. Rush Thompson, according to information given this paper.

Officers here after an investigation expressed the opinion that the can of ether had not been purchased in Shelby.

Other than the blood on the head and on the fender of the car there were no other blood stains about the spot, neither were there any indications of a struggle that could be found.

The youth was well dressed at the time of his death and wore a yellow "slicker" coat. This coat, it is said, had several slits on one side but the regular dress coat underneath was not cut.

Ramseur is survived by three sisters and one brother. They are Mrs. James Blanton and Miss Edith Reid Rameur, of Shelby; Mrs. Earl Larkin, of Chicago, and Mr. Randolph Rameur, an elder brother.

The deceased was a nephew by marriage of Representative B. T. Falls, author of the Australian ballot bill, and was also a nephew of Mrs. Mary E. Yarborough, county treasurer of Cleveland.