

Pressley Died From Wounds by Prathers

A coroner's jury ruled here Wednesday, July 13, that E. C. Pressley, 29, of Cross Anchor, "came to his death June 27 as the result of gunshot wounds inflicted by Macon Prather and/or Randall Prather."

Marshall Pressley was Ralph Crowder, 19, who said he was in the Prather car when the shooting occurred. Crowder testified that he and Randall Prather were at a garage in Laurens when Randall received a call that Pressley was creating a disturbance at the Prather home in Clinton.

Crowder said he drove Randall to Clinton, but before going to the Prather home "we went by my house" because young Prather said he "wanted my gun."

The Crowder youth testified that Pressley was not at the Prather home when he and Randall arrived. He said they returned Crowder's gun to his home and then ate supper at the Prathers.

Crowder testified that after supper, one of the Prathers—he said he could not recall if it was the father or son—said, "Let's go to Cross Anchor."

After driving to Cross Anchor and passing the house where Pressley lived, Crowder said they were returning to Clinton when "we met E. C. (Pressley) coming down the highway."

Crowder said they "didn't know him right off," but Randall said, "There he is."

The elder Prather, who was driving, Crowder said, stopped the car and the two Prathers got out. "Macon fired and then E. C. and Randy fired about the same time," Crowder testified. "I laid down in the front seat," he said.

"Right after the shooting I glanced back and saw E. C. running at an angle across the road," Crowder said. He said Pressley fell in a driveway leading to a house. An autopsy report said Pressley "apparently died from multiple gunshot wounds—12 in all."

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County Fair Scheduled For October Showing

The annual Laurens County Fair will again be held at the county fair grounds October 24 through 29. "It is expected to be the largest and best fair yet," fair officials stated. Some changes will be made in the facilities at the grounds.

Forty-eight shows and rides will be made available this year by Dell and Travers Shows. Over \$4,000 in prize money will be given for exhibits and stock shows. Also bicycles will be given on two "school" days, as well as the automobile customarily given away on Friday night.

The flower show will be held in the flower building, sponsored by the Laurens Garden Clubs. The theme has not been announced, but is expected to be forthcoming in the near future. All old concession stands have been done away with and three new stands constructed to meet the U. S. Health Department standards for public eating establishments. Also new quarters for the caretaker have been built.

The fair will be under the direction of the County Fair Commission, with Joe Smith, president; Cary Moore, secretary-treasurer, and John Gatlin manager.

Forestry Board Reviews Work, Plans for Year

The annual meeting of the Laurens County Forestry Board was held recently to review the S. C. State Commission of Forestry's program in the county, according to Legare M. Duke, district forester of Newberry.

J. Y. Martin was elected chairman of the forestry board for the coming year. Highlights of Forestry Commission activities and accomplishments in forest fire prevention and control, reforestation and forest management assistance programs during the past fiscal year were given. In summarizing the fire control activities, it was noted that 73 wild fires burned 829.6 acres. Smokers accounted for 41% of all wild fires in the county.

During the past fiscal year 44 landowners received assistance with forest management practices. In addition, over 224 thousand board feet of sawtimber and 567 cords of pulpwood were selectively marked for cutting. Over 1,093,450 trees were planted in Laurens County during the past planting season.

It was noted that Laurens County personnel presented 43 fire prevention programs to various groups in the county. Following a review of the 1965-66 accomplishments, the board discussed plans for the county for the 1966-67 fiscal year.

Members of the board present at the annual meeting were Elmore Bramlett, J. T. Hollingsworth and Earl W. Abercrombie.

County Ranger Tom Hill, Fire Control Assistant J. T. Hance and District Forester Duke also attended the meeting.

Capt. Etric P. Gartman recently returned from a year's tour of duty in Vietnam where he distinguished himself by earning the Bronze Star.

Mrs. Gartman and two sons made their home with her mother, Mrs. George N. King, Sr., 204 Caldwell St., while he was away. Mrs. Gartman is the former Ann King.

Swimming classes began yesterday, Wednesday morning, and will continue each morning, except Saturday, through July 27, at both the Clinton and Lydia Mill pools. Classes for different age groups are being taught by life guards at each pool.

Tiller Named Associate Director of PC Athletics

The promotion of Billy Tiller to associate athletic director as part of the realignment in the Presbyterian College football operation has been announced by Athletic Director Carly Gault.

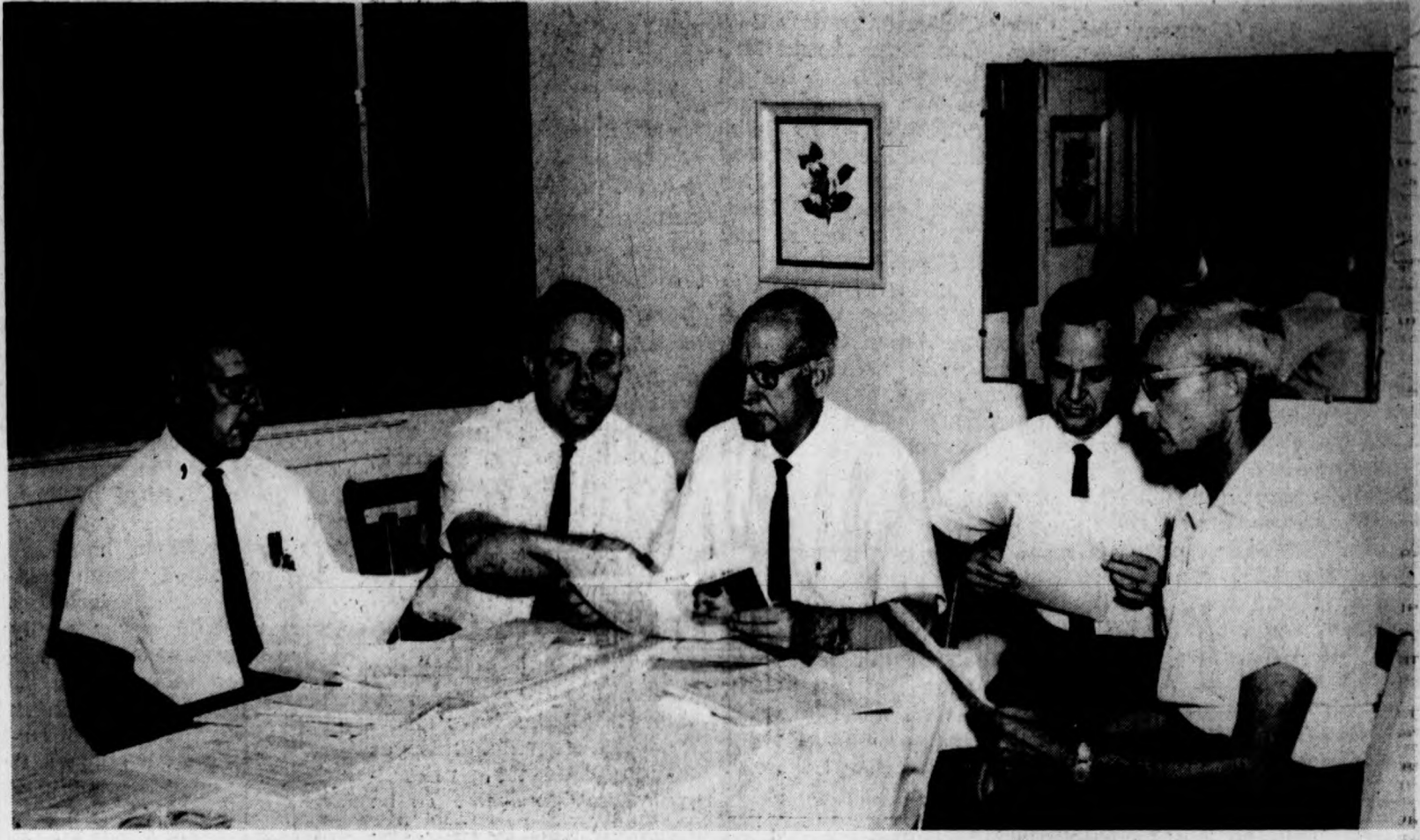
Gault said Tiller, in his new capacity, will work more closely with ticket sales, the Walter Johnson Club, and will be in charge of equipment purchasing. He will continue with the duties of football line coach and as chief recruiter with primary responsibilities in South Carolina. A 1965 graduate of PC, Tiller joined the staff in 1962.

Art Mussefman, meanwhile, is being relieved of his football duties to concentrate on his responsibilities as head coach of basketball and baseball. He also will handle intramurals in the fall and help in the coordination of stadium management and football program sales. Mussefman, a former Citadel basketball great, has been at PC since 1963.

Joe Nixon, former Blue Hose player and 1963 graduate who joined the staff in 1965, will continue his duties as end coach and head track coach. He has also been assigned the supervision of the training room, and will share with Bob Waters the major scouting burden and recruiting in Georgia and Florida.

Bob Waters, Presbyterian's

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Community Chest Committee Hears Requests

Members of the Budget and Admissions Committee of the Community Chest are pictured here at a meeting Monday afternoon at Hotel Mary Musgrove. Participating agencies made reports and submitted requests for funds before the committee.

From left are Bob Hanson; Edward Campbell, who presented the request for funds for the Clinton Camp Fire Council, A. B. Godfrey, chairman of the committee; Jim Von Hollen and Calvin Cooper.—Photo by Yarborough.

Dr. McGuire Comes To College in Fall

Dr. George Morris McGuire will join the Presbyterian College faculty this fall as an associate professor of education, Dean Joseph M. Gettys announced today.

He comes to PC from Asheville, N. C., where he has taught for the past several years at David Millard High School and in the evening school at Asheville-Biltmore College. This past month, he received his doctorate in education at Duke University.

A native of Piketon, Ohio, McGuire earned his bachelor of arts degree from Hampden-Sydney College in 1935 and his master's from Montclair State College prior to completing his doctoral work in curriculum and instruction at Duke.

Dr. McGuire has had broad experience in private school education, having taught at Danville (Va.) Military School, Randolph-Macon (Va.) Academy, Greenbrier (W. Va.) Military School, served as headmaster of Montrose School in Essex Falls, N. J., and as dean of boys at Asheville's Ben Lippen School. While teaching English, Latin and political science, he has also coached football, track, basketball and swimming at various times. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi national education fraternity and other teacher organizations.

George McGuire is married and has three children. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Lions Club to Tour Whitten Village Facilities Friday

Members of the Lions Club will make a tour of new facilities at Whitten Village Friday night following the regular scheduled meeting of the club.

Young People To Sponsor Bake Sale

A cake sale will be held Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m. in front of Belk's Department Store. The sale is sponsored by the young people of Bailey Memorial Methodist Church.

Cotton Growers At Critical Stage

Clemson — Cotton farmers are beginning a critical two months campaign to save their fruiting cotton from increasing numbers of insects. The Clemson Extension Cotton Committee this week warn of the expected onset of boll weevil migration in the coastal plains on July 24. Migration of weevils in the Piedmont is expected August 1.

Insect situation reports from county agents also noted greater numbers of boll worms and spider mites. Despite these "insect explosions," committee members said damage could be held to a minimum if growers follow the control recommendations.

"We are hearing of a few growers who are still on a 7-day control schedule. This is definitely often enough for the present situation," an entomologist observed. The entomologists suggested that in addition to making applications every five days, growers concentrate on getting good spray dust coverage.

Psychiatrist To Test Mrs. Isaac

Chicago—A woman arrested last month of a six-day connection with the kidnap of Greenville, S. C., baby has been ordered examined by psychiatrists.

U. S. District Judge Charles D. Simons, Jr., ordered that Mrs. Helen Lucille Isaac of Chicago, held in the kidnaping, be committed to an institution for examination as to her mental condition.

Judge Simons signed the order on joint petition of U. S. District Attorney John C. Williams and the woman's attorney, Harold N. Morris. She was transported to the Alderson, W. Va., federal reformatory for women.

Mrs. Isaac, a former Clinton, S. C., school teacher, was arrested in Chicago after a car identified on the kidnap scene was traced to her. The child, Kenneth Bryson, was returned to his mother.

Keisler Completes Lutheran History

Except for any necessary slight revision of his manuscript and other routine preparation for the printer, Dr. E. B. Keisler has completed the writing of the part of History of the Lutheran Synod of South Carolina which was assigned to him several months ago.

Dr. Keisler covered the period from 1918 to 1962, the lifespan of the United Lutheran Church in America. He has not only traced the trends and developments within the Synod itself but has also treated the various auxiliary organizations of Synod, as well as the institutions thereof.

He states that the matter of publication is entirely in the hands of a committee and should be off the press within the next several months.

The history will cover the entire Synod from 1824, the date of its organization, until the end of 1962. The volume will also contain biographical sketches and congregational histories.

Force Appointed Supervisor of Joanna Laboratory

Charlie Force has been named supervisor of the Joanna Laboratory for Greenwood Mills.

Force, 38, has been employed at the Joanna plant for the past 17 years. His first work was in the cloth room, but for the past 14 years, he has been by the laboratory.

Community Chest Members to Consider Change of Name

A membership meeting of the Community Chest will be held on Tuesday, July 26, at 10:00 a. m. at Hotel Mary Musgrove.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider changing the name of the corporation from Community Chest to United Fund.

A board meeting will be held immediately following to set the goal for the year.

Revival Continues At Leesville Church

Special revival services are continuing at Leesville Southern Methodist Church this week. Rev. Joseph Flood, pastor of the John's Island and West Ashley Southern Methodist Churches, Charleston, is guest speaker at the night services beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

Whitten Employees Annual Picnic Tonight

Whitten Village Employees Club will hold its annual picnic this afternoon (July 21) at 6:30 o'clock at the Parents' Club House. All employees are invited to attend. Members are asked to note the change in the time for the meeting.

Christmas In July Service Scheduled

On Sunday, July 27, at the morning Divine Service, the Bailey Memorial Methodist Church will have its "Christmas in July Service." The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Keisler Loses Brother

Samuel Joseph Keisler, 53, of Batesburg, died Sunday morning in a Columbia hospital after a month and a half of illness. He was a native of Lexington County.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Batesburg.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, two sisters, and three brothers, one of whom is Dr. E. Bryan Keisler, interim pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Clinton.

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Major Moran Serves Year in Vietnam

Major Ray R. Moran recently returned from Vietnam after serving a year. While overseas he was awarded the Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

Morris Is Named Sales Representative

J. Allen Morris, a graduate of Presbyterian College has been named sales representative in the Carolinas for the Adler Co., a division of Burlington Industries, according to Thomas S. Guggenheim, company president.

Smith Is Leading S. C. Representative

Milford Smith of Clinton, was New York Life Insurance Company's leading agent in South Carolina during June, according to Evan E. Hendrickson, general manager of the company's Columbia general office.

Clinton's New Industry

Ascoe Felts, Inc. to Make Paper Industry Product

Owings Dairyman Drowns in Creek

Gray Court — A 50-year-old Laurens County dairyman and farmer drowned in Durbin Creek near here about 1 p. m. Thursday after he apparently had a heart attack while swimming.

Coroner Marshall Pressley said two Woodruff doctors told him they believed John Broadus Cook Jr. of the Owings community had a heart attack which caused him to drown.

The coroner said Cook had been to Woodruff with a crew of five men to pick peaches. Pressley said one of the men, Lee Barksdale, 29, reported that when they came to the creek, Cook told them they would stop and "take a dip to wash off the peach fuzz."

Barksdale told the coroner that only he and Cook went into the water. Barksdale said Cook swam out into the stream, but he remained near the shore because he was not a good swimmer.

Barksdale and other witnesses said Cook called out that he was drowning. The coroner said. He said Barksdale told him he was unable to reach the drowning man.

The drowning occurred about seven miles from Cook's home in approximately eight feet of water.

The coroner said an inquest date has not been set. Investigating with Pressley were Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson and Sheriff's Lt. Wallace Abercrombie.

The victim was a lifelong resident of Laurens County, son of the late John Broadus and Lula Rice Cook, he was a member of Harmony Baptist Church. He was a member of Woodmen of the World and owned and operated Cook's Dairy.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eunice Bragg Cook; two daughters, Mrs. Dan (Libby) Gray and Mrs. Dozier (Judy) Brooks of Fountain Inn; two brothers, William Cook of Rock Hill and James W. Cook of Fountain Inn; and a sister, Mrs. Clarence (Martha) Clay of Greenville.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 4 p. m. at Harmony Baptist Church by Rev. Carroll Caldwell and Rev. Don Howell. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Simmons Named To New Term On Hospital Board

John M. Simmons, of Mountville, has been appointed to a new five-year term as a member of the board of directors of Bailey Memorial Hospital.

The appointment was made by Governor R. E. McNair, upon recommendation of a majority of the members of the hospital board.

The term will expire March 12, 1971.

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Softball Game For Scouts Saturday

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts who wish to participate in a softball game are asked to bring their gloves to the athletic field behind Presbyterian College Saturday at 10:00 a. m.