



At Tangerine Bowl Game in Orlando Last Week

Here are some scenes at Orlando, Fla., last week showing Clinton people prior to and during the Tangerine Bowl game in which Presbyterian College met the strong Middle Tennessee State team. At the left are Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Turner taking a photo of Guard Bill Sease. In the center are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hay Hammet looking over a game program. Mr. Hammet is Public Relations and Alumni Director at Presbyterian. At right are Mrs.

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Merlyn W. Veren and Mrs. Vic Spooner, wives of the backfield coach and end coach, respectively, as they cheered when PC scored.—Photos by courtesy of United Press International.

County Agent's FARM NEWS

By M. L. OUTZ, County Agent

Lawson Brothers of Joanna, will hold their annual beef cattle production sale on March 11. I've seen most of the cattle that will be offered for sale and I believe this is the best group they have offered. Approximately 50 registered Herefords will be sold. About 18 of the 50 will be bulls.

C.W.S. Guano Company of Clinton, sponsored a soybean contest in Laurens County last summer. It is surprising how many beans can be made without much effort. None of those in the contest came below 25 bushels per acre, and none expected to win the prize, so the beans received normal treatment, except W. P. Dickson who used more fertilizer than normal. He had fertilized for pepper, but planted soybeans. His yield was 56.9 bushels per acre. J. H. Pitts, manager of C-W-S, tells me he bought more than \$24,000.00 worth of beans this past season. It looks as if we might grow more in Laurens County.

Fourteen thousand grape plants were delivered to Laurens County on December 21. These plants will cover approximately 30 acres. Grape growers will make money if they do a reasonable job of cultivating and caring for their vineyards. Henry Taylor of Fountain Inn, told me he sold \$750.00 worth from 2 acres. He says he made \$500.00 clear. E. M. Davis of Cross Hill, did as well or better than Henry. Jerome Finley of Mountville, Bolt Brothers of Trinity Ridge, and many others did as well. Grape and peach production go together since the same equipment can be used for both.

While on grapes, let me tell you about T. B. Sumner of Rt. 1, Clinton. He has 7 or 8 acres of scuppernon and muscadine grapes, all of bearing age. A visit to Mr. Sumner's vineyard in July, August or September to see the ripe fruit hanging is surely worth your time.

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Motel Deaths Are Caused By Carbon Monoxide Poisoning, Jury Finds

Laurens—Carbon monoxide poisoning killed a Michigan woman and her 10-year-old son last week in a Laurens County motel, a jury ruled here Thursday.

The bodies of Mrs. Bernard Rotta and her 10-year-old son, Richard, of Ludington, Mich., were found side by side on a bed in the motel room on the morning of Dec. 22.

Motel employees found the dead bodies when they investigated after getting no response from repeated knocks on the door.

A partial report from autopsy read at the inquest said that the mother and son died as a result of exposure to deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

A gas expert told the jury that a combination of conditions which he termed most unusual could have existed in the gas-heated room of the Four Oaks Motel on Highway 25 near Ware Shoals.

Hugh Edwards, Jr., Greenwood gas engineer, said there were indications that the ventilator of the heater was blocked and forced the carbon monoxide back into the room.

He said his opinion was that the heater was placed on low, and that a wind condition at the back of the motel created a condition whereby the ventilator was blocked.

Mrs. Rotta, wife of a river boat captain and her son were found face up on the same bed, huddled closely together, Deputy Sheriff W. Burns said. Mrs. Rotta wore slacks over her pajamas.

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Their small dog was found in a semi-conscious state in the bathroom, and seemed to revive slightly when a bathroom window and a door were opened.

The dog, whose barking had drawn the motel's warnings on three occasions during the night, died three days later at a Laurens animal hospital.

Motel owner John Hall testified that the mother and son checked into their room at 5:45 p. m. Dec. 21, and had supper at 7:00 p. m.

At 10:30 p. m. the dog began barking. At midnight, the manager said he knocked on the door to ask the Rottas to stop the dog's noise. He knocked again at 1:00 a. m. and at 5:00 a. m. but drew no response, he said.

Three hours afterwards, he became suspicious and with an employee, Clifton R. Harper, entered the room and discovered the bodies. Checking the heater, he found it still burning. The pilot light remained on, he testified.

Mr. Harper told the panel that when the Rottas checked into the room he had turned the gas on low.

In his opinion, Mr. Edwards said that the conditions in the room would be difficult to duplicate. He termed it "very unusual."

These conditions, he testified, could have been due to the heater being turned on too low, and to the type of ventilator being used, plus the wind conditions at the rear of the motel.

If the wind were blowing in a certain manner, he said, it could have closed the draft, which runs from the heater through the motel wall.

He said that smut or soot found on the right side of the heater indicated the wind had blocked the ventilator and forced the carbon monoxide back into the room. "Had the heater been wide open," he testified, "I don't think this condition would have existed. I personally think the heater being placed so low and the wind condition at the back of the motel created the condition."

"These vents (the type used by the motel) so far as I know are not approved by the American Gas Association. Their code requires that the vent go above the chimney."

The heaters had been installed in December by a Ninety-Six firm.

Though he attended the inquest at the court house, Mr. Rotta did not take the stand. He watched the proceedings intently.

The inquest was conducted by Acting Coroner Lucille Watts. Sheriff C. W. Wier questioned the witnesses.



DR. ALEX STUMP

Dr. Alexander Bell Stump, chairman of the biology department, is one big reason why Presbyterian College has a broad reputation for its pre-medical preparation.

A dedicated researcher and a sound classroom teacher, he has served as an inspiration to budding scientific minds at PC for the past 12 years.

Dr. Stump has published a number of his research papers in recognized publications in the field of biology. And his associates paid him tribute in 1951 by electing him president of the South Carolina Academy of Science.

Alex Stump came to Presbyterian in 1947 from the Flora Macdonald College faculty, where he spent 11 years — including one (1942-43) on leave-of-absence for service with a US Army medical detachment in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

He received his training at the University of Virginia, obtaining from that institution his BS degree in 1930, his MS in 1932 and his PhD in 1934. A native of Emmorton, Md., he is married to the former Sallie Allison of Pine Bluff, N. C., and they have four daughters.

New Subscribers

MRS. S. W. SUMEREL, LUTHER STURKEY, BOB NELSON, MRS. WADE NEELSON, WILLIAM SPOONE, JOE GIBBS, JR., Clinton

MRS. W. T. LONG, GORDON OXNER, Joanna

MISS MARTHA PITTS, Rock Hill

Lunch Room Menu

For Week of Jan. 11-15

MONDAY  
Milk, barbeque hash on steamed rice, steamed cabbage, green peas, corn bread, butter, raisin-peanut butter pudding.

TUESDAY  
Milk, baked beef loaf, gravy, turnip greens, whipped potatoes, corn bread, butter, cheese-apple crisp.

WEDNESDAY  
Milk, potato-cheese salad, vegetable soup with beef, corn bread, butter, fruit Betty.

THURSDAY  
Milk, chili con carne with pinto beans, cole slaw, salad dressing, carrots, corn bread, butter, apple pie.

FRIDAY  
Rice and beef balls, with tomato tomato gravy, candied or baked sweet potatoes, green beans, egg noodles, biscuit, butter, orange.

Miss Lora Cox

Owings—Miss Lora Valeria Cox, 70, of the Friendship Baptist Church community of Laurens County, died suddenly at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clyde Cook, in the Greenpond community at 4:15 p. m. last Wednesday. She had been in declining health for the past two years.

She was the daughter of the late O. F. and Essie Martin Cox and was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. She was a member of the WMS and the Ladies' Sunday School Class of the church.

Surviving besides Mrs. Cook are one brother, J. H. Cox, of Enoree; and another sister, Miss Blanche Cox, of Owings and Clinton.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 4:30 p. m. at Friendship Baptist Church by the Rev. Olin F. Hutchinson, the Rev. Winford Berry and the Rev. George F. Cox. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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