

Tragedy Again Strikes in Shelby County

Teacher Slain in Shelbyville; Two
Others Injured by Shotgun
Killer. 1940

REJECTED LOVER SHOOTS SELF AS POSSE NEARS

Coroner's Jury Accuses Hadley
Eaton of "Premeditated
Murder."

Friday afternoon, only thirteen days after the sensational blast explosion at Shelbyville and four months after the widely-publicized air-slaying at Cherry Box, tragedy again struck Shelby county, this time in the form of a shotgun murder.

Hadley Eaton, 36-year-old former farm hand and truck driver, accused slayer of Mrs. Ethel Dingle, 29, divorcee and teacher of the fifth and sixth grades in Shelbyville, now lies in the Audrain county hospital in Mexico, Mo., where he is reported to be getting along satisfactorily from self-inflicted wounds received in attempted suicide just before he was surrounded and captured by a posse at a vacant farmhouse northeast of Shelbyville, his boyhood home, about 10:30 a. m. Saturday.

A coroner's jury at Shelbyville Monday morning returned a verdict at 11:45 o'clock that Mrs. Dingle "came to her death from shotgun wounds from a gun fired by Hadley Eaton in premeditated murder."

Prosecuting Attorney F. C. Bolow, who filed first degree murder charges against Eaton in the court of Justice of Peace T. W. Feely in Shelbyville Saturday afternoon, said Eaton will be arraigned as soon as his physical condition will permit.

Following his capture, which climaxed an intensive manhunt north and east of Shelbyville Friday night and Saturday morning, Eaton was taken to the Furnish hospital in Shelbyville. Examination revealed that he had suffered two fractured ribs but the shot, aimed at his heart, had not punctured the chest cavity.

Eaton was taken to the Audrain county jail at Mexico at 11:40 a. m. Saturday by authority of Shelby county officers as a precautionary measure against mob violence. As his pulse was very weak when he arrived there, he was removed at once to the Audrain county hospital.

Possemen who apprehended Eaton found a note in his pocket that indicated he had urged Mrs. Dingle to go away with him. The note, believed to have been written just before he shot himself, was found on the back of an envelope which contained \$380.00 in cash. It read:

"Why couldn't she have said 'I'll go with you, Hadley, soon?' How much more people might have thought of us. For the last two years I have suffered so from not being with her that my nerves are all shot. Why couldn't we both of had someone that thought enough of both of us? They would have gotten us together before now and avoided all this."

The note was signed simply "Hadley."

Eaton shot and killed Mrs. Dingle about 4:10 p. m. Friday as she left the school after her day's work. The rejected lover fired at least ten times, using a 12-gauge shotgun with No. 6 shot. He slightly wounded Mrs. Dingle's companion, Mrs. Gladys Keith, and another shot grazed the arm of Superintendent of Schools Clell Ledford, who was riding in a car driven by W. C. Hewitt, editor and publisher of the Shelby County Herald. Mr. Hewitt escaped injury.

According to E. P. Thompson, mortician, Mrs. Dingle was shot at least twice—directly thru the abdomen from the side and again in the head, neck and chest. She died as she lay in the street in front of the school house.

Mrs. Keith said that she and

Last Rites for Mrs. Cress, 94, Held Tuesday

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Cress, 94, of south of Clarence, died Sunday morning in Samaritan hospital following a fractured hip a month ago. With her family she had lived at their farm home since 1903.

Mrs. Cress was born on Oct. 16, 1861, in Texas, the daughter of DeMelville and Martha Cox Tedford. She spent the greater part of her life near Clarence and was the last charter member of the Fairview Christian church. She was orphaned in early childhood and was reared by Leroy and Louisa Wine, grandparents of F. C. Wine.

On Oct. 16, 1895, she was married to Samuel L. Cress who survives together with three children, Linnie Cress and John Cress of the home and Paul Cress of near Clarence; a grandson, Wendell Cress and a great grandson, David Cress.

A daughter Anna Mary preceded her in 1924.

The body rested in the Greening Funeral Home until Tuesday afternoon when last rites were held at 2 o'clock from the Fairview Christian church with Lyle Armstrong, pastor of the Clarence Christian church, the officiant. Committal prayers were read and interment made in the church cemetery.

Mary Anna Moore, Died In Quincy, Thurs., Aug. 21

Mary Anna Moore, daughter of Rudolph and Frances Spivey Resa, passed away, August 21, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Dorian, of Quincy, Ill.

Mrs. Moore was born in Blue Mound, Illinois, May 13, 1878. She and her parents moved to Missouri a short time later, where she resided until her death. She was married to Charles Luther Moore, October 29, 1900, in Shelbyville, Mo. He preceded her in death in 1939. To this union two children were born, Chester Moore of Clarence, and Mrs. Paul Dorian of Quincy, Ill. Mrs. Moore was a member of Center Street Methodist Church, which she attended regularly until her illness a few years ago.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Nora Maupin of Clarence and Mrs. Virgie Mayfield of Cleveland, Oklahoma. One brother, Wm. Resa of Clarence, two grandchildren, Donald and Mary Lou Dorian of Quincy, Ill., and one great grandchild, Paul Edward Dorian of Quincy. Several nieces and nephews and four sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held in the Center Street Methodist Church, Sunday, August 24, 2:00 p.m. Rev. Arthur Hampton and Mr. Poor conducted the services. Burial was in the Clarence Cemetery under the direction of the Greening Funeral Home. Organist, Mrs. Dennis Hutcherson; Soloist, Mrs. Merritt Reid Jr.

Mrs. Floyd Moore Succumbs After Long Illness

Mrs. Rhoda Pearl Moore of near here passed away Tuesday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Browne Moore in Shelbyville, where she had been for several weeks. She had been in ill-health for quite some time.

Mrs. Moore was born on June 8, 1901, in Shelby County near Clarence, the daughter of the late Gene and Annie Sears White. She was married in 1923 to Floyd Moore, who survives.

Surviving besides her husband are: two brothers, Harold White of Clarence and Encl White of Moberly; three sisters, Mrs. Browne Moore, Mrs. Christie Ertel and Mrs. Lucille Martin, all of Shelbyville; a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives. One brother, Newton White, preceded her in death.

The body laid in state at the Greening Funeral Home here in Clarence until Wednesday morning, when it was removed to the family home until time for the services. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 at the Shelbyville Christian Church with Rev. Kenneth Bennett officiating, assisted by Rev. Arthur Hampton. Burial was in the Shelbyville Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Russell Smith, Bill Garrison, Joe Ratliff, Burnice Clark, Baker Dempsey, George Garrison, Woodrow Carroll and J. D. Wester.

Funeral Tomorrow At Clarence For Mrs. Loma L. Hardy

Mrs. Loma L. Hardy, 50, of Detroit, Mich., formerly of Clarence, died Sunday, June 30, at a Detroit Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Christian Church in Clarence, and burial will be in the Shelbyville Cemetery.

Mrs. Hardy was born July 28, 1906. She had lived in Detroit for the past 25 years.

She is survived by her husband, Alva Hardy of the home in Detroit; her mother, Mrs. O. W. Sumpter of Clarence; two sisters, Mrs. H. J. Wareham of Santa Ana, Calif. and Mrs. Gerald O. Bryan of Anchorage, Alaska; and one brother, Lennis Sumpter of Detroit.

The body is at the Barkeley and Davis Funeral Home in Clarence, where it will lie in state until the funeral hour.

J. J. Huntsberry Died Friday At Kansas City

Funeral services for James J. Huntsberry, who passed away on March 6 in St. Luke's hospital at Kansas City after a short illness following a heart attack, were held Sunday afternoon from the Barkeley & Hawkins funeral chapel. Lyle Armstrong, Christian minister, officiated at 3 o'clock and interment was made in Maplewood cemetery.

James J. Huntsberry, son of Dalzell S. and Martha Ann Huntsberry, was born on Dec. 21, 1880 on a farm south of Clarence. He was married to Miss Amy Grace Richardson on Dec. 24, 1903 and to them three children were born.

Survivors include his wife of the home in Kansas City, a son, Howard James of Cameron, two daughters, Mrs. William A. O'Keefe of Moberly and Mrs. Franklin N. Bent of Lancashire, England; six grandchildren, Howard Y. and Pamela Huntsberry; Patricia and William A. O'Keefe; Elizabeth and Emily Bent; a sister, Mrs. W. R. Baker of Clarence; a brother, Earl Huntsberry of Shelbyville, one nephew and a niece.

Mr. Huntsberry attended the Clarence school, Central college at Fayette and later Gem City business college at Quincy, Ill. He was a member of the Methodist church, the Mason lodge and Odd Fellows lodge. Most of his life was spent on a farm south of Clarence but he later moved to Clarence and engaged in the hatchery business. For the last several years he had made his home in Kansas City.

Last Rites For Mrs. Humphrey Held Yesterday

Mrs. Sarah Ann Humphrey, 77, passed away at her home here Monday night following an extended illness.

She was born Sarah Ann Capp on May 3, 1874 in Benton county, the daughter of the late Robert and Sarah Elizabeth Capp. She was married on Nov. 15, 1922 to H. J. Humphrey who preceded her in March 1940. Four brothers and a sister also preceded her.

Survivors include her brother, Jess Capp of Perry, six nieces, three nephews, seven great nieces, five great nephews and one great great niece. Nieces in this community include Miss Blanche Capp, Mrs. H. W. Sherwood and Mrs. Milt Chambers and a nephew, Burnice Clark. Aunt Hattie, as she was known to her loved ones, set a wonderful example of kindness, fortitude through long illness, and a deep faith known to few persons that will long be cherished by those closest to her.

She was a member of Center Street Methodist church having transferred here in 1941. She was converted and became a member of the Bacon Chapel church in 1885 under the pastorate of Rev. J. M. O'Bryan.

The body rested in the Barkeley & Hawkins funeral chapel where last rites were conducted by the Rev. A. V. Renfro, pastor of Center Street church, at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Interment followed in Maplewood cemetery. Casket bearers were Grover Albright, Victor Hodgkin, Jess Carroll, Frank Turner, Gene Teter and Ruey Waters.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral services were Mrs. Hugh Shoffner and Mrs. Junker Bean of Jacksonville, Miss Mary Perry of Leonard, Mrs. Effie Capp of Shelbyville, Jess Capp