



**Scenes and Principles in *Latest Murder in Carter County Kentucky***

**Upper left: W. D Haywood, constable held in jail on a murder charge is the man who fired the bullet that killed Miss Martha Yahraus of Waverly and Portsmouth. Top: Carter County Courthouse at Grayson, where the gun-user will be tried. Lower: Scene where tragedy occurred. Haywood, when he fired, was near gasoline pump and the car in which Miss Yahraus was a passenger was down the road 500 feet beyond spot marked by white cross. Right: Miss Martha Yahraus, victim of the constables gun. Inset: Mrs. Haywood and two children, Clayton,10,and Hughey, 4.**

Carter county has experienced more than Its share of murders but no one of them has aroused the residents of the hills and valleys as the one recorded Sunday morning, July 25, when Constable W. D. Haywood of Olive Hill, Ky. fired at the roadster driven by David Thomas of Portsmouth and killed Miss Martha Yahraus. 30, of Waverly and Portsmouth. Interest In the fatal shooting has not waned since the day of the crime for it is nearing court time in Grayson and the one big case to be the latest shooting It. Is the subject discussed over everything else, despite the fact that three other murders will be considered by the grand jury and it will be heard probably at this

term of circuit court starting August 9. Commonwealth Attorney T. S. Yates of Grayson will be a strong prosecution of thee despite the fact that he is a distant relative of Mrs. W.D. Haywood say.s be will prosecute Haywood. However, there may be a hitch in t h i s plan, for the court. may be asked to appoint another lawyer lo handle the prosecution for the commonwealth.Hay wood is held- in the county jail at Grayson. jailer Thomas Phillips who hustled the prisoner out of Grayson to Cattletsborg monday night following the shooting says that be will keep Haywood In the Carter county jail until the trial. The prosecution intends to show that Haywood and his six companions just prior to the: fatal shooting which occurred three miles from Olive Hill were under the influence of moonshine and that Haywood fired at the Thomas car and not at the ground as first claimed by the officer. Haywood now admits firing at the tires. Should Haywood go into court and enter a plea of guilty he may escape with a pen sentence of from 2 to 21 years but if he makes a fight he may receive a life term. Deputy Constable Uboul [Uboul Hall]who was with Haywood is to be given trial also at the next term of court. He is at liberty under a \$1000 bond after being held to the grand Jury on charges of highway robbery preferred by Thomas who claims he took his pocketbook containing \$17 after he was taken into custody and told lie was under arrest for killing the woman in the car with him. The officers claim Thomas was .speeding while Thomas claims he could not make the curve and grade at a speed higher than 30 miles per hour. The car had rounded a curve and started up grade when the fatal shot was fired.

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*Among the more captivating trials in Carter County history is the one held in 1926 for Constable W. D. Hayward. Hayward, a 40 year old father of 3, was very popular in the Olive Hill area with a penchant for taking down bootleggers. An unlikely choice for constable, he had previously been arrested several times for selling moonshine, drunkenness, and embezzlement. He had even spent a short stint in the pen for forgery. In his trial Hayward said that he had fired at the tires of the automobile and the round must have ricochet and struck the victim. Yes, he had had a couple of drinks he admitted, but was not drunk as charged. The jury did not believe him and he was sentenced to a term of 17 years. The jury consisted of: William Parsons, Frank Clay, Dock Waddle, Robert Bellew, John Mullins, Butler Tussey, Davis Hamilton, Bert Artis, J.M. Leadingham, J.A. Marshall, George Greer, and George Fankle. The shooting took place at Counts Cross Roads at the intersection of Route 60 and 182.*

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