

CHILD'S DEATH INVESTIGATED

Sheriff A. B. Slagle and Coroner C. M. Moore investigated Monday the death of the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mathis, of Cowee. The child died at midnight Saturday, eight days after his father was alleged to have beaten him severely with a leather strap.

Dr. Furman Angel, who examined the boy's body at the request of the sheriff and the coroner, said death was due to pneumonia, and upon this report no charges were made and no inquest was deemed necessary.

The father was reported to have gone to South Carolina several days before his son's death.

The case was brought to the attention of the sheriff by relatives of the child, who were reported to have told him that Mathis had beaten the boy with a strap in punishment for cursing.

The body of the child was said to have borne a number of bruises.