

## Two die after "family fuss"

Two local men were pronounced dead on arrival at Angel Community Hospital Sunday afternoon after an apparent inter-family disturbance in the Mill Creek area. One of the men was the victim of a shooting, while the other man apparently died of a heart attack.

The Macon County Sheriff's Department has charged Harold Passmore, about 39, of Route 1, with murder in connection with the shooting death of Marvin Otis McDowell, 50, of Route 5. Passmore is being held in Macon County Jail without privilege of bond.

Also dead in conjunction with the same incident, though apparently because of a heart attack, is Siler Passmore, 69, of Route 1. He was the father of the man accused in the shooting.

Sheriff George Moses said Tuesday that deputies Carol Tallent and Farrell Jamison were summoned to the Siler Passmore residence at 3:25 p.m. Sunday after a caller, presumably Siler Passmore, said that someone was there with a gun.

Deputies arrived to find Passmore dead on the kitchen floor with McDowell dead outside the kitchen door. McDowell had been shot once in the chest with a .22 calibre pistol, Moses said.

Harold Passmore was arrested at the scene, and a pistol was taken from his possession. From several others who had congregated at the residence, sheriff's deputies confiscated two more pistols and a shotgun.

The shooting was the apparent climax to a series of events of a domestic nature which began earlier in the afternoon. The sheriff's department had been called to the City Restaurant prior to 3 p.m. because of an alleged disturbance brewing there, but deputies found nothing to substantiate the claim.

After finding the dead men at the Passmore residence, deputies conducted an investigation which extended late into the night. They were assisted by the State Highway Patrol and State Bureau of Investigation. Moses said the investigation is continuing.

The bodies were sent to the office of the State Medical Examiner in Waynesville for a determination on the official cause of death in both cases.

Mr. Passmore was born in Macon County to the late Tom and Liddia Bingham Passmore. A retired lumberman, he was married to Minta Belle Hicks, who survives of the home.

Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Susie Cook of Franklin; four sons, Harold, Williard, Dillard and Gene Siler Passmore, all of Franklin; two brothers, Jake Passmore of Franklin and Roy Passmore of Andrews; two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Dolson of Thomasville and Miss Sally Passmore of Franklin; and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at Memorial Methodist Church by the Rev. Joel Carter and the Rev. Robert Dryman. Burial will be in Aquone. Pallbearers will be Edward, Robert and Bobby Hicks, Jerry Rhyne, Gene Shields and Jack Haney.

Mr. McDowell was born in Macon County to the late William F. and Cora Crisp McDowell and was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of the Sugarfork Baptist Church, a veteran of World War II and was married to Wilma Mitchell of Missouri, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Bill, Brian and Jim McDowell, all of the home; four brothers, Joe and Wilburn McDowell of Route 3, Frank McDowell of Route 2, and Dave McDowell of Drayton Plains, Michigan; and one sister, Mrs. Betty Holland of Route 5.

Funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Sugarfork Baptist Church by the Rev. James Crayton and the Rev. J. S. Cunningham. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Frank Crisp, Charles Taylor, Harold Crisp, Gary Taylor, Dewey Taylor, and DeWitt Thompson.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements for both funerals.