

News story about Rev. Clyde Sawyer almost drowning in 1921
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HUNTING TRIP ENDED IN TRAGEDY LAST WEEK - Oliver L. KEETER of South Norfolk was drowned and Rev. E. Clyde SAWYER, pastor of the South Norfolk Baptist Church, narrowly escaped when the rowboat which they were rowing to a blind between Bell's Island and Long Point capsized last Thursday in Currituck Sound. The party was on a ducking trip and had started to the blind. Mr. KEETER was rowing the boat and Rev. SAWYER was sitting down. When the cranky craft upset, Mr. KEETER went overboard without an opportunity to grasp anything. Rev. SAWYER followed after. KEETER was dead when his body was recovered and considerable time was required to resuscitate Rev. SAWYER. The deceased was 31 years old and had a wife and one child who survive him.