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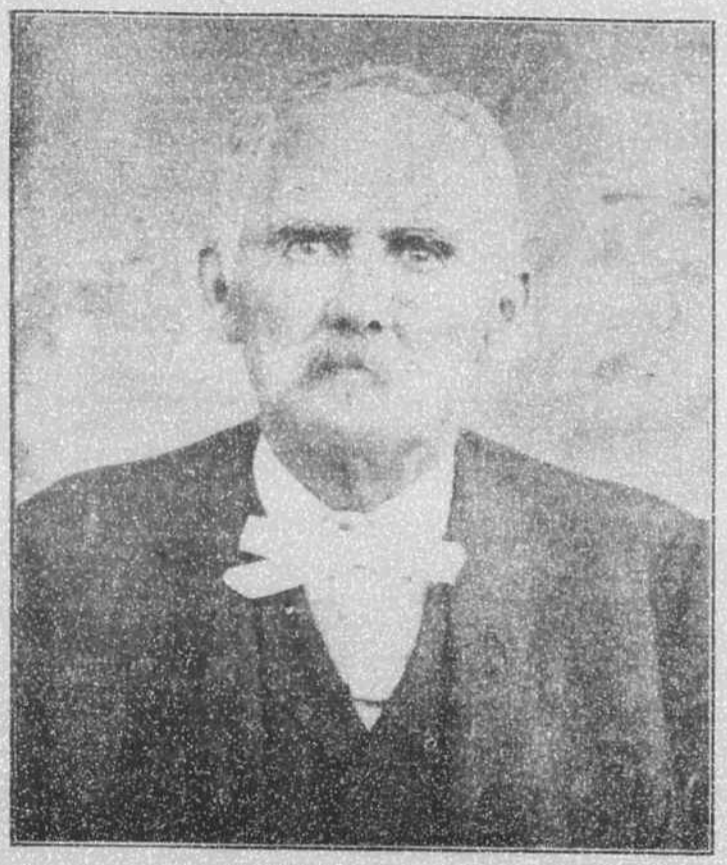
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Capt. Edward F. Lovill Passes Away Saturday

Throngs Gather to Pay Respects to Memory of Confederate Chieftain—A few Sideights on the Life of Deceased—A statesman, Scholar and Distinguished Southern Gentleman of Peerless Personality Has Gone On



EDWARD FRANCIS LOVILL

Captain Lovill is dead!
As brave a Confederate as ever shouldered a musket and marched in battle array, as brilliant a statesman as ever plead for the rights of humanity, a scholar, philosopher, and an upright Christian gentleman of the old South, laid aside the cares of mortal man, and the armor of life's fitful battles to join the onrushing armies of the redeemed at his home near the little city of Boone Saturday morning at nine o'clock after an illness of a few weeks duration.

Edward Francis Lovill was born near Siloam, Surry county, almost eighty-three years ago. When still a young man he enlisted in the army of the Confederacy to defend his beloved Southland. His unusual valor soon won him promotion to the rank of captain, and although on different occasions his body was torn and bleeding from wounds made by ounce balls and dum-dum bullets, he never lost courage, and led his gallant men to many a victory. For four years he endured the sufferings, privations and hardships, following Lee bravely until the armies of northern Virginia were forced to yield to overwhelming numbers and vast resources. He then spent a short time in the state of Missouri, a few years in the mercantile business at Todd, North Carolina, after which he studied law under the late Major Bingham, the peerless authority on Blackstone of those days, locating in Boone for the practice of his profession in 1875 where he has resided since.

By close application he became known far and wide as a lawyer of great ability and his clientele grew with the years. Later he practiced with his son William R. under the name of Lovill & Lovill. Throughout a long life he plead, not for the fees he might receive, but for the simple love of the profession and of humanity. From the Justice's courts, county courts Federal courts, and the great Supreme Court of the State of North Carolina his quiet, eloquent and gentlemanly pleadings have won scores of verdicts.

As a Statesman
Twice Captain Lovill was chosen to represent his county in the Lower House of the General Assembly, for two terms he served as senator from this district, and educationally and otherwise the efforts he made in the State Legislative bodies have resulted in triumphs for the public weal. He was unsuccessful in one race for

Congress. Under Cleveland he was appointed Commissioner of Indian Lands with headquarters at Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

But above all the achievements of his beloved citizen he prized most in connection with the Appalachian Training School of which he might be aptly termed the father. A bill he introduced into the Legislature and which he fought for so aggressively until it was finally passed, resulted in the holding of teachers' institutes in the state. This movement terminated in the establishment of the local institution, which stands with its magnificent buildings, and hordes of teachers from almost the four corners of the earth as a fitting memorial to the far sighted wisdom of our venerable benefactor. Captain Lovill was chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Appalachian Training School from its inception, more than a score of years ago until last Saturday morning, and personal business was never too pressing, nor his time so valuable, but that he would contribute as much of it as necessary to its needs.

As a director of the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford, his passion for the good of the helpless and homeless children of the state was unswerving. Up until only a short time ago this institution had no provision for the care of infants. The Captain did not propose to stand for the neglect of the earth's most helpless creatures. Accordingly he asked for the erection of a baby building. His request was in vain. At the next meeting of the directors he demanded that this action be taken. So strong was his personality, so firm his convictions, and so steadfast his faith, that it was done. Who could resist his magnetic influence? So he lived to see a department of the asylum, which he so dearly loved, built specifically for the wee kiddies, and in the presence of the writer at the last Masonic meeting he attended, the Captain

Would Hasten Action On New Railroad Line

Bowie Carries Fight to Washington Interstate Commission Asks For Data on Plan—Hearing Will Likely Occur in North Carolina.

T. C. Bowie, Jefferson, author of the Appalachian & Western North Carolina railroad bill, enacted by the last general assembly of North Carolina, has been in Washington in the interests of this road.

A conference was held with the Interstate Commerce Commission attended by Mr. Bowie, Chief Engineer Frank W. Miller who made the surveys in connection with the proposed road, and a steering committee from North Carolina delegation composed of Congressman Abernethy, Doughton and Sulwinkle.

The purpose of this conference was to ascertain from the Interstate Commerce Commission the character of evidence and information desired by the commission which is to be furnished by the special commission appointed by the Legislature of North Carolina to superintend the location of this road. The delegation which called upon the interstate commerce commission this morning, is also to arrange a suitable date and place for having the application for permission to construct the road.

Apparently the attitude of the commission was very favorable on the fact that this is a state enterprise, to be financed by the state, and to be built for the benefit of the state, seemed to favorably impress the commission. The hearing will probably be held at some point in the western part of North Carolina in the early spring.

With tears covering his furrowed cheeks, of seeing throngs of pretty little pink-toed babies kicking up their heels in glee, under the protection of the best authorities of baby culture that are to be found in the world. Another monument—the most cunning workers in marble or in granite or in bronze could never hope to approach in magnificence.

Noteworthy is the fact that at his instance the first railroad ever constructed in North Carolina was placed on the tax books. People used to think that a commonwealth derived such untold benefits from rail routes that it would be absurd to consider taxing them. Captain Lovill thought differently and proved his position so conclusively, that millions of dollars in revenues now come from this source.

But far greater than all these material achievements of the grand old man stands out his unparalleled love and respect for humanity. Never did man seek his aid and fail to receive it, whether he was a worthy object or not. He was a friend to the rich, the poor, the high, the lowly—all were creatures of his respect and affection. "Self" was not in the vocabulary of the Captain. He cared not for the word. To the widows, orphans, the poor, the needy, the destitute and the maimed he was a doting father. Many a man with crushed ambitions and fallen hopes has gained a new lease on life after hearing a few encouraging words from his lips. He was a believer in humanity. To him a man's word was his bond, and while this theory often hurt him from a monetary standpoint he never lost faith in a man and would always try him again. He was a believer in fair play—in giving everything God created some sort of fighting chance. An ardent sportsman, the Captain was never known to shoot a bird as it fed on the ground, or kill a rabbit as he was nestled in the edge of the briar patch. "Always flush the birds and get the rabbits to running before you fire your gun," he would tell the young hopefuls, "give 'em one little chance—if you don't it isn't sport, but the worst sort of murder!"

Death held no terrors for Captain Lovill. He has often been heard to remark that the only difference he knew in birth and death was that they were located at two different ends of a road. His passing was in keeping with the life he lived. Calmly, fearlessly, and with an abiding faith in his God, he quietly crossed the river to "rest in the shade of the trees" and partake of the fruits of life falling in such profusion just on the other side.

It is in vain that we try to properly eulogize upon the life of "everybody's friend" who has so recently been called away. The gallant soldier

Bowie Firm in Demand for Finished Highways

The Representative Says Provision Must be Made for Roads—Scour Two Year Plan—Expected to Add Strength to Drive.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 8, 5th.
"We must provide now for completion of the road program in North Carolina," declared Hon. T. C. Bowie here Sunday afternoon. Mr. Bowie is here between trains, leaving late in the afternoon for Washington, D. C., where he has an engagement to meet the Interstate Commerce Commission for discussion of a matter connected with the building of the proposed new railroad through North western North Carolina.

Mr. Bowie is not at all in sympathy with the proposal to provide merely for road construction during the next two years and leave the final completion of the system to the legislature of 1927. He believes that the bond issue should be made large enough at this time to finish all the state highways on the map and says he is going to fight for thirty five millions if it is found that that amount will be required to do the work.

Mr. Bowie has been chairman of the road committee of the House for the last four years and in all probability will continue to occupy that honorable position. In view of the history of road legislation and construction to date, he is convinced that the only fair thing the Legislature can do is to issue bonds in sufficient amount to complete the entire system. If less than that is done, he recognizes that there is grave danger that some of the highways in outlying sections of the State, which are not considered so important as some other roads, will never be built.

Mr. Bowie expressed himself as emphatically opposed to levying increased taxes for any purpose except to meet whatever deficit may exist in the state treasury. He is not in favor of increasing taxes to provide larger appropriations for State institutions. He would take care of the public schools first, then provide for asylums for the insane, the blind and the deaf and the crippled, and other similar institutions and would appropriate whatever is left among the state institutions for higher learning.

The Representative from Ashe expressed himself as opposed to a sales tax, unless it should be found absolutely necessary to levy such a tax to provide for a deficit, and even in that event he would fight any sort of a sales tax on the necessities of life.

Mr. Bowie will meet the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington this morning at 9 o'clock and expects to finish his work there in time to reach Raleigh not later than Tuesday afternoon or night.

He is expecting a highly interesting session of the General Assembly and is looking forward eagerly to the opening next Thursday. He is confident that the plan to complete the present highway system will go thru by a large majority and that a plan of taxation will be worked out that will be satisfactory to the average citizen.

who so freely gave his life blood in the fight for our Southern ideals has marched away. He gave his all in our service, and we shall sorely see his equal again.

Funeral services were conducted from the M. E. Church Sunday afternoon under the direction of Watauga Lodge No. 273, A. F. & A. M., of which deceased was a member for more than fifty years. After a beautiful service conducted by the pastor Rev. M. E. Woosley, District Attorney E. A. Linney and Professor B. B. Dougherty paid fitting tributes to the memory of deceased.

Interment was in the Hine grave yard one mile west of the city, by the side of his wife who preceded him to the realms of light thirty three years.

The floral offerings were the most elaborate ever seen in Boone, prominent among which were handsome pieces sent by the Oxford Orphan Asylum and the local Masonic lodge.

Deceased is survived by one son, W. R. Lovill, one daughter, Mrs. James Brawley of Greensboro; one brother, Robert Lee Lovill of Denver, Colo., all of whom save the latter were with him when the end came.

Legislators Expecting Busy Time this Winter

Capitol Building Completely Renovated for New Solons—Preparations Almost Complete New Conveniences Including Postoffice To Lose Little Time in Getting Under Way—Plans for Inaugural Ceremonies

(M. J. SHIPMAN)
Special to the Watauga Democrat
RALEIGH, Jan. 6.—With State department heads whipping their recommendations for additional legislation into shape and the arrival of the advance guard of the approaching session of the General Assembly, the capital city is looking forward to a busy time this winter.

The capitol building has been completely renovated since the regular session of the General Assembly in 1923 and the work of setting in order the legislative halls, committee room and other working quarters for the solons and their little army of employees, is well advanced, so that the preparations will be more nearly complete in every detail than in a long time past, when the representatives of the "dear people" assembled on Wednesday of this week for a sixty day session in the state capital.

The new electric lighting equipment, the ventilating system and other improvements for the comfort and convenience of the members are all practically completed and the finishing touches in cleaning and dusting are under way. In other words the capitol is dressed for the occasion as it has never been before in the memory of the present generation. "It is a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

The sub-station postoffice that the Raleigh Postmaster has provided for the accommodation of the legislature the past several sessions will be set up again in the west wing corridor between the two legislative halls and will be adequately manned during the session for the convenience of the members. In the language of former Senator Bassett, of Nash, this has come to an "urgent necessity."

The Legislature will lose little time in getting started. The Election of Representative Edgar W. Platter, of Mecklenburg to the speakership seems to be a foregone conclusion and he will doubtless announce the House committees immediately after taking the chair. The Lieutenant governor, who is president of the Senate has stated that he will be ready with his committees on the very first day of the session. Frank D. Hackett of Wilkes, and Alex. Lassiter of Bertie will be continued as principal clerks of the Senate and House respectively no opposition having developed to either of them.

The State Constitution provides that the General Assembly shall convene in biennial session on Wednesday after the first Monday in January which this year, falls on the 7th of the month.

On Tuesday following it is anticipated a committee, composed of senators and representatives, will canvass the vote cast for Governor and other state officers at the last General Election and declare the result in a joint session of the two branches of the Assembly, Tuesday the 13th, will witness this canvass and the inauguration of the new governor is likely to occur on the day following.

The inaugural ceremonies of Governor-elect A. W. McLean will be directed by a committee of the House and Senate and local organizations. The Raleigh chamber of commerce has selected the following committee to cooperate with the Legislative committees in this auspicious event: Gen. Albert L. Cox, Chairman; former Judge J. Crawford Biggs, Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of State College; Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Paul B. Hulfish, Frank H. Jeter and Robert F. Phillips.

The usual custom on such occasions will be followed. Mr. McLean will be met by those committees at the station on the morning of the inaugural and escorted to the Governor's Mansion, where he will be received by the outgoing executive who will accompany him to the city auditorium in which the inaugural ceremonies are to be held, including the installation of the newly elected state officers. Following this event will be a luncheon at the mansion and later a reception to which the public will be invited. The plans also include a inaugural ball to be held in the auditorium.

BOONE AND BLOWING ROCK CHURCHES in 1924

During 1924 the pastor has preached 121 sermons, made 21 talks, baptized 38 persons, officiated at 4 marriages; conducted 3 funerals and 70 members were received into the churches.

Boone church has received 48, 19 by baptism and 29 by letter. She has dismissed 13 by letter. The resident membership is 281; total enrollment 316. During the year the church has received the following amounts as free will offerings: Current expenses \$1,916.82; 75 Million Campaign \$588.26; Orphanage \$366.27; total \$2,962.35.

Blowing Rock church has received 13 by baptism; 7 by letter; restoration 2; making a total of 22 members added. The membership of the church stands at 150. The church has contributed \$549.13 for current expenses; \$129.65 to the 75 Million Campaign; and \$153.84 to the Orphanage. This church has also finished their new house of worship, valued at \$15,000 all of which has been paid except about \$3,000.

Both churches have overpaid their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign and have subscribed the following amounts to the 1925 program; Boone \$300, and Blowing Rock about \$300.

DR. OSBORNE TALKS AT BLOWING ROCK

Dr. Albert Osborne of India occupied the pulpits of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches Sunday. The Baptist church was packed when Dr. Osborne was introduced by the pastor. The crowd in the evening was larger than the Presbyterian church could hold. The speaker won the hearts of his hearers and many were anxious to hear him again. Sunday night Dr. Osborne spoke for nearly two hours and his audience was spellbound most of the time, as he told of the darkness of Asia and the coming of the light. He left for Le noir Sunday morning.

Every North Carolina farmer will find it to his own interest to learn the value of co-operation in 1925. Twelve thousand farmers' co-operatives are now functioning in the United States says the Federal Department of Agriculture. There must be a reason.

Beginning this year the churches come off the State Mission Board. The work is encouraging. Let us pray work and sacrifice for a Christ's kingdom.

F. M. HUGGINS, Pastor