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LESTER CRANE MYSTERIOUSLY KILLED BY TRAIN

Was Lying On Tracks Near Spring City, Tenn.—Victim Was Apparently in Good Spirit.

Victim of a mysterious accident, Lester Crane, 37, 407 Cherry street, was instantly killed at Spring City yesterday afternoon when a passenger train struck him as he lay with his head on the railroad track.

The accident occurred at 3 o'clock at a point one mile south of Spring City. Crane, a clerk in the Citico yards of the Southern Railway system here, had driven to Spring City with a friend, "Speck" Wilson, of Tampa, Fla., who was driving to Detroit. According to Crane's family, Crane intended returning to Chattanooga last night by train.

The Times correspondent in Spring City reported that Crane had made appearance at the station there at 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday, and had asked Station Agent J. H. Rogers to telephone to Chattanooga and inform Crane's superiors that he would return to this city last night, but would be a little late for work. The agent did so when Crane showed his railroad pass, entitling him to the privilege. Nothing seemed wrong at that time, the agent said.

Shortly before the Royal Palm, fast train, reached the scene of the accident, a man was seen by Arthur Brown and Terry Ferguson, Spring City youths, lying with his hand and head on the track apparently asleep. They shouted to him, warning of the approaching train, but apparently he did not hear them. The boys' efforts to flag the train were also fruitless and the Royal Palm crashed into the victim, crushing his skull and amputating a hand.

Engineer John Thomas bore out this story when interviewed last night, saying that as he rounded the curve he saw an object on the track, but it was too late to stop.

The body was brought to Chattanooga by a Coultler's ambulance. Crane is survived by his widow; three sons, Clarence, L. E. and Jack, of Chattanooga; mother in Athens; two sisters, Mrs. Judson Johnson, of Athens, and Mrs. Ida Hamby, of Chickamauga. His relatives said last night that Crane was in good spirits and health and would have had no reason for deliberating his own death.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.—Chattanooga News, January 5, 1931.

Lester Crane was a nephew of Wm. P. Payne, of Murphy, and was well known in this county. Mr. Homer Ricks and Halton Payne went to Chattanooga Sunday night, stopping at Athens, Tenn., to pick up the mother and sister of Mr. Crane.

Martin Resigns As Road Commissioner

His statement follows:

I believe in giving honest and faithful service to the people when entrusted with an office above every thing else, and when it appears to me that I cannot any longer render such service under prevailing circumstances I feel it is my indispensable duty to tender my resignation as a member of the Cherokee County Road Commission.

I had many serious thoughts before making up my mind to resign. Because I had a cherishing hope to put through some road projects that I think are badly needed in this county. But I was further grieved to know that I was making my decision against the will of my many friends both in this county and in Tennessee, who have implored me not to resign.

I have worked very faithfully to get a co-operation between the road authorities of North Carolina and Tennessee and also the Forest Department of which I succeeded in getting to donate some money to the Cherokee county roads. Many think that those things which I have worked up will fall through if I resign but they should not if my successor does his duty.

I shall still retain a personal interest in the improvement of the road system in Cherokee county. I don't think anyone when going out of office should hold any malice toward his successor. Working in harmony is the only way to accomplish good. Malice will not only hinder progress but it will sour the soul and kill the joy of life. So let us all work in harmony that we may accomplish more in the future than we have in the past.

Respectfully,
W. R. MARTIN.

Christmas Seal Sale Success, Mrs. Savage, Chairman, Says

The success of the Christmas Seal sale this year was largely due to the help of the schools, both city and county. With the aid of Miss Lilly Lowe, county nurse, and members of the Teacher Training Class, seals were placed in most of the county schools, and the Training School teachers, while doing their practice teaching in these schools, assisted the teachers of the schools in putting over the sale, and most of the schools were one hundred per cent in the purchase of seals.

Schools purchasing seals are: Friendship, Martin's Creek, Bethel, Unaka, Maltby, Brasstown, Culberson, Peachtree, Tomotla, Mt. Pleasant, Eilen-zer, Junaluska and Sunny point. The John C. Campbell Folk School also bought seals. Some of the schools are unknown to me, since they were handled through the Andrews Woman's Club.

All grades in the Murphy schools purchased seals. The fifth and sixth grades taught by Miss Addie Leatherwood, were the first to report 100 per cent purchase in the grammar grades, and the third grade of Mrs. Margaret Bell, the first of the primary grades.

Seals to the amount of \$50.60 were sold, of which \$37.95 are kept here at home to be used for the relief of tubercular children and adults and to supply milk for undernourished children who are not able to buy it, thus making their bodies stronger, so that they may be able to resist the germs of tuberculosis.

If I have overlooked any of the schools in this report, it is unintentional, and I want to thank each and every one who contributed to this cause.

MRS. C. W. SAVAGE,
Chairman Seal Sale.

The many friends of Mr. Ross Guiley will regret to hear that he was carried to Angel Brothers Hospital at Franklin and operated on for appendicitis last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Messer and Miss Hattie Burr Medford, of Franklin, were guests of Mrs. Jim Franklin one day last week.

Community Meet At Brasstown School

Saturday night, January 3rd, the Women's Club and the Men's Club of Brasstown had a joint supper meeting at the John C. Campbell School. Thirty-six sat down at the long table which was made of numerous small tables, and ran diagonally across the dining room. Large red candles gave a festive air to the party, and the light fell on plates filled with many good things brought by the members of the Women's Club. The school supplied rolls and coffee. Mr. Leon Deschamps, president of the Men's Club, gave a very interesting speech, which was followed by a clever one by Mrs. Fred O. Scroggs. Then Mrs. Bird Adams, secretary of the Women's Club, was called upon to speak, and responded with a witty talk.

After supper, moving pictures, taken by Miss Butler, of school and community activities were shown. The next part of the entertainment was given by several of the men, impersonating great singers or fiddlers. The laughter of their audience gave evidence of the success of their efforts. All then went to the community room for the Danish Grand March and the singing game, "A Thief, a Thief." The singing of "Goodnight, Ladies" brought to a close a party which all judged very jolly.

Mrs. Leon Deschamps entertained the Woman's Club of Brasstown at a special party at her home, Pine View, Wednesday evening, December 31st. About twenty-five members were present to enjoy games and the delicious refreshments which followed. It was a very happy ending of the year 1930.

REV. PREVOST CONDUCTS SERVICES AT COUNTY HOME

Rev. R. W. Prevost, pastor of the Andrews Baptist Church, conducted devotional services at the County home on last Sunday afternoon. The pastors of the churches in Murphy and Andrews have made an arrangement whereby some of them will conduct services each Sunday afternoon. During this month the pastors of the various churches of Andrews will conduct the services.

RAPER ATTENDS TAX MEET AT BRYSON CITY

Lon Raper, County Tax Supervisor, and A. A. Williamson, Lister for Shoal Creek Township, attended a meeting of tax supervisors at Bryson City last Saturday.

The meeting was attended by the supervisors of the Tenth congressional district, with Miss Laisie Kelly of Franklin, member of the state board, in charge.

The meeting was ordered held by the state board in Raleigh sometime ago. Plans were discussed for equalizing tax values in the district and the methods for listing. Speeches were made by the chairman of the County Commissioners of Swain county; Mr. Martin, ex-tax supervisor of Graham County; H. F. Carpenter, present Graham supervisor; William Jenkins of Swain; and Lon Raper of Cherokee.

It was the consensus of those attending the meeting, Mr. Raper said, that tax values were too high, and needed reducing.

The meeting was held at 11 a. m. and adjourned about 1:30 in the afternoon.

The following letter from Mr. Raper relative to the meeting is self explanatory.

Oak Park, N. C., Jan. 5, 1931.
Editor The Scout:

You may add this little bit of news to the report that I made to you while on my way back from Bryson City where I had been attending a Tax Supervisor's meeting. As we were ordered by the Board of Tax Equalization to meet Miss Kelley who is one of the members of the Board, to meet on the 3rd day of January, to discuss the matter of valuing of the lands for the counties in the 10th Congressional District, including the ten western counties. They wanted to see if we could get these counties equalized as to taxation, in the way of valuing lands.

While attending this meeting I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Jas. DeHart, Representative for Swain County. We had a long conversation as to the legislation needed for the roads here in Cherokee county, especially the Shoal Creek road known as the Dillard Highway. Dr. DeHart said that he would do every thing that he could to help our representative, Mr. Dillard, to get the state to take this road over and get it hard surfaced for us.

The people in Shoal Creek are looking for Mr. Dillard to get this road taken over by the state and get us out of the mud. We are bottled up down here in the mud, and can't get out unless the state takes us out. We have just as good as got no road during the winter months. Paying a big tax for nothing. We are looking for better days on this road matter by Mr. Dillard getting it into the hands of the state for us.

Yours,
LON RAPER,
Tax Supervisor.

4-H CLUB WORK

The awards have been announced in the county for the 4-H Club work. There has been some very fine work done in the county and every club member should make up their minds that they will try a little harder next year.

There has been some very fine work done that will not get a prize but they should be satisfied with what they have learned about the work and the gains from their project.

It is not possible to give everyone a prize and so we will hope that if you have not gotten one this year you will try harder next year for one. When you fail once it is no reason that you should always fail.

The prizes have been awarded to the following 4-H club members by the poultry association and the business firms of Murphy:

First prize poultry, Frances and Anne Ruby Watkins, Murphy Rt. 1, Cherokee County Poultry Association.
Second prize poultry, Lucile Raxton, Marble, N. C. Murphy Supply Company.

First prize potatoes, Lawrence Kimbrough, Marble, N. C. Akin Hardware Company.

First prize garden, Hazel Chambers, Marble, N. C. Candler's Department Store.

First prize calf, Howard Watkins, Murphy, Rt. 1, Murphy Hardware Company and John Carter.

Second prize calf, Ralph Tabor, Marble Route 1, Cherokee Scout.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey left Tuesday for a visit to Orlando, Fla., and other Florida points.

HEN IS BRINGING PROSPERITY TO COUNTY FARMS

Value of Poultry Products Sold Jumps from \$15,000 to \$80,000 In Five Years.

The little red hen is doing her bit to bring prosperity to Cherokee county farms. In 1929 her brood brought the tidy sum of \$80,000 in spot cash to the farmers and farm women in the county. In 1930 while the quantity of poultry marketed was as large, the amount received was not as great as that of 1929, because of lower prices.

Five years ago, Cherokee farmers were receiving around \$15,000 for their poultry. Then R. W. Gray came to the county as farm agent. He began at once to enlist the farmers in the co-operative marketing of their poultry and to encourage the raising of larger quantities and improved varieties. For three years Mr. Gray personally supervised the marketing operations, and during the three years of this program the sum of \$67,000 was paid the growers for their product.

The Cherokee County Poultry Association with Mrs. Frank Watkins, of Peachtree, president, and Wm. P. Payne, of Murphy, secretary-treasurer, is working diligently to promote the raising of pure bred varieties and larger quantities of poultry throughout the county. For the past two years the association has supervised marketing operations.

A systematic effort is being made to induce all raisers of poultry for market to sell co-operatively. By thus increasing the volume of business more attractive contracts can be made with the buyers. Substantial progress is recorded in this direction.

The Cherokee Poultry Association is a member of the Smoky Mountain Mutual Exchange, a non-profit marketing agency owned and controlled by the poultry raisers of Macon, Haywood, Swain, Clay and Cherokee counties. Through the Exchange practical co-operation is effected over a large area with the result that financial returns have been greatly increased, the business has been stabilized and interest stimulated.

Whatever may be the fate of other business in 1931, the farmers of this county will raise bigger and better poultry than ever before. They will decrease production costs by scientific feeding and care, and they will co-operate to secure the best prices the market has to offer.

Donley Commends Peachtree Pupils

John Donley, who taught two weeks in the Peachtree School before the Christmas holidays, commends the students very much for the excellent work which they did during that time. He is also very grateful to the teachers for their splendid co-operation, especially to Mr. C. M. Hendrix, who had charge of the sixth and seventh grades, which he was teaching. He is proud of the fact, too, that the Peachtree school made one hundred per cent in buying Red Cross Christmas seals.

As a future commendation to some of the students for the splendid work they did in English, he wishes to offer the names of a few that put forth a good deal of effort in writing many good compositions and stories about Christmas customs in other countries. He intended to have a few of these compositions published, but on account of the Christmas holidays it was impossible to get them to the Scout office before it closed.

Those who were decided to have written the best papers are Ralph Sudderth, Kate Witt, Annie Mae Wilson, Ethel Walsh, Nancy Lunsford and Marie Gregory, while the others were very good.

ANDREWS SCHOOL STUDIES AFTER XMAS HOLIDAYS

Andrews public schools opened Monday. All teachers were at their posts of duty except Mrs. Penny, who resigned at the close of the fall term. Mrs. D. H. Tillitt, of Andrews, has been elected to succeed Mrs. Penny.

Mr. Clyde Dills, of Cincinnati, O., arrived in Andrews last Saturday to spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dills.

Mrs. A. J. Carroll and children, of Canton, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Amos.