

WEALTHIEST CITIZEN OF COUNTY PASSES

Capt. Wissler Died at His Moncure Home Saturday—Buried Monday Afternoon at Cedar Springs, Va.—Death Ends a Remarkable Career.

MONCURE, September 16.—Captain J. H. Wissler passed away last Saturday morning, September 14th, at 5:18 o'clock. He had been in feeble health since last May, although it was just the last month of his life that he was confined to his bed. He seemed to think all the summer that his end was near and he really wanted to go. The last few weeks when the captain would go to sleep, and wake up, he would really seem disappointed that he had waked up again. He told his nurses and doctors not to do anything to prolong his life.

He lived to the ripe old age of 87 years, two months and 11 days. He was a man of means and he gave liberally to all good causes. He had a generous heart, kind and gentle disposition, and a wonderful mind. He was loved by all who knew him.

The funeral services were conducted at "The Log Cabin" yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, by Rev. J. A. Dailey and were witnessed by a large crowd of relatives and friends, who came from far and near. The room in which the body of Capt. Wissler lay in state was completely lined and banked with beautiful floral designs and the casket was completely covered with a rich and lovely floral design.

The funeral party left this morning at 6 o'clock for Cedar Springs, Va. (Capt. Wissler's Virginia home), where he will be buried this afternoon, Monday, at 4 o'clock.

Capt. Wissler is no more with us, but he will be missed in our town and community. He has hosts of friends not only in this state, where he spent and lived a good portion of his life, not only in Virginia, where he has a home and lived a good part of his young life and where he always would spend some time every year, and not only in Pennsylvania, where he spent his childhood, but in other states of the union.

He leaves the following nieces and nephews: J. W. Lantz of Cedar Springs, Va.; Mrs. Geo. W. Geide of Harrisburg, Pa.; Messrs. Christian F. Wissler and Samuel L. Wissler of Lincoln, Pa.; Miss Anna Hershey, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Messrs. Christian W. David U., and Frank Hershey of Harrisburg, Pa.; Mrs. C. H. Leighton of Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. J. G. Delaney of Harrisburg, Pa.; Mrs. H. C. Kennedy, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Messrs. F. Kennon and Edwin Borden of Goldsboro; Mrs. R. M. Hanes of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee and Donald Cobb of Goldsboro, and a number of grand nieces and nephews.

The following from Moncure attended the burial of Capt. J. H. Wissler at Cedar Springs, Va., today, Monday: Mr. R. Allen Moore and mother, Mrs. Daisy Moore, Messrs. H. G. Self, W. J. Harmon, W. W. Langley, W. W. Stedman, P. V. Budd, W. T. Utley, J. Vance Ray, R. H. Fitchette, J. B. Powers, Salter Utley, B. J. Utley and Mesdames J. E. Cathell, H. G. Self and P. V. Budd and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bryant of Pittsboro and others.

LEGISLATION KILLING AMERICAN TRADITION

"The Shaft," published by Edgar T. Ward's Sons Company, manufacturers of steel products, Boston, comments on the dangerous influence of restrictive legislation. It cites the restrictions on the old-time Fourth of July and points out the growing indifference of the average man to such one-time hallowed words as "freedom" and "liberty."

As congestion in cities increases and fire hazards become more serious, some regulations must be placed on the promiscuous use of fire-crackers and fireworks. But complete prevention of their use removes from the minds of growing generations a striking object lesson regarding the origin and incentive for the Fourth of July.

We might say that our nation faces the same problem in connection with the use of small arms. There is periodic agitation to prevent their ownership by law-abiding citizens on the theory that such repression will tend to curb crime.

Kill the spirit of the Fourth of July and remove the right of private citizens to own fire arms and you smother American traditions and cripple our nation's first line of defense. A few generations of such breeding and you have developed a people who do not know the motives, the courage and the perseverance which actuated the fathers of our country to found a land for the free.

Our problem is how to meet changing conditions and at the same time not kill the spirit which lies behind American traditions.

Moncure News

Miss Elizabeth Thomas will leave tomorrow, Tuesday, to resume her work at N. C. C. W., at Greensboro. She is a member of the senior class this year.

Miss Mary Womble, who was a senior at N. C. C. W., last year, is teaching this year near Lenoir. She began her work last week.

Mrs. T. F. Womble of Apex spent several days last week with Mrs. C. C. Thomas.

Miss Lucy Boone, the music teacher at Moncure high school this year, spent last week-end at her home at Burlington.

Miss Bertha Holladay, also a member of Moncure school faculty, spent last week-end at her home at Greensboro.

Miss Ona Andrews, one of the grade teachers of Moncure school spent last week-end at her home at Bonlee.

Miss Cecil Seawell, the 7th grade teacher, spent last week-end at her home at Merry Oaks.

Mrs. W. C. Farrell, who spent last week at Charlotte hospital for an examination, returned to her home here yesterday, Sunday. She may have to undergo an operation.

Mr. James Brady, who has been in a sanatorium at Asheville for sometime, spent this past week-end at home. Those who have seen him say that he has gained so much and looks so well. He will enter the hospital at Sanatorium this coming week. He wanted to get nearer home.

Misses Catherine and Elizabeth Thomas motored to Apex last Friday.

A party known as "Welcome Float," given in honor of the teachers of Moncure school, will be held in the Junior hall from 7 to 9 o'clock, next Friday evening, September 20th. All the patrons of the school and all who wish (young and old) to get acquainted with the teachers, are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

The Epworth League met as usual last Sunday evening. Miss Camelia Stedman, the president, called the meeting to order, then all sang a song, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read. The meeting was then turned over to the leader for the evening, Miss Dorothy Lambeth, who announced the subject, "What Faith Means to Me," and the subject was discussed by Miss Camelia Stedman and Miss Dorothy Lambeth, then the large crowd of young people present were favored with a special song rendered by the following girls: Misses Dorothy Lambeth, Camelia Stedman, Margaret Strickland, Emma Lee Mann, and Roberta Lambeth. After a song by all the meeting closed with the league benediction. A business meeting of the league has been called and several important things were dispensed with. Miss Catherine Thomas will be leader for next Sunday evening.

Mr. James B. Utley, who was a member of the senior class at Elon College last year, is teaching science in a school at McLeansville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Foister of Sanford were out to see Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stedman yesterday, Sunday.

Miss Claire Mims will go in training at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, the first of next month. She is visiting relatives in Raleigh this week.

Miss Lucile Brady, who is a graduate of Louisburg College, is teaching at Brickhaven this year.

The Sons and Daughters of Liberty will meet in the Junior hall tomorrow night (Tuesday).

Water Gate Gives Way—Men Deluged

Ten men had a sousing and two were badly cut and bruised, the one on the legs and the other on the arms, when the water gate, which was being repaired at the entrance of the canal at the Bynum mill, gave way and turned Haw river into the canal.

One of the men, young Geringer, states that the water came in to the height of six or eight feet. The men were tumbled about as by ocean breakers. O. W. Heath had his legs up to the knees cut and bruised and his back strained; while Henry King received flesh wounds on his arms. Geringer had a gash cut in his ankle, apparently by a nail.

This was Friday morning, the 13th, but fortunately the luck was not as bad as it might have been.

FREE BABY CLINIC

There will be a baby clinic at the Woman's Club room Tuesday, September 24, when babies will be examined free by Dr. Root, baby specialist of Raleigh. This affords an opportunity for any white parent in the county who needs advice as to his child's health to get skillful advice free.

NEW VERSION

My Bonnie came over the ocean, A bit of this country to see, To moonshine she took a big notion, Oh, bring back my Bonnie to me! —G. A. W.

The Gastonia Situation

How shall a small newspaper man, more than a hundred miles from the scene, approach anything like a comprehensive account of the trouble growing out of the Gastonia strikes. There are so many cross currents of passion and prejudice, there is so much of right and so much of wrong apparent on all sides of the multi-angled controversy, that one dares not attempt analysis.

The running summary of undisputed facts is something like this:

A strike called at the Loray mills back in April spread to other mills around Gaston and in nearby counties. The strike was engineered by the National Textile Workers Union, admittedly affiliated with the national communist party.

State troops were requested and three companies were sent to Gastonia to preserve order. Soon after arrival of the troops a mob entered upon the lot used by the strikers as headquarters, demolished the tents and scattered literature. Up to this time nobody has been arrested for this action. Commander of the troops stated that it was not his job to find out who did it, and this led to charges that the troops were not really to preserve order but simply to protect mill property, letting other law violations go.

By the first of June feeling was very high. Chief of Police Aderholt of Gastonia with several deputies went out to strike headquarters one night, and in a gun battle the chief was killed and three others seriously wounded. Fred Erwin Beal, communist labor organizer, and about twenty-five others were arrested charged with murder. At the first hearing all but sixteen were released and these sixteen, including three women, were held for trial.

A special term of Gaston court was called and Judge Hoyle Sink was assigned by the governor to hold it. There went up a great protest at placing such important trial under an inexperienced special judge and Judge Sink asked to be relieved; whereupon Judge M. V. Barnhill was named. Court convened at Gastonia and counsel for the defense, embracing some nationally known lawyers, asked for change of venue to another county. Judge Barnhill moved the case to Mecklenburg.

A special term of Mecklenburg court was ordered for August 26 with Judge Barnhill again presiding. Prosecution attorneys announced that they would ask for second degree murder verdicts against the three women and first degree against the thirteen men. Several special venirees were summoned, more than six hundred men were examined over a period of nine days before twelve were found for the jury. The defense apparently sought young unmarried men, who owned no property and belonged to no church as jurors.

Finally the jury was selected and introduction of evidence began. After a solid week of testimony, one of the jurors went violently insane and there was no recourse but to order a mistrial. So the whole case is to be gone over again at another special term of Mecklenburg court to convene September 30 with Judge Barnhill again on the bench. His conduct of the case has attracted nation-wide commendation.

On the same night that the mistrial was ordered a mob assembled in Gastonia, paraded the streets, went to the boarding house where some of the communists were staying and took them out, rode them in automobiles through Gastonia and Charlotte to a point near Concord and there beat three of them with tree limbs. A thorough investigation was ordered by Judge Shaw, presiding over regular Mecklenburg court, and as a result of this investigation seven men have been bound over to superior courts of Gaston and Cabarrus counties under bonds of \$7,500 each. An interesting feature of the hearing on this case came when Ben Wells, a British subject and one of the men beaten, declared in open court that he did not believe in any God. Judge Shaw ruled that under the North Carolina law this disqualified him as a witness and all of his testimony was stricken from the record.

Communists announced plans for a great mass meeting in South Gastonia last Saturday afternoon. Threats were made against them by other interests in Gastonia and they were warned against the assembling together as planned. Governor Gardner ordered troops to be ready to answer a call for duty, but they were not needed.

As the hour for the mass meeting approached a number of men who disapproved of the communist idea attempted to keep some away from the meeting. One truck load of mill people from Bessemer City was ordered back, and it turned around. About four miles from the scene of the meeting this truck had a wreck, there followed shooting and a woman, mother of four children, was killed by a bullet from some unknown gun. Drivers of the truck charge that one of the cars which was following them trying to drive them out of town ran ahead, blocked the way and caused the wreck.

The shooting of this woman sobered a part of the crowd but seemed to inflame others. Communists planned a big funeral which should be featured by their atheistic beliefs and should play up the woman as a martyr of the capitalist regime. When the funeral was held, however, it was a simple Christian ceremony, conducted by a faithful Baptist minister with Bible and prayer. Plans of the communists to take the five orphaned children and parade them through the north as victims of the southern mill oligarchy were frustrated when friends got the children entered in Barium Springs orphanage.

These are the outstanding facts in the record of the "Gastonia case" to date. The cause lies too deep for casual observation to discover; the effects are far reaching in consequence and as yet undetermined. One thing appears sure: This is not a local trouble, but is symptomatic of a constitutional ailment. It is more than a difference between capital and labor. It has been brewing for years and will require more years for settlement. We have no solution to offer; the problem is too much for us. Of course there is a solution; equally of course it will not be applied for a long time yet.

The solution is the ancient ideal, first expressed by oriental philosophers centuries ago, vitalized and made a living force by the Man of Galilee, and known in common parlance as the Golden Rule.

Shaw Binds Over Seven in Mob Probe

Judge T. J. Shaw, sitting as a committing magistrate, Tuesday bound over to the superior courts of both Gaston and Cabarrus counties seven men, charged with complicity in the mob that on last Monday night took Ben Wells out and beat him up. The men were placed under bonds of \$7,500 each for appearance at Cabarrus court on October 14 and Gaston court on October 21.

Although Wells himself was disqualified as a witness when he denied belief in God, thus invalidating his oath, the testimony of other witnesses convinced the judge that there was cause enough against the seven to let a jury pass on the cases.

Those bound over were O. G. Morehead and William Pickering, superintendents of Loray Mills; Carl Holloway, Smiley Carver, Tom Carver and Dewey Lewis, Loray mill workers; and Horace Lane, overseer of the Myers mill. Their bonds were signed by the resident agent of Mansville-Jencks Co., owners of Loray mill.

If convicted on the charge of kidnapping the maximum sentence will be 20 years in state prison. Other charges against the men are misdemeanors carrying maximum two year sentences.

Woman Killed in Communist Fight

Mrs. Ella May Wiggins, mother of nine children, five of whom survive her, was killed by a bullet from an unknown gun during a shooting melee that followed an automobile wreck near Gastonia Saturday. Mrs. Wiggins was a passenger on a truck that carried a number of Bessemer City mill folks to a projected communist mass meeting at South Gastonia. A number of men opposed to the meeting forced the truck to turn back. It was on its way home when wrecked, and immediately there began shooting between the truck passengers and members of a party following it. Mrs. Wiggins was the only one seriously shot.

She was buried at Bessemer City Tuesday with a simple Christian service, although communists had attempted to make a holiday of the occasion. Plans of some of the communist leaders to take the five children on a tour of the north to work up prejudice against southern mills were frustrated when friends got the children in Barium Springs orphanage.

An investigation of the affair is in progress, but so far it has not been determined who fired the fatal shot.

COOPER-WRIGHT

Miss Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cooper, and Mr. Flight Wright of Burlington were married in Danville, Va., August 31. The marriage was not known to the parents till several days later.

The bride is a graduate of the Pittsboro high school. She has been employed in Burlington the past year. The groom is a machinist at one of the Burlington hosiery mills. The young couple's friends wish them much happiness and prosperity.

Brown's Chapel News

The news of this community this week revolves around the marriage of one of our aged members. 'Twas a happy day Monday when the fair maid, Miss Nannie Carter, aged 65, became the big birthday present as a bride of Mr. W. J. Durham on his 72nd birthday. The groom drove near Staley to the home of Mr. Kenneth Carter, a nephew of the bride, with whom she made her home, about 9 o'clock and after a few minutes drove back to the Methodist parsonage in Pittsboro, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. E. A. Brown, pastor of the Bynum circuit, Pastor Dailey himself being away in Virginia for a funeral service.

Immediately after the ceremony, the happy couple drove back to the groom's home, where a sumptuous dinner had been prepared by his loving and faithful daughter, Mrs. Mary Mixon, who has kept house for her father since the death of her mother.

The adult class of our Sunday school, of which Mr. Durham is president, were invited and most all of them were present to enjoy the occasion. After dinner scuppernon grapes and other refreshments were served.

In the evening the bride and groom, along with the crowd, enjoyed an entertainment given by three of his grandchildren. Everything passed off nicely and all wished the happy couple much joy.

Mr. Ed Russell and family of Alamance county, were at our services Sunday and spent the afternoon with his sister, Mrs. F. R. Henderson.

Mr. John Whitaker, one of Pastor Dailey's members on his first charge, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Moody Marshall, of Swepsonville, and Mr. Gordon Marshall of Elon College, were welcome visitors at our church and in the community Sunday.

Junius Durham will not return to the university till after Christmas.

Mr. W. W. Lutterloh got a painful lick upon his shin bone last week while at work and will be laid up a few days. The good people in sympathy with him went and completed his milk houses Tuesday evening, as the milk deliveries begin Friday.

The Gum Springs school truck accidentally killed a nice pig at Mr. W. C. Henderson's, but it made good work.

Mrs. Frank Perry was happy Saturday evening when her husband, who is employed at Roxboro, drove up.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Perry delightfully entertained their son-in-law, Mr. Walter Ray, and family, of Durham, who drove over to spend Sunday and were out with us at church. Nearly all the little folk were present at the picnic given them last Saturday afternoon by their teachers and had a good time.

The play recently given here under the auspices of Mr. John Goodwin and Mrs. E. J. Dark will be presented at Bynum next Saturday evening. Refreshments will be sold by the ladies of the senior class and the proceeds divided between the Bynum school and the Brown's Chapel church.

GIVES MILLION DOLLARS TO FORMER EMPLOYEES

Louis Bamberger, Newark merchant, who recently sold out his business to R. H. Macy Co., has distributed more than a million dollars of the proceeds among employees who had been with him for 15 years or more. He offered them choice of cash or life annuities, and every one accepted cash.

Postal Offices at Charlotte

The new consolidated accounting offices of the postoffice department for North Carolina will open in Charlotte on October 1. Efforts of Greensboro to have the order moving the office from that city rescinded failed and the transfer will be made. It is likely that the South Carolina accounting will also be handled at Charlotte.

NEW INDUSTRIAL AGENT

John B. Moore has been appointed industrial agent for the Seaboard Air Line Railway in North and South Carolina, with headquarters at Charlotte, according to announcement of Warren T. White, chief industrial agent. Mr. Moore is a South Carolinian, a graduate of Clemson, and has had considerable experience in industrial development work.

PLAY HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

The B. Y. P. U. of Gum Springs Baptist church will give a play in the Pittsboro school auditorium tomorrow evening (Friday). The title is "Aunt Jerusha on the War Path." Admission 15 cents and 25 cents. Proceeds go to the benefit of the Gum Springs church. Come.

There is nothing more wearing than sitting up with a thick friend.

MARLEY HAD LIQUOR CACHED IN STABLE

Officers Find 45 Gallons of Booze in Box Buried in Corner of Mule Stall

Will Marley, who recently finished a term on the roads for liquor-making, is again a candidate for the same job or a penitentiary term. The sheriff, informed that Marley was dealing in liquor, visited the Marley home on the Hamp Stone place near Siler City Friday. The gentleman was not at home, but Sheriff Blair and Officers Desern, Lacy Johnson, Crutchfield and another, name not recalled, made themselves free in a search of the premises. Cal got him a new pitchfork and began to prod the manure in the mule's stall and when he reached one corner the fork hit something solid. An investigation revealed a covered box let down into a pit. And when the box was opened 90 half-gallon jars of the white lightning was revealed.

It was carted to Pittsboro. The editor hasn't followed it further, but it is safe to say that it will never fulfill its mission of bestializing Chatham county people.

The next job is catching the fellow.

Brickhaven News

Mrs. C. L. Dowell of Forestville is the guest this week here of her daughter, Mrs. O. C. Kennedy.

Among the young people who have entered college the last few weeks are Zeb and Hayes Harrington, members of the junior and freshman classes respectively of Elon College, and Miss Ruth Kennedy who enters the second year classes at Meredith College.

Miss Mary Lee and Annie Utley returned from Raleigh yesterday.

Mr. W. A. Griffin of Yanceyville was the week-end guest of friends here.

Mr. J. W. Lawrence has returned from a two week's stay with his sister, Mrs. J. Garland Farrell of Aberdeen.

Messrs. Harold Mims of Aberdeen and Cliff Mims of Raleigh spent the week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mims.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Dickens motored to Durham yesterday to see Mr. Dickens' father, Mr. Joe Dickens, who is a patient here. We regret to learn that his condition is serious.

Mr. P. C. Cox of Greensboro was a recent guest of friends here.

After all it is the little things of life that count, or rather we never know just what may be the results of the so-called little things. We have in mind an incident that took place recently when the high schools opened. It seems there was one student who could not enter because of the lack of funds to purchase necessary books. The person who told the teacher in charge to go ahead, that the books would be taken care of, is the type of person who makes one glad that the community has such public spirited citizens. Only time can tell the outcome of this generous impulse.

"The gift without the giver is bare, but he who gives himself feels three—Himself, his hungering neighbor and Me."

ROSE AGAIN HEADS HOME

Charles G. Rose of Fayetteville was on Monday re-elected chairman of the board of directors of the Confederate woman's home, located near Fayetteville. Mrs. M. B. Beaman was also re-elected superintendent of the home.

800 FRESHMEN AT HILL

Nearly 800 boys appeared at Chapel Hill this week to register for the freshman class. This is the biggest class on record. More than half of them are self-help students.

ODD BUT HONEST

"Now what," asked little Danny Twist, "What Daddy, is an alienist?" "An alienist," said Dad to Dan, "is a peculiar business man. With scientific words and ways he proves that his customer is crazy." "Will even crazy people pay a man who treats them in that way?" "Oh, yes, they pay him every cent. That they can borrow or invent. His words, you see, will calm the fury of even a bloodthirsty jury. And men who fear the jerking rope Engage an alienist—and hope." "What if the State," asked Danny Twist, "is first to hire the alienist?" "Oh, then, of course, his duty's plain. He has to prove the prisoner sane." "I s'pose it's honest, Dad, don't you?" "To do just what you're paid to do." "Oh, yes, it's honest, though it's funny." "Come, Danny, let's not talk of money." —J. R. McCarthy.