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MINE SHAFTS BELIEVED WORK OF SPANIARDS

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that who ever sunk the shaft had augers, saws and axes, etc. near by.

On a ridge some 500 feet north of this shaft, he pointed out another, sunk into solid rock, as the walls indicated. This one is 8 feet square and about 30 feet deep. Mr. Dockery believes it was first dug even deeper, and to his knowledge it has never been explored. A pine stump, long dead, 10 inches in diameter now stands on the dump from the shaft.

West of this shaft, along the rocky ridge, many arrow heads, bones and beads have been found, and he related that tradition has always been that the Spaniards under De Soto engaged the Indians in a battle there. Mr. Dockery said he first heard the story of the Spanish mines and battle between De Soto and the Indians from "Uncle John" Lunsford, who died 22 years ago at the age of 71, and who was a native of this country and had lived practically all of his life in the immediate section. And C. C. Smith, who has lived in the section for more than 30 years and is a son-in-law of Mr. Lunsford, added his verification to the story.

Mr. Dockery further related that a number of years ago some kind of mold was found at what appeared to be an old furnace several hundred yards down the mountain South of these shafts when excavations were made for the foundation of a house. The late John H. Dillard, of Murphey, he said secured the mold and sent it to a museum in Atlanta, Ga. He said Mr. Dillard declared it to be a Spanish coin mold.

The site of the shafts and tunnel is about 14 mile northeast of the Prachtres mound, in the heart of the region where in recent years considerable gold has been mined in the river bed and along the banks of the Valley river. It is on the property of N. W. Abernathy, former Sheriff of Cherokee county, and prominent merchant of Marble. Mr. Abernathy has several hundred dollars worth of gold nuggets which have been taken from the river in that section.

Mr. Dockery plans to have Mr. Colburn and Mr. Jennings examine the pick while they are here excavating the mound in an effort to identify it and learn its age, if possible.

ANDREWS

(Last Weeks' Letter)

Mr. William Gordon Rodgers of Canton, N. C., spent a portion of the past week with his mother, Mrs. Anna L. Rodgers, in Andrews.

Mr. W. W. Hyde was a business visitor in Andrews on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Tillitt and little daughter, Bettie Anna returned home last Sunday night after having spent a week with Mr. Tillitt's sisters, Mrs. P. P. Gregory, Indian town, N. C. and Mrs. W. S. Godfrey, Shiloh, N. C.

Mr. Ernest Hyde and Arthur Watkins left Monday of this week for A. & E. College; Misses Meredith Whitaker, Ruth Morgan and Alene Watkins, left Monday for Meredith College; Miss Jane Cover has gone to Converse College; Harry Ward and Harold McGuire left Monday for Mars Hill.

Mrs. Frances Mashburn who is teaching at Old Fort, N. C., spent the Christmas holidays with her aunt Mrs. W. C. Sandlin.

Mrs. R. H. Montoney and daughter, Winifred and Dorothy, have returned to Andrews after having spent their Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Virginia.

Miss Margaret Boone of Washington, D. C., spent several days this past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boone.

Charles A. Pace Died January 7th

Mr. Charles A. Pace of Topton, for thirty years a loved and respected citizen of that community, passed away Sunday morning, January 7, after a brief illness. He was seventy-two years old.

Mr. Pace, a merchant and farmer, had been forced to retire on account of ill health several years ago. He made his home with his daughter, Mrs. D. B. Wright.

The son of an officer in the United States army during the War between the States, his education was limited to the training offered by the public schools of his boyhood in Tennessee and North Carolina. He was considered an unusually well-bred man, being particularly well informed on matters of public interest and things scientific. Poetry, also, amounted to a hobby with him.

Less than two years ago Mrs. Pace had died, shortly after she and her husband had celebrated their golden anniversary.

Survived by his only child, Mrs. Wright; by a sister, Mrs. Rowland; a brother, J. P. Pace; and four grandchildren, Mrs. W. F. Colvard, Robbinsville, Mrs. T. R. Gibbs, Colby, Ga., K. E. Wright, Murphey and Vincent Wright, a student at the University of North Carolina.

Miss Blanche Ledford who is teaching at Belmont, N. C., spent her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ledford.

Miss Alice Dewar of Washington, D. C. spent several days this past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dewar.

Mr. Bruce Wyke of Detroit, Michigan, had his wife here for burial which took place at the Old Whitaker Church on Tuesday of this week.

Messrs. Edwin Hyde, Z. P. Conley, W. B. Conley, Bruce Battle, J. W. Walker and D. H. Tillitt were business visitors in Murphey on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. E. A. Wood left Andrews on last Sunday for a trip to Raleigh where he is attending to business.

Funeral Service Held For Mrs. Wyke, 30

The funeral of Mrs. Bruce Wyke, 30, was conducted at the Andrews Baptist church Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. H. C. Whitaker assisted by the Rev. K. W. Preyer. Burial was in the Valley River cemetery.

Mrs. Wyke died from asphyxiation in Detroit last Thursday and her body arrived in Andrews accompanied by her husband Monday afternoon.

Before her marriage Mrs. Wyke was Miss Docia West of the Pagan community. Surviving besides her husband are her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles West; six brothers, Rev. Edige West, Bruce, Leo, Victor, Lonon, and Rawdon West; and six sisters Mrs. Katie Phlips, Mrs. Cora Hyde, Mrs. Edith Duvall, Mrs. George McConnel, Mrs. Alice McConnell and Mrs. Garma Neill.

Funeral services were held at the funeral home, Harry Dewar, Walter Calhoun, C. E. Hyde and Bert Bellamy.—Western N. C. Times.

Civil Service Exam For Shovel Operator

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of Gasoline Shovel Operator.

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Competitors will not be required to report for a written examination but will be rated on their experience.

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MARBLE

(Last week's letter)

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Abernathy spent several days during the holidays with relatives in Florida.

Miss Arnold Bryson was carried to the Petrie Hospital at Murphey last week for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Lail and daughter of Morganton spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dockery and little daughters, Ruth and Francis are visiting relatives in Asheville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Parker on Dec. 26, a daughter, Joan.

Misses Ruth Barton and Mary Katherine Mintz are visiting relatives in Canton.

Miss Vaul Adams of Murphey spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mulkey.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stout and son James Jr. and Mr. S. Odell spent Christmas in Knoxville, Tenn. with relatives.

Miss Stella Coffey of Gastonia visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Coffey during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Palmer and son of Akron, Ohio have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Palmer.

Mrs. Sam Parker and son, Jack spent Christmas with her daughters, Mrs. Elsie Turnbill, and Mrs. Earl Rogers of Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed Vandergrift of Chattanooga, Tenn. spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Newman.

Mr. Sidney Foster visited his sister, Mrs. Grant Phillips at Andrews last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Denton on December 26, a daughter, Mrs. Noah Lovingood and family of Enka spent the week-end with relatives here.

A community Christmas tree was given at the church on Christmas eve. A very interesting program was rendered by members of the Sunday school after which presents were distributed by Santa Claus and others.

The second grade has elected Mrs. George Mauney as their new grade mother.

Hot lunches are now being served

in our school sponsored by the P. T. A. A large amount of vegetables have been brought by the pupils for the preparation of their lunches.

Gordon Cathey, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cathey who had an operation for appendicitis is able to enter school.

Miss Imogene Foster spent the Christmas holidays with her parents at Marble.

CARD THANKS

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MRS. HARRY LAHN AND DAUGHTERS

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