

RECALLS FIRST TRAINS, CREWS TO COME INTO MURPHY OVER SOUTHERN BRANCH

Some of the history and names prominently connected with early railroading in this section were recently recalled in a letter from J. A. Bolich, of Winston-Salem, to Dr. E. E. Adams, of Murphy.

Mr. Bolich's interesting letter was as follows: "In looking over this month's 'Lion' I read what you had to say about the doings of your club which took my mind back to Murphy 46 years ago when the first train crossed over Valley River over a pine pole trestle into your town. Little engine No. 43, in charge of Engineer Jacob Fulmer, had to pass over the bridge with great care.

"Mr. Fuumer was engineer; Jerome Keraus was conductor. Bruce Freeman was the mail clerk; Will Payne was flagman; and a young man by the name of Bryson was baggage man and expressman, and I was the fireman.

"Mr. Fulmer took me to Miss Emma McCay's boarding house where we spent the night; ate a splendid supper, had a good bed, and had an egg for breakfast—and all for the big sum of 50 cents. I went back to Asheville with Mr. Fulmer the next day and have never been back to Murphy.

"I am the only one of that first crew to enter Murphy with a train still alive, for which I am thankful. I am still active in the service of the Southern Railway Company. I entered the service in 1887—50 years ago with a bunch of young men many of whom have seen service on the Murphy line. The year Engineer John Clark, Bud Poindexter, Bud and Sam Francis, Gene Adams, Frank Cline and others; conductors, Reid Crawford, Faron Houghton, Dick Wakefield, Jim Rickett and others.

"I ran an engine out of Asheville for 24 years, but never to Murphy. I have been here at Winston-Salem for 22 years as trainmaster—still a young man at 65.

"I often think I will make a trip over the Murphy line and see the progress made in the past 46 years. I am sure it is great.

"If Alva Martin, who represented your county in the legislature in 1913 is still with you, give him my love. Also Mr. Lovingsood who was with him in the senate the same year, I enjoyed them both. I was there from Polk."

HIAWASSEE

February is leaving us with a large snow on the ground.

Miss Theda Picklesimer had the misfortune to be bitten by a dog Monday. She is improving at this writing.

Mr. Luther Burgess made a business trip to Murphy last Wednesday.

Mr. John Weaver, of Hiwassee, has been very ill. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Elden Allen was a Patrick visitor Friday.

Mr. W. A. Beaver, of Hiwassee has been employed by Mr. Oscar Griffin of Harbuck.

Rev. G. W. Willix failed to fill his regular appointment at Pleasant Hill Sunday due to the bad weather.

Mr. Lee Horton, of Patrick, was the dinner guest of Mr. Elden Allen Thursday.

Mrs. J. P. Baine, of Hiwassee, was a business visitor in Murphy Saturday.

Mr. Oscar West, of Liberty, was visiting the Hiwassee community Thursday afternoon.

Mr. O. P. Taylor and Mr. Marshall Allan was the guest of Mr. Elden Allen Saturday.

Mr. Jeraldine Hamby spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Burgess.

Mr. Walter Payne, son of Mr. J. Sam Payne, has been seriously ill but is improving at this writing.

Mrs. Ada Allen is on the sick list at this writing. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Orphia Burgess was the guest of Mrs. Frances Picklesimer Wednesday night.

We hope the weather will soon get better and the TVA will begin employing more men.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Picklesimer was visiting the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Picklesimer, Sunday.

LETITIA

Everybody was greatly surprised to see the big snow that came Saturday. They were sure winter had gone. Mr. Earnest Graham and W. W. Barton made a business trip to Peachtree Monday.

Miss Arzelia Campbell was the dinner guest of Miss Arzelia Clonts Saturday.

Mr. A. J. Williamson is suffering with an injured foot following an accident.

Mr. Marshal Clonts left Sunday for Gastonia.

Mrs. Metha Roberts and son, Kenneth, visited Mrs. Sarah Williamson.

Mr. Gar Clonts spent the night with his daughter, Mrs. Carrie Campbell, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douger Stiles visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stiles over the week end.

Miss Nora Bell Clonts visited Miss Arzelia Clonts Saturday.

Mr. Devro Stiles was out Sunday taking a walk.

Mrs. Dacia Clonts made a business trip to Murphy Thursday.

Miss Arzelia Campbell visited Mrs. Ollie Beavers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ules Clonts spent the night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gar Clonts Friday.

Mrs. Sarah Williamson visited Mrs. Metha Roberts Wednesday evening.

Mr. Olen Clonts visited Mr. J. A. Williamson Monday evening.

Miss Lucy Clonts visited Miss Lella Graham Monday.

Miss Arzelia Clonts was the dinner guest of her sister, Mrs. Kate Stiles, Wednesday.

Mr. Dugar Stiles made a business trip to Mr. E. A. Anderson's Monday.

Mr. Gar Clonts visited Mr. J. B. Johnson Saturday.

Mr. Callis Roberts was the dinner guest of Mr. A. J. Williamson Saturday.

M. J. G. Clonts visited Mr. Axel Stiles Friday evening.

VESTS

GARRETT—FLOYD

Mr. Paul Floyd, of this community, and Miss Pauline Garrett, of Grape Creek, were happily married, Sunday February 21st. We wish them a long and happy successful married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Raper and little daughter, Louise, and Mrs. Ella Reid visited Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Nelson one night last week.

Mrs. E. S. Quinn and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Quinn were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Quinn, of Copperhill, Tenn., Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Voyles and son, Euclid, Misses Willie Lou Wills and Gladys were shopping in Murphy Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wade were visiting in Norris over the week end.

Mr. C. J. Roberson, of Letitia returned home one day last week after spending several days with his grandparents and other relatives here.

Mr. Sam Voyles and son, Euclid, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Quinn.

Rev. Barker of near Elf, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roberson.

Due to the bad weather Rev. Barker did not get to fill his regular appointment. He announced that there would be an egg hiding at the Reids Chapel Methodist church Saturday, March 27th, at 2 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to come.

WEHUTTY NEWS

The ground was white here Sunday morning with a five or six inch snow.

Mr. Willie Pack and Mr. Olen Ledford left Tuesday morning for Zion, Illinois, where they hope to find employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Jones, of Postell, spent the week end with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor.

Mr. Jim Robinson, who has a rail road job in Tennessee, spent the week end here.

Mrs. Callie Hamby and son, Junior, spent Saturday night with Mrs. Ada Allen.

Mrs. Mary Beaver was the guest of Lillie Payne Saturday afternoon.

MRS. POTEETE, 65, OF DOOLY, BURIED SUNDAY MORNING

Funeral services for Mrs. J. M. Poteete, 65, of Dooly community, Union county Ga., were conducted from the Bethany church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Thomas W. Trust officiating. Interment was in the Lion cemetery. W. D. Townson of Murphy was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Poteete died early Saturday morning of a heart attack. She had been a member of the church from which she was buried for many years and had many close friends in Dooly and neighboring communities.

Funeralbearers were: John Hooper, Cecil Raper, Hayden Sparks, Clyde Sparks, Worth Franks and John Loudermark. The flower girls were: Misses Letitia and Romie Sparks.

Surviving Mrs. Poteete are: her husband; five sons, Ernest, of York, S. C., Burl, Thurston, Ules and Lloyd, all of Culberson; two daughters, Mrs. Stanley Nicholson and Mrs. George Savage, both of Culberson, and 15 grandchildren.

T. M. Johson Is Buried At Hiwassee

Funeral services for T. M. Johnson, 50, well-known former Cherokee county resident, were conducted from the Hiwassee church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. G. E. McDonald, of Athens, Tenn., officiating.

Mr. Johnson died suddenly at his home near Decatur, Meigs County, Tenn., Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. He was born near Murphy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Johnson. He was a devout member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hattie Johnson; four sons, Charlie, Gerald, Pearle and Haden, and two daughters, Lydia and Josephine.

He died with his wife and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones, Mrs. Lucile Pack and children, Lewis Jones and Carl Torrence motored to Ducktown Friday night to the high school auditorium, to see and hear the Rice brothers who broadcast from Atlanta. The music and fun was fine.

Mrs. Drucilla Collins and son, Oscar, are both down with influenza at this writing. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Ledford, of Ducktown, Tenn., were visiting the formers sister, Mrs. Nora Taylor, Saturday.

Mr. O. L. Torrence made a business trip to Copperhill Saturday.

Several folks from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Vesta Jury at Zion Hill cemetery Feb. 23. Mrs. Jury was the daughter of Mr. Will Pack, of this place, and was living in Gastonia at the time of her death. She died with pneumonia fever.

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MITES HELD FOR JEFFERSON CRAIN OF VEST SECTION

Funeral services for Mr. Jefferson CRAIN, age 66, of the Vest community, were conducted from the Reids Chapel Methodist church Feb. 14 at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Ben Reese officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. W. D. Townson, of Murphy, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. CRAIN died Saturday evening at 5 o'clock after several months of illness. He was a member of the Methodist church for many years. He was widely known and has many relatives and friends in this section, and was loved by all who knew him.

Surviving are: his wife; one daughter, Mrs. John Floyd; two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Roberson, of the Vest community, and Miss Harlo CRAIN, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and seven grand children.

So much did Hans Buss of Hendersonville, N. C., think of his collee, Peggy, that when she died he called the undertaker and bought her a costly white coffin with chromium fittings and a plate with name inscribed.

Gastonia News

GREENE-CREASMAN

Of interest to their many friends is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Willie Belle Creasman and Mr. Paschal Green, which took place Saturday, February 20, in York, S. C. Mrs. Greene's daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Creasman and is an attractive young girl with a host of friends. Mr. Greene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Greene, of Birch, N. C. Mr. Greene is now employed at the Gastonia Steel Roller shop.

The young couple are making their home at 428 N. Webb St., Gastonia, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stiles visited Mr. and Mrs. Abe Cannon Sunday.

Mr. Jewel Nix of Marble, N. C., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Hershel Sties this week.

Mr. Abe Cannon and daughter, Charlotte have been ill for the past three weeks with the flu.

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