

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Hamilton-Shidles

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Mrs. Louise Bingham Shidles to Thurman Hamilton, of Murphy, at Blairsville, Ga., Friday night, June 24, with C. C. Hughes, justice of the peace, officiating.

Mrs. Shidles, who has been employed for some time at Shields Cafe in Beattown, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bingham, of Franklin. Mr. Hamilton, who is employed with the TVA here, is the son of B. C. Hamilton, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Following the marriage ceremony the couple motored to Blue Ridge, Ga.

Visitors in Murphy on Wednesday and Thursday of last week were: Mrs. Trotter, Mr. Hobart Trotter and Miss Charlotte Trotter all former residents of Murphy. Friends of Miss Charlotte Trotter a former Murphy high school student will be interested to know that she graduated this spring from a high school in Florida with the highest scholastic record in a class of 97. Miss Trotter a petite blonde was second from smallest in the class.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Green, of Lake Wales, Fla., returned to their home Thursday after spending two weeks with relatives in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Leatherwood had as their guests this past week: George, H. A. and John Leatherwood and their families, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Leatherwood's brothers came here to see their mother Mrs. M. E. Leatherwood, 81 years old, who has been ill recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Elliott spent Sunday in Hayesville where they attended services conducted by Mr. Elliott's brother, Rev. Philip Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Akin, Mrs. R. A. Akin, and Mrs. Thompson of Atlanta visited the Harshaw farms Sunday.

Mr. Frank Mabe, of Gastonia, was the week-end guest of Mrs. Florence Lukas.

Mary C. Hensley, Winifred Townsend, Willie Hinton and Liz Parker spent Sunday at Vogel Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Miss Mary Willard Cooper, Bygie Smith and Jack Barnett spent Sunday at Vogel Lake.

Mrs. J. B. Gray spent the week-end in Hayesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Slaughter, and daughters, Virginia and Mary Alice are leaving for a two weeks vacation in Mississippi.

R. C. Birmingham Certified Public Accountant of Charlotte who has been auditing the books of Cherokee county and Cherokee County Public Schools with Mrs. Birmingham spent the past week at the Regal Hotel. They returned to Charlotte Tuesday Morning.

Mrs. Roy T. Campbell and son Buddy of Newport, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. Campbell's mother, Mrs. A. M. Brittain.

Mrs. R. R. Burns of Copperhill, and daughter, Betty, are visiting Mrs. Burns mother, Mrs. A. M. Brittain.

Mrs. G. W. Ellis, and Miss Gertrude Franklin, left Monday to visit relatives in Canton, Swannanoa and points in S. C.

Mrs. W. E. Studstill went to Asheville Monday to meet her mother, Mrs. A. R. Bell of Reidsville who accompanied her home for a visit.

MR. H. D. AMOS, 72, OF REGAL, TO BE BURIED TODAY

Mr. Harvey Durant Amos, 72-year-old resident of the Regal section of Cherokee county, died Tuesday night at 7:15 o'clock of a lengthy illness.

Funeral services, which were not complete Wednesday, will be held Thursday at the Peachtree Baptist church. Peyton G. Ivie is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Surviving Mr. Amos is his widow, eight children and a number of brothers and sisters.

COMING EVENTS

Circle No. of the Methodist Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Mattie Taylor on Tuesday evening, July 19 at 7:30. Mrs. Dave Townson will be in charge of the meeting.

Circle No. 3 of the Methodist Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. E. C. Mallonee on Monday evening, July 18 at 7:30.

Mr. Oscher of Andrews was a visitor in town Monday.

Misses Isabel Miller, Emma Bell Aikman and Mary Nelle Williamson, Bygie Smith, Jack Christopher, and Elmer Stiles spent Sunday at Vogel Lake.

Mrs. Lillian Lahn spent Saturday and Sunday in Knoxville.

PETRIE HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. G. G. Queene, Blairsville, Ga., operated a few days ago for acute appendicitis, is rapidly improving. Visitors.

Baby Doris Eller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Eller, Murphy, N. C., has recovered and returned home.

Miss Vera Sargent, Young Harris, Ga., operated some days ago for ruptured appendix is improving. Visitors.

N. W. Weaver, Wehuty, N. C., admitted several days ago for treatment, has recovered satisfactorily and returned home.

Willard Fortner, age 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fortner, Culberson, N. C., who was operated for ruptured appendix last week, is rapidly improving.

Mrs. J. H. Harris, Copperhill, Tenn., admitted several days ago for treatment has been dismissed.

Miss Beatrice Wright, Topton, N. C., underwent a major operation last week and has returned home.

Mrs. W. B. Birchfield, Topoco, N. C., admitted some days ago for treatment is improving.

Kermit Keenum, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Keenum, Suit, N. C., operated for acute appendicitis has satisfactorily improved and returned home.

Junior Franklin, Japan, N. C., operated several days ago, is satisfactorily improving.

Allen Crawford, age 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crawford, Warne, underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils and adenoids Wednesday and returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Hubbard, Murphy, announce the birth of a baby girl July 13th. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Miss Cinda Hyde, Bryson City, who received serious injuries in an auto accident some time ago, has improved sufficiently to return home.

Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Marble, who has been receiving treatment, is improving and will return home within a few days. Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Scott, Murphy, announce the birth of a baby girl, July 9. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Oscar B. Sneed, Vests, was operated Sunday for appendicitis and is improving. Visitors.

Song Service Scheduled At Beaver Creek

An all afternoon singing is scheduled at Beaver Creek, one and one-half miles North of Andrews, Sunday, July 17th, beginning at 1:30 o'clock, (EST).

Some of the singers expected to attend are: The Angel Quartette, Franklin, The Murphy Quartette, and the Valley River Quartette, and the Valley Town Choir.

The public is cordially invited. Please come out and let's make this a big singing.

Luther Rodgers, 67, Of Tomotla, Dies On Tuesday

Funeral services for Mr. Luther Rodgers, 67, of the Tomotla community Cherokee county, were conducted from the Tomotla Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. Johnnie Carper, of Waynesville, officiating. Interment was in the Tomotla cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Rodgers, who was born and reared in Cherokee county and had lived here all his life and was one of the county's best known citizens, died of a heart trouble he had been suffering for several months on Tuesday night.

Honorary pallbearers were: J. W. McMillian, Neil Davidson, B. M. Harbin, Glen Smith, Earl Millsaps, D. A. Keener, J. S. Keener, J. T. Hayes, Nath Harper, H. A. Barton, C. T. Winkler, Leonard McClure, L. L. Mason, A. W. McIver, A. Hall, and J. E. Timpson.

Active pallbearers were: Carl Keener, Abe Hembree, Clifton Raper, Henry Luckett, Jack Parker, and Fred

Scroggs. Surviving are: his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Guy Sales, of Miami, Fla., four sons, Earl, of Pittsburgh, Penn., and John, Montie and Will, all of Tomotla, and four grandchildren.

H. G. McBrayer of Anderson, S. C. spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Candler.

J. D. Malonee and James Malonee made a business trip to Franklin Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brendle and family spent Sunday in Culberson visiting with Miss Frankie Nichols.

Public Enemy No. 1 . . . excessive taxes

THE PUBLIC debt, National, State and local, is believed to be approaching SIXTY BILLION DOLLARS. If equally apportioned, each family's share would be almost TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS. This constitutes a FIRST MORTGAGE on what each family owns or earns.

Government has not one cent that is not collected through taxes. Taxes are direct, such as property, income, sales, etc., or indirect, such as are hidden in the cost of rent, food, clothing and other necessities.

Many think they can escape the tax burden by passing laws to place it on the rich or on business. This will not work because there are not enough rich persons or prosperous businesses to bear the cost of present government and pay the public debt. Likewise, excessive taxes dry up the sources which produce them. The average man must ultimately pay the bill. It is estimated that a man owning no property, who earns \$150.00 per month thinks he pays no taxes, is paying through indirect taxes hidden in the cost of living, about \$300.00 per year. Some quotations follow from able and liberal thinkers, whose sympathies undoubtedly lie with the average man.

President Roosevelt at Pittsburgh on October 19, 1932, said:

"Taxes are paid in the sweat of every man who labors because they are a burden on production and are paid through production. If those taxes are excessive, they are reflected in idle factories, in tax-sold farms, and in hordes of hungry people, tramping the streets and seeking jobs in vain. Our workers may never see a tax bill, but they pay. They pay in deductions from wages, in increased cost of what they buy, or—as now—in broad unemployment throughout the land. There is not an unemployed man, there is not a struggling farmer, whose interest in this subject is not direct and vital. It comes home to every one of us!"

That great liberal, the late Mr. Justice Holmes, once said:

"Whatever form taxes take in their imposition, they must be borne by the consumer, that is, mainly by the working-men and fighting-men of the community. It is well that they should have this fact brought home to them, and not too much disguised by the form in which the taxes are imposed."

Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, recently said:

"— it makes no difference whether those taxes are paid in the first instance by big business, industry, the public utilities, the railroads, the banks or insurance companies, it is the ultimate consumer who pays them in the end. — It is the common belief that undue and unjust taxes are keeping billions of dollars of idle capital lying in the banks of the country because capital is afraid to take excursions into new enterprises or to assist in the expansion of old ones. — Our experience during the past five years has proven conclusively that government spending can only supply temporary relief. There has been a steady increase in unemployment since last September with scores of thousands of workers laid off in mass production, textile, manufacturing, transportation and mining industries. The spending of vast sums in relief payments, no matter how necessary they may be, will not restore to the workers their jobs in those industries."

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor is quoted by Mr. Woll as saying:

"The real remedy for unemployment is the creation and maintenance of work opportunities for working men and women in private industry."

Taxes on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad for 1937 were \$7,746,000, or almost 7% on its capital stock, and about 52% of its income before taxes were paid. This is a tremendous load on an industry largely under Government control and admittedly essential in the public interest. This heavy tax equals about one-sixth of the wages paid employes for the year; thus every seventh employe could be said to be displaced by the tax-man. Its continuance reduces earnings and increases railroad unemployment.

Under the present law, a railroad must pay a Federal income tax and in many states a state income tax, on income. It pays heavy taxes on its fixed property and rolling stock. It pays Social Security, Pension and other taxes. This is similarly true of most other corporations. Is it any wonder, therefore, that investors are withdrawing or withholding money from business enterprises where such a large portion of the profits—probably around 25%—must be paid in taxes and the investment is otherwise jeopardized? Under these conditions it is but natural that unemployment should be on the increase.

Not until the average man understands that relief at best is only a temporary expedient; that the heavy tax load is discouraging business enterprise; and that he must ultimately, through direct, or indirect taxation hidden in his cost of living, largely pay the current cost of government and the public debt—will economy in government be demanded and taxes reduced.

This statement is non-political. It is true regardless of the party responsible for creating or continuing the condition. It is presented to arouse public thinking on the evils of excessive taxation.

July 12, 1938.



J. Ball President Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company