

COLLINS DEAD BEFORE DIGGERS GET TO HIM BODY IS STILL IN CAVE

Heavy-Hearted Miners Saddened By Failure, Still Have Hours of Digging; Not Enough Water To Sustain Life, Physician Says; May Take 36 Hours to Get Body; Funeral To Be Underground in Crystal Cave

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 16.—The long struggle is ended. Mother earth, after clinging grimly and in death to Floyd Collins, for more than 17 days, finally surrendered at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon and without warning opened a tiny hole between a rescue shaft and the natural tomb of the cave explorer.

Peering down this tiny fissure into Sand cave, the brave workers who had waged an unequal combat with the natural forces of the earth saw that what they had fought so hard for had been lost.

Collins was dead. But they will reclaim his body, only to restore it again to the rugged hills he roamed as a youth and explored as a man.

Father Thanks God

"Thank God, they've found him!" This was Lee Collins' single statement when his boy had been found.

His statement, signed by the man who had led scores of men in the long fight, told of the result and paid tributes to their assistants.

After describing the break through the roof of the Sand cave and the preliminary investigation by Alfred Marshall the statement said:

"His game little partner, Ed Brenner, of Cincinnati, whose work has been very conspicuous and of untold value by reason of his small stature and great strength and iron nerve, went down head foremost into this hazardous pit and with a light closely examined the face and position of the man who he understood is Floyd Collins and called up to Mr. Carmichael, five feet above, that the man was cold and apparently dead."

The bulletin was signed by Brigadier General H. H. Denhardt, H. T. Carmichael, and M. E. S. Posey.

Dr. William Hazlett, of Chicago, and Dr. C. E. Frances, of Bowling Green, Ky., announced later that from information they had obtained, Collins had been dead more than 24 hours. The electric bulb not burning was found in front of the body. Although the quest for Collins had ended in locating his body, the tired miners, saddened by the realization that the man they tried so hard to save was dead, turned, heavy-hearted, to the still dangerous task of recovering his body.

Hours of digging remain ahead of them before they can remove Collins from his tightly wedged position in the narrow passage to Sand cave.

At 3:35 p. m. Captain Francis reported that when he arrived at the heading he found it was impossible for anyone but a small man to reach Collins.

Ed Brenner went to Collins' body, felt the pulse, made other examinations under Captain Francis and reported there was no sign of respiration.

Extreme Exhaustion

No sounds came from Collins at all, no respiration, no movement, and the eyes were sunken, indicating, according to the physicians, extreme exhaustion going with starvation.

General Denhardt, Carmichael, Dr. Funkhouser and Captain Alex M. Chaney, and J. C. Pollin were grouped around the top of the shaft when the word came that Collins had been found.

Mr. Carmichael, Dr. Funkhouser and General Denhardt walked down the tract about 35 feet and Dr. Funkhouser who had a paper pad and pencil in his hand, scribbled down a few notes.

About two minutes, was consumed before Dr. Funkhouser walked over a pile of earth, raised his hands and made the announcement to newspapersmen.

While the other physicians waiting to go down to examine was Dr. C. C. Howard, the Collins family physician, and Dr. Hazlett.

Funeral in Crystal Cave

When finally they have brought him from his tomb, Collins' body will be consigned to a grave in the cave, after funeral services under the high dome of Crystal cave, which itself stands as a monument to the man. There, amid its stalagmites and stalactites, his funeral will be held.

The "monument" to the rescue workers, however, will be torn down by the hands that built it. The rescue shaft will be dynamited after Collins' body has been removed.

"It is a dangerous place and we do not want anyone else trapped in it," said Mr. Carmichael in charge of the excavation.

Collins was trapped by a falling boulder in Sand cave at 10 o'clock Friday morning, January 30. His

MRS. R. F. YARBOROUGH DEAD

The announcement of the death of Mrs. R. F. Yarborough early yesterday morning, which occurred at her home on Main street brought sadness to many of Louisburg citizens. Mrs. Yarborough was the widow of the late R. F. (Dick) Yarborough, and was 85 years of age. She was a most estimable woman possessing a wonderful personality that made for her friends and admirers among all classes.

It was in her home that her life was most beautiful being a devoted wife, an exceptionally tender and loving mother, radiating an influence that has woven the high virtues and wonderful characteristics into her children and to a great extent those with whom she has come in contact.

Mrs. Yarborough has been in feeble health for some time, but only in the last few hours was there cause for alarm among her family and friends. Death came quietly, taking the soul of a beautiful life into a great and glorious rest which it so well deserved.

Mrs. Yarborough was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church and her Christian life was a beacon for those around her in the building of a substantial faith in the cause of his Master.

She leaves two sons, Messrs. W. H. Yarborough and J. B. Yarborough, of Louisburg, three daughters, Mrs. J. R. Collie, of Raleigh, Misses Mary and Edith Yarborough, of Louisburg.

The funeral will be held from St. Paul's church this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Bishop J. B. Cheshire and Rev. W. B. Clarke, and the interment will be made at Oak law cemetery.

The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

MRS. E. S. GREEN DEAD

Mrs. T. W. Watson has returned from Monroe having been called there by the critical illness, and death of her sister, the wife of Dr. E. S. Greene.

Mrs. Greene has visited in Louisburg and made many friends. She possessed a wonderfully sweet, lyric soprano voice. The many friends of Dr. Greene sympathize with him and his fourteen year old daughter, Frances, in their great loss.

THEATRE PARTY

On the evening of February 16th, 1925, at 7:30 o'clock, many of the younger set enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Virginia Beck at a theatre party.

They saw "Sporting Youth" and all declared that they had a wonderful time. After the picture, the guests already in high spirits were raised still higher by a visit to the drug store, after which they returned to the home of Miss Beck and danced and made merry until about ten thirty. Those present were: Misses Felicia Allen, Mary Malone Best, Margaret Wilder, Kitty Boddie, Ezella Hill, Elsie Woodbridge, T. Perry, Annie Taylor, Anna Grey Watson, Frances Turner, Eliza Newell, Ethel Bartholomew, Betty Mohn, Mary Lelia Honiker, Lillian Howell, Olivia McKinne, Helen Leigh, Fleming, Hazel Allen, Eugenia Perry, and the hostess, Virginia Beck.

BANKS TO CLOSE

The banks in Louisburg will be closed on Monday, to observe Washington's birthday. All persons having business with these institutions will bear this in mind.

JOHN ANDREWS WINS RANGE

Mr. John Andrews, of near Centerville won the large range given away Saturday by Allen Bros. Co., in their special sale. No. 2355 was the lucky number and was the first one drawn.

PLIGHT WAS DISCOVERED 24 HOURS LATER

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Heart breaking disappointment the workers encountered repeatedly as nature dumped one hazard after another into their paths.

"At last, however, man's perseverance won and the limestone roof of Sand cave collapsed today under the weight of the miners and dropped them into the natural passage where Collins was trapped and a "squeeze" which closed the natural passage some 10 days ago. But their indomitable struggle to sink a shaft to save him was in vain. There his eyes sunken, Collins lay. The man the rescuers had worked so hard and so long to save had paid with his life for his search for the earth's underground treasures.

Jaw Set In Tension

The continuously dripping water was not sufficient to keep Collins alive, the physicians said. His jaw was in a state of tension when found.

Carmichael, who had been in command of the heroic volunteers, expressed his admiration of the unselfish and unceasing labor of the men "from the lowliest water boy to the man who was about to receive his A. B. degree." He said his experience had strengthened his faith in human nature and that he had found the men were 99 per cent pure gold.

The later information is that Collins body was buried where found.



Rev. G. Ray Jordan, pastor of Spring Garden Methodist church, Greensboro, will be the pastor evangelist to conduct the revival to be held at the Methodist church beginning the first Sunday in March, according to announcement of Rev. O. W. Dowd, pastor. Speaking further about the revival he says:

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Rev. A. S. Parker, the young Methodist pastor at Maxton, N. C. has been engaged as our Evangelistic song leader. The church and community are being well organized for a great revival meeting that will bless all our churches and all our homes and the blessed influence will reach out for miles around into the country. Already people miles away are looking for a great revival.

We have arranged for the following committees:

- Survey committee, Mrs. Frank McKinn, chairman.
Cottage prayer meetings, Mrs. M. C. Pleasant, chairman.
Publicity committee, Miss Lillie Letton, chairman.
Committee of personal workers, O. W. Dowd, chairman.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

On account of sickness there will be no regular meeting of the Auxiliary this month.

All those who have not sent in their service records and dues please do so at once.

MRS. R. C. BECK, Pres.
MRS. T. C. ALSTON, Sec'y.

CAPTURES STILL NEAR FRANKLINTON

Chief of Police Tunstall, of Franklinton, assisted by Henry Cash and Joe Cooke, captured a 50 gallon copper still outfit and destroyed three and a half gallons of whiskey near Franklinton on Saturday.

COMMUNITY MEETING AT JUSTICE

A community meeting will be held at Justice at the school building on Friday night at 8 o'clock, February 20th, 1925. A splendid program has been arranged. Everybody is cordially invited.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

A Parent Teacher Association was organized in the Louisburg Graded School District on Wednesday afternoon at a meeting of the parents and teachers called by Supt. W. R. Mills, and after the advisability of such an organization had been discussed. The officers elected were as follows:

President—E. L. Best.
Vice-President—Mrs. G. M. Beam.
Secretary—Mrs. A. B. Perry.

Adjournment was taken after it was decided not to arrange regular meetings at this time but be subject to call.

LIGHTHOUSE NAN

The Girls Club of White Level school will present Lighthouse Nan, a delightful three act play at White Level Friday February 27th, 1925 at 7:30 o'clock.

Come out and enjoy the large amount of fun in store for you and do your bit toward helping the girls raise their club money. Admission: Children 15 cents and adults 25 cents.

FOR FIRST CLASS JOB PRINTING

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MISS JOYNER ENTERTAINS

On February the fourteenth Miss Louise Joyner very charmingly entertained the members of the Senior Class of the Louisburg graded school of which she is a member. The guests, as they arrived, were reminded that it was Valentine Day, by the soft red glow of the lights on the porch, the flicker of many red candles within, the profusion of hearts and cupid-ids which seemed every where. Red hearts on which was written half of a quotation was used to match partners for a guessing contest. The score cards were large white hearts mounted with cupid and red pencils attached.

With a merry, spirited game of guessing the lucky winners were declared. To Mr. John Mills went the boys prize—two linen handkerchiefs, while Miss Gladys Taylor and Lucie Clifton Boddie tied for the girls prize. The decision fell in Miss Boddie's favor, and Mr. Hook in a most gracious manner presented a lovely red heart shaped box of candy to her. Delicious refreshments were then served in the dining room where the Valentine idea was well carried out. The center piece on the table was a large round Valentine. The refreshments consisted of a desert course with whipped cream and heart shaped cherries and cake, coffee and attractive red baskets of red and white mints.

Each leader has been notified. Let each chairman notify the members composing their committees. Have a called meeting before the revival. The revival will begin the first Sunday in March. We believe we are going to have the greatest revival ever held in Louisburg. There is a fine spirit of cooperation.

Let all Christian people be much in prayer for the success of this meeting.

FIFTEENTH ANIVERSARY

In vitations have been received reading as follows:
Mr. and Mrs. William Norward Fuller
At Home
Monday Evening
February twenty-third
After eight o'clock
Fifteenth Anniversary

G. A. TO MEET

The Girls Auxilliary of the Louisburg Baptist church will meet with Kate Allen Monday afternoon, February 23rd, at 3:30. Mary Mossott Circle having charge of the program. Every member of the Auxilliary is urged to be present.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.
Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mrs. C. C. Sims, of Rocky Mount spent Monday with her son, Mr. A. F. Johnson at Onkhurst.

Mr. A. F. Johnson, daughter, Sadie and son, James, went to Raleigh went to Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. F. N. Spivey left this week for Baltimore to purchase his spring stock of men's furnishings.

Miss Elizabeth Morton, who is teaching in the Kinston High Schools spent the week end, with her father, Dr. W. B. Morton.

Attorney A. R. House, of Zebulon, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Mrs. D. G. Allen, of Farmville, spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. C. B. Edens.

Mrs. C. B. Edens returned Tuesday after spending a few weeks with her son, C. E. Edens, at Littleton.

Mrs. F. L. Edens, and children, of Washington, are spending a few days here with Mrs. W. H. Edens.

MAYOR PRUITT WANTS NEW COUNTY FORMED

Mayor Pruitt of Needmore is being taunted by his friends about that visit to Raleigh, but the astute gentleman hasn't revealed any secrets, so far, unless it be about the formation of a new county that he is propagating. He wants to make the county-seat at Needmore but thinks he may be forced to give way in favor of Franklinton.

The idea about a new county keeps coming up in the mayor's mind and a few days ago he consulted his favorite attorney about it. The lawyer said he thought it would be a durned good thing to do; but since then the mayor is disturbed lest Louisburg would welcome the plan, thinking it would be a blamed good riddance to get Franklinton and Needmore off to themselves. So the mayor is in a quandary and he may have to make another trip to Raleigh before matters are straightened out for him.—Franklinton News.

FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT

Hon. F. A. Daniels Presiding Over Civil Term

The regular February term of Franklin Civil Court convened on Monday with his Honor F. A. Daniels, Judge presiding. The term began a little irregular as compared with other terms owing to the fact that Monday was set aside as divorce day, and many were granted.

No cases of public interest has come up for trial and so far the sessions have been very quiet and uninteresting to all except those directly interested.

The calendar is arranged for well on into next week.

BOOK CLUB ENTERTAINS

Mrs. J. A. Turner entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club on Tuesday evening and had a most delightful meeting. The subject was old fashioned gardens. Mrs. L. E. Scoggin had a paper on old fashioned gardens read by Mrs. S. J. Farham. Mrs. D. F. McKinne read a most unique paper on relics of other days. Miss Lola Jackson read two lovely poems from that master lover of homes in their sweetest sense, Edgar Guest. Songs sung by the club were "In the Gloaming," and "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Mesdames White and Malone sang "The Songs My Mother Used to Sing." The club adjourned to meet on February 24th with Mrs. Scoggin. Miss Beatrice Turner and Mrs. Frank Ross served delicious refreshments consisting of a salad course and tea.

THE MISSIONARY UNION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

The Union will meet with the Maple Springs Baptist church Saturday March 7th. First service at 11 a. m. Afternoon service at 2 p. m. Would like for each church in the Union to be represented, and bring a report. MRS. ROBT. A. BOBBITT, Sec'y.

history from that day has been almost as closely allied to that of our own county as when they both formed the good old county of Bute. Of course most of us know, and those who do not have most likely assumed that our county is named after that philosopher, Statesman, gentleman and scholar, Benjamin Franklin, who rendered such magnificent service to his country in his day and who truly "served his generation" and posterity.

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INTERESTING LOCAL HISTORY

GIVEN KIWANIANS BY J. E. MALONE, JR.

Mrs. S. B. Berkeley, Harry Johnson and Bruce Berkeley furnish excellent music; Others Speak; Most Interesting Meeting Friday Night

Louisburg Kiwanians enjoyed a most excellent program at the regular luncheon at Franklin Hotel on last Friday night. President Arthur Mohn presided and Edward Best was chairman, Harry Johnson and Bruce Berkeley, Harry Johnson and Bruce Berkeley furnished music for the occasion, which was par excellence, and Malcolm McKinne, Maurice Clifton, Julius Timebrake, Jr., Ben Holden, Arthur Fleming, William Mills were numbered among the speakers.

James Malone Jr., was the speaker for the evening and his subject was "local history." His task was so well done that numerous compliments were passed to him, the greatest of which was the request that his theme be furnished for publication. We take great pleasure in giving his address in full, feeling sure that the readers of the Franklin Times will enjoy it as much as did the Kiwanians who were present. Kiwanian Malone's speech was as follows:

There is no written history of Franklin county. By that I mean its history as a county or separate entity, but the history of the Colony of the Carolinas, the history of the State of North Carolina and the common history of these United States of America is its history. Its people, while to my biased mind are better than any other people in the world, to the disinterested person are like thousands and thousands of other people throughout the State and Nation. Our forefathers during the days of early colonization, through the days of Indian Warfare and the Bloody Revolution, the days of peace and prosperity, the days of war and adversity that have followed, undoubtedly suffered the same hardships and enjoyed the same pleasures, in common with all of that hardy race, which growing tired of the yoke of oppression, or as some said, from a spirit of adventure, set sail some three or four centuries ago upon an unknown sea to carve their destinies out of an unlimited wilderness, where they and their children might follow the God-given and inalienable right of life, liberty, the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor and the pursuit of happiness. Franklin County enjoys, together with the other 99 counties of our State, the distinction, which few other States in this Union can claim today. That of having kept the strain of that hardy race almost one hundred per cent pure and may she be able to claim that distinction to the end of time.

The earliest recorded history of this particular section of the State of North Carolina at present bounded on the North by Vance and Warren, on the East by Halifax and Nash, on the South by Johnson and Wake and on the West by Granville, known as Franklin County is to the effect that upon February 8th 1764 it was a part of Granville County. Upon that date a bill was introduced in the General Assembly of North Carolina "to divide the County of Granville, that part thereof known as St. Johns Parish to be created as a separate and distinct County to be known as the County of Bute." Bute County was named after the Earl of Bute who had great influence with King George the 3rd, but who speedily became so unpopular that a stuffed effigy of him was publicly hanged in the streets of Wilmington and then burned. However shameful the Earl of that name might have been, however, the County of that name bore a reputation for patriotism and unswerving loyalty to the cause of Freedom that was surpassed by none. The famous old slogan of "There were no Tories in Bute" speaks in eloquent language of our mother County. A proverb worn and hackneyed with use, but we glory in it all the same. From an old paper which has come into my possession and which I have with me, however, I believe that I can go back to a more distant period in the past than when our county formed a part of Granville. This paper is in the form of a land grant to a tract of land at present in Franklin which states that it was in Edgewood County at that time. This would tend to prove that our county was at one time a part of Edgewood. Bute county enjoyed an existence of only 15 years. In 1779 Bute was divided into what are now the counties of Warren and Franklin. I know not why the good old name was dropped altogether. Possibly on account of the unpopular Earl after whom it had been named. On the other hand it is possible that neither division would consent to the other's wearing a title so representative of loyalty and patriotism that it had become proverbial. Warren is twin sister of Franklin, brought into existence, born at the same time of the same mother, her

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