

History in North Wilkesboro; History In Business; History In Bargains

In 1753, October 27th, civilization started where the town of North Wilkesboro is now situated. On that day in the year 1753, George 2nd, King of England, through his Lord Proprietor, John Granville, granted to Morgan Bryan for and consideration of the sum of three shillings, proclamation money, four hundred acres of land, where our prosperous city is now located. What do you think of this for a bargain? This was twenty-four years before our declaration of independence and twenty-five years before Wilkes County was a county. From the day this was granted this property has been a part of the history of our state and nation. Morgan Bryan's daughter, Rebecca, was the wife of Daniel Boone. Daniel Boone, the hero and pioneer about whom more history has been written than any backwoodsman that ever lived, had many experiences that would be interesting to relate.

Chas. Gordon purchased this property in 1770. He was a member of the first North Carolina Constitutional Convention, which met at Halifax in 1775. He also represented this section in the legislature when Hillsboro was the capital of the state. It was here that Gen. Stoneman made his headquarters on his raid through this section after the War Between the States. It was here that General Hoke camped when Governor Vance declared this section under martial law and sent him here to restore order. It was here that the late A. W. Finley lived and his success as a farmer was the pride of the county. In August, 1890, the railroad came and the present town was started. Its progress has been marvelous; the best markets were soon established to buy the products of this and the mountain section, north of us. Stores gave the best bargains to be had and soon became famous as a trading center.

Near this vicinity just before the Civil War, two country boys left Burke county and came to Wilkes to make their homes. The elder, James H. Spainhour, to become principal of New Hope Academy near Purllear, and Rufus A. Spainhour, father of the present proprietor, came as his assistant. Soon after these young men became associated with education in the county the Civil War came on and they both joined the first company known as Wilkes Valley Guards under Sidney Stokes, and gave the best they had for their country.

After the Civil War, Rufus A. Spainhour had married and located in Burke county, but soon some of his former students persuaded him to come back to Wilkes county and open a school, which he did. While in the school room, Mr. Wm. Reeves, of Roaring River, persuaded him to buy a small store that he owned at Dellaplaine. At that time dried black berries was the principal stock and trade for merchants in this section. Mr. Spainhour bought large quantities of these and soon paid off his debt to Mr. Reeves with dried black berries.

Mr. Spainhour never lost his interest in the education of our county and from a humble start in the mercantile business he continued to grow and became one of the leading merchants in this part of the state; The principal foundation which has developed the present Spainhour-Sydnor Company, organized in 1906 with the business sagacity of E. B. Sydnor of Richmond, Virginia, and the pleasing personality of W. A. Sydnor, who for twenty-three years met the people of Wilkes with a genuine sincerity of purpose and desire to serve, joined hands with the foundation that R. A. Spainhour had laid, and this helped much

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to bring this business on a foundation that lives in the hearts of its citizenship. "Depression and fires may come but we are determined to serve the people with our business. The ambition of this business has always been to give honest values and newest styles and we expect our business to move in the wake of progress and keep faith with our customers."

"After our recent disastrous fire we have risen, Phoenix like, and built back a more modern store in North Wilkesboro. We offer you a 'New Deal' in new goods, new bargains and new prices. North Wilkesboro has a population of 4,000 people and a trading population of 80,000, all of which we most earnestly and cordially invite to visit us and see how complete and attractive our new goods and bargains are. While we cannot offer you quite as good a bargain as George 2nd gave to Morgan Bryan in the purchase of land, where our store is now located, we are sure that you will go home more than satisfied with any article that you will buy from us."

CYCLE NEWS

CYCLE, Feb. 11.—Sunday school was well attended at Shady Grove Sunday, although several teachers were absent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jarvis and son, J. D. Jr., were in North Wilkesboro Friday, shopping.

Mr. H. C. Roberts visited his father, Mr. T. R. Roberts, one day last week.

Mr. Ernest Hemric was a business visitor in Elkin Thursday.

Mr. S. D. Mathis was in North Wilkesboro shopping, Saturday.

Mr. Ernest Hemric received word a few days ago that his niece, at Boonville, was dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Wellborn and two children, Rayford and Annie Sue, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. B. H. Roberts visited his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson, in Windy Gap, Sunday.

Mr. Bland Switzer, of Lone Hickory, visited his cousin, Mr. S. D. Mathis, Sunday.

Master Rayford Wellborn and Little Miss Annie Sue Wellborn visited R. C. and Alma Mathis, Saturday.

Lots of folks have died recently near here. Three died in one week. A Mr. Critt and Mr. Redmond were 80 years of age and Mr. Tulbert, victim of an auto wreck.

Mr. S. D. Mathis received word Sunday that his cousin, Mrs. Nillie Switzer, of Yadkinville, was very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Coleman and two sons were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Johnson, Sunday.

Mr. T. R. Roberts spent Sunday afternoon visiting Mr. Joe Brooks.

Mrs. R. F. Gregory spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Will Mahaffey at Union Grove.

Friends will be sorry to learn that the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Shew, died Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Mayberry visited her daughter, Mrs. Clark Mayberry Friday.

Mr. Manuel Roberts was a business visitor in North Wilkesboro Saturday.

Mr. D. C. Mathis, of Rural Hall, spent Tuesday night with his father, Mr. Charlie Mathis, and visited other relatives and friends in Wilkes Wednesday.

Among those visiting Mr. Black Mayberry, who is quite sick, Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holoman, Mrs. Ernest Hemric and daughter, Fay, and Gurvey Mayberry.

The many friends of Mr. Arthur Holoman will be glad to learn he returned home from the hospital Friday and is recovering nicely.

Messrs R. F. Gregory and Ernest Hemric are to accompany Mr. Black Mayberry to Winston-Salem, Monday, where an eye specialist is treating his eye.

Miss Dorothy Mathis was able to return to school the 11th after being confined to her home on account of illness for several weeks.

Mr. Ernest Shumate was in North Wilkesboro Saturday attending to business matters and shopping.

The road force had a wreck near the home of Mrs. S. A. Mitchell Friday morning. The driver of the Dodge coupe in which three men were riding at the time it turned over, is reported to have said he went to sleep.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jarvis and son, J. D. Jr., visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Quince Jarvis.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to each and every one for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us in our recent bereavement.

MRS. E. B. SCOTT AND FAMILY.

Services Sunday Wilkesboro Church

Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner To Preach At 11; Rev. E. V. Bumgarner at 7 P. M.

Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, professor of mathematics in Wilkesboro high school, will deliver the sermon in the eleven o'clock service at Wilkesboro Baptist church Sunday morning.

In the evening service beginning at seven p. m. Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, well known Baptist minister of Taylorsville will preach, according to an announcement this week by Prof. T. E. Story, chairman of the pulpit committee to arrange for supply ministers during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Avery Church, now taking a course in the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Only 40 Years Ago

Publishing a country newspaper was not a business—it was a dueling game.

James Larkin Pearson Speaks to Morganton Club

Morganton, Feb. 11.—James Larkin Pearson, "Poet of the Blue Ridge," favorably impressed an audience of over 50 women when he gave a reading before the Morganton Woman's club last week.

The Wilkes county man whose poetry has brought him nationwide recognition told something of his life, of how he composes his poems, and he also read selections from his works. A quiet unassuming man, a bit nervous perhaps to find himself alone among so many women, he brought to the poetry-lovers of the club a breath of the air they delight in, the air that streams in when "magic casements" are thrown open.

Dolomitic limestone may be used as a filler in commercial fertilizers to replace inert materials, such as sand, and will help to improve the land as well as add some plant food.

Mitchell College Is Defeated Here

North Wilkesboro Athletic Club Takes In Visitors 13 to 14 In Fast Game

North Wilkesboro Athletic Club rallied in the second half Tuesday night to defeat Mitchell College, of Statesville, 13 to 14. Mitchell, with Webber leading the attack, gained a 10-6 lead in the first half. But the home cagers came back after rest time and offered a smooth attack to win the victory.

Line-up and summary: N. Wilkesboro (4) Presley Church (4) Overcash (4) Horton Dotson (6) Substitutes: North Wilkesboro A. C.—Brewer (2).

Henderson and Polk county apple growers have ordered a car of spray materials cooperatively.

SECRETARY PRAISES HIGH SCHOOL DRIVERS

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—High school students make the best school bus drivers, Claude F. Gaddy, acting secretary of the North Carolina school commission, declared today.

Gaddy, opposing a proposal to employ full-time adult drivers for the buses, said most wrecks in which school buses figure involve adult drivers.

During 100 days of the current school year, Gaddy said, 4,000 buses carried 25,000 students 115,000 miles per day. In that time no child was killed, although there were three accidents, in which a few students were injured badly and several less seriously.

It would cost North Carolina \$1,957,920 to hire adult drivers to replace high school students, Gaddy said, whereas all bus expenses for the school department during the 1933-34 term amounted to only \$1,313,768.74.

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