

YOUTH PLUNGES TO HIS DEATH

Missing For Six Days is Found at Foot of Chimney Rock Falls.

Seventeen year old Lloyd Phillips, high school student of Woodruff, S. C., who has been missing for a week, and whose whereabouts were unknown, was found Wednesday at the bottom of Hickory Nut Falls gorge near Chimney Rock, having fallen from a high cliff, according to a jury who investigated the case. The body was badly broken and mutilated as a result of the great distance the boy fell, it being about 250 feet from where the youth had been attempting to carve his initials on the rock to where his body was found.

Phillips was one of a party of campers who had been in the section for a week, breaking camp a week ago Wednesday. One of the party was Houston Caldwell, also from Woodruff, and who reported that Phillips had suddenly decided to cut his initials in the rock at Hickory Nut Falls at a point where other names had been carved in the past. He started upon his fateful journey with a hammer and chisel intending to return as soon as he had accomplished his object. He did not return, however, and his companions decided to leave him as they had to be home soon. They left word at several places for Phillips to come on and catch up in an automobile, they having left in a wagon. After reaching home Caldwell notified Mrs. Phillips and after several days had passed search was made resulting in finding the young man as above mentioned.

Upon their arrival in the section, however, they could learn nothing of the boy and supposed he had played a youthful prank and journeyed to other sections, not dreaming that an accident had occurred. However, as time went on they were not satisfied with this theory and a brother-in-law from Woodruff made a second trip, young Caldwell accompanying him. Local men joined in the search. It is not known how near the boy had come to carrying out his plan of carving the inscription, nor was the hammer and chisel located.

The body was taken to Woodruff where the funeral services will be conducted. It is stated that Phillips is survived by his mother and one son, she having lost a son by drowning two years ago.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY

The Woman's Club gave a benefit card party at the "Cedars" last Thursday, December 7th at three o'clock.

The spacious dining room was tastefully decorated; the Christmas idea being carried out with evergreens, holly and poinsettias.

There were fourteen tables arranged for Rook or Bridge. After the game delicious sandwiches and coffee were served by Misses Martha Goodrich, Martha Erickman, Marjorie Fort and Margaret Francis.

The prizes were awarded by Mrs. George Wing in the following order: Mrs. Sadler the highest rook score, Mrs. A. Ficker, second prize; Miss Marjorie Fort, highest bridge score, Mrs. Roberts, second prize; Mrs. E. A. McMillan, third prize; Miss May Trenholm, fourth prize; Miss Emma Sams, fifth prize, Mrs. A. C. Tebeau, sixth prize.

The sum of twenty-five dollars was cleared from the party which will be used to give some of the soldiers at Oteen a happy Christmas.

POUND PASTOR

On Monday evening, Dec. 4th the Wesley Baraca-Philthia class of the Southern Methodist Church at Mills River, loaded wagons and Fords with good potatoes and journeyed forth through the bright moonlight and seemingly bottomless red mud roads to the home of their popular pastor, Rev. J. O. Cox. Arriving at the parsonage, the happy young people "pounded" their preacher folks with everything good to eat from spare ribs to sacks of flour until Brother Cox yelled "Shut!!" and invited the class indoors. Jones by the preacher, made rendered by Gaither Corporation with the ukulele, Hubert Greenwood with the banjo, and Albert Corpening with the violin were enjoyed very much.

At the home of Mrs. Cox served delicious refreshments to which reports of the sale will go towards building a new church.

Special Prize of \$500.00 Offered

Above Prize to be Given For Best Story—Scenes to be Laid Around Lake Junaluska

Two generous business men who are ardent Junaluskans have offered through the Junaluska Woman's Club a prize of Five Hundred Dollars for the best long story or novel.

The author whose manuscript is accepted may sell the story as a serial to some weekly or monthly periodical for whatever price the story may command. The copyright of the story will belong to the Junaluska Woman's Club, which will secure its publication in book form, and, beside the \$500 prize, will pay to the author a royalty on every copy sold.

The following conditions must be met:

1st. The story must make a volume of standard size—of from 250 to 350 pages.

2nd. The plot must be laid amid the scenes of Lake Junaluska.

3rd. The story must be characterized by literary power and finish. It is not a piece of work for mere amateurs.

4th. While not to be a so-called religious story, it must possess power that will make an effective appeal to the best moral and religious convictions of the world of readers.

5th. The manuscript must be type-written and the material so arranged that the identity of the author can be withheld from the final judges.

6th. The manuscripts must be sent in by December 1st, 1923, when the contest will close. But they will be received at any time before that date. They should be addressed thus: Special Prize Contest, Junaluska Woman's Club, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Correspondence relative to this matter may be had with the chairman of the Literature Department, Mrs. Frank Siler, Chairman Literature Department, Junaluska Woman's Club, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

This contest was first announced as closing February 1, 1923.

CLEMENCEAU SPEAKS OUT AFTER CRITICISMS OF SENATORS IN WASHINGTON

At Boston, in an address, directed to the great Eastern question and the relations between this country and their solution, the French "tiger", Clemenceau, who is touring this country in an endeavor to create closer relations with his country and France and to induce us to attend the conference scheduled to take place at Lausanne on the problems confronting the nations with relations to this problem, stated that as he had been criticised by his too vague statements he would speak plainly. He stated that it was his desire and purpose to influence this country as much as it was in his power to do so, to come in and help solve these knotty problems, and believed that by the participation on the part of America the whole matter could be settled.

He charged, or rather reiterated his former charge, that the Germans are making thousands of guns and together with Russia and Turkey are preparing for war. He defended his country against the charge of militarism and stated that he hoped the great budget might be cut down in some way but stated that he could promise nothing in this respect under present conditions.

He also stated that he did not blame this country for organizing its land and sea forces as under the circumstances seemed fit by our government and thought that we should not blame his country for doing likewise.

The French seem to be fearing another war if the great matters before the leading European countries are not sided in their settlement by this country, and Clemenceau does not hesitate to say that Germany is preparing for it, and that our presence again in Europe would put a stop to it. He will make a tour of the country in an endeavor to draw our attention to our own situation.

SALE OF FANCY WORK

The Methodist annual Christmas sale of fancy work, cakes and candies, will be held Friday and Saturday, the eighth and ninth of December in Room 200. On Saturday afternoon will be served. The proceeds of the sale will go towards building a new church.

CO. COMMISSIONERS HAVE GIGANTIC JOB

County Commissioners Confronted With Task of Running County And No Money To Pay Anything With--Retrenchment And Reform Only Hope.

That the new board of county commissioners will have their hands full, in running the business of the county, is evidenced by the fact that in October 1920, according to the Commercial and Financial Chronicle of New York, the bonded indebtedness of the county was only \$218,000, with a floating indebtedness of \$50,000 (evidenced by notes), which were issued by the county commissioners at that date, in contemplation of taxes to be collected.

On December 1, of this year, the bonded indebtedness of the county had been increased by the issuance and sale of \$75,000 and \$590,000 in coupon bonds of the county.

In addition to the bond issues, referred to in the paragraph next above, there had been incurred, according to the best information obtainable, a floating indebtedness of \$202,000, evidenced by notes issued by the commissioners in contemplation of taxes to be collected, and a floating indebtedness of \$6,364.46; as near as can be ascertained at this time.

The items of floating indebtedness referred to in the paragraph next above, together with the \$50,000 incurred up to 1920, together with the two bond issues mentioned above, make a grand total of \$841,364.46.

These figures do not include any township bonds.

The new board of commissioners is not yet sufficiently familiar with affairs to know just what amount, if there is any at all, in any of the

several funds of the county, with which to pay any claims falling under the several heads.

One thing is certain, however, they have found an empty treasury in so far as the general county fund is concerned.

Just how the commissioners will be able to steer affairs of the county, without funds, cannot now be ascertained.

The people are vitally interested at this time and are demanding that all relief possible be furnished.

The bond issues cannot be repudiated. The people who purchased the bonds did so in good faith, and are in no wise responsible if the taxpayers have not got value received for their money.

And the notes outstanding are legal obligations of the county, and therefore, none of them can be repudiated.

It is generally recognized that the commissioners can do little to furnish relief to the tax payers, from debts already incurred, since it appears that all bonds and notes were gotten up and sold as the law in all respects, requires.

If our new board can inaugurate a policy of retrenchment and reform and manage the affairs of the county economically, and not spend the tax payers money lavishly, the people will be glad. This is the only way in the world, in the condition of things at present, that they can furnish any relief to heavily burdened tax-paying public of Henderson county.

SUPPORT BY FARMERS UNION PROMISED HOME PRODUCERS

At Greensboro, on the 6th inst., the Farmers Union closed their annual meeting after re-electing W. H. Stone President. The next meeting place was not named, but was left to committee to decide.

In his address Mr. Stone protested against the unreasonable increase in taxes, and felt that loans to farmers are insufficient to meet present demands, this was declared in a statement coming from the Union. The statement advocated better prices for farm products, and more liberal currency and banking systems in sympathy with the farmers. At the same time the Union pledged its efforts to see to it that a greater purchasing of home products be carried out by its members and asked the manufacturers of the state in turn to purchase home grown material when possible. The members were informed of the vast wealth going out of the state for manufactured goods competing with North Carolina products. The members were called upon to send their money at home for home products, and the manufacturers were asked to do likewise. It was stated that annually \$100,000,000 in money left the state for goods manufactured elsewhere, when the same goods could in most cases be bought at home. The meeting closed with every indication of continued success.

FIRST BANK AND TRUST CO., BUILDING

The work on the First Bank and Trust Company building is progressing. Already the four stories are up and the lime stone front and brick work is taking on considerable proportions, sufficient to show the general character and effect which will be more and more in evidence as the work goes on. The contractors seem to be doing a good job and this city is soon to witness the completion of its tallest and largest building, which will be another landmark in the city's progress.

SERVICE AT ST. JAMES.

At St. James Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the rector will preach on "The Holy Scriptures and Evolution." An urgent invitation is extended to any who may have been led to feel that a believer in both Evolution and Christianity is inconsistent.

Former Sec. Treas. of U. S. Visits City

David F. Houston, Former Secretary of Treasury in Party.

On Tuesday Hendersonville was visited by Mr. David F. Houston, former Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of the Treasury during the war, and W. S. Gifford, Vice-President American Telephone and Telegraph Company. These gentlemen were accompanied by Mr. Morgan B. Spear, division superintendent of the Company in Charlotte.

Mr. Houston is now President of the Telephone Securities Company, which handles the finances of the former company. The party motored over from Asheville, stopping over for dinner with Mr. Arthur Truax, local manager for the telephone company here. From here they went on to Spartanburg, S. C.

These gentlemen are out on a trip of general inspection, and were much taken with this section of the country and were of the opinion that a great future is ahead in the development headed this way.

TO OUR READERS!

Did you ever stop to think that a dollar spent in Asheville or any other town by our people takes a dollar out of circulation among us? We need right now to keep our dollars at home and we believe it would be to our interests if we would closely investigate the stocks in our stores here at home BEFORE trying elsewhere, rather than AFTER. Think it over.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLD SOCIAL

The Woman's Club had a social meeting at the home of Mrs. M. A. Brown last Thursday afternoon.

As the guests entered, each one was asked to register their name and birth-place and out of the twenty-eight present, only four were born in Hendersonville.

The committee of entertainment had arranged a programme consisting of music and various contest games. Mrs. Michael Schenck received a map of North Carolina as a prize for guessing the names of towns in the state. Mrs. W. R. Kirk was awarded a picture frame for recognizing the greatest number of pictures, drawn to represent those present.

Mrs. O. A. Myer sang several selections. Miss Eva Blythe played several selections on the violin and Mrs. A. W. Honeycutt gave two instrumental solos on the piano.

Delightful refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee were served by Misses Edwina McMillan, Martha Erickman, Martha Goodrich and Pauline Brown.

Mrs. Brown was a charming and gracious hostess and the guests had a most pleasant afternoon.

U. D. C. MEETS.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Justice. The president, Mrs. Tom Shepherd presided over an unusually interesting meeting.

Mrs. L. R. Barnwell read a newspaper article, giving an account of the general convention in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. S. M. Garren gave an account of a visit to the old soldiers home at Raleigh and it was decided to send a barrel of apples to the soldiers home at Raleigh and also to the Confederate Woman's Home at Fayetteville, N. C.

Plans were discussed for a silver tea in the near future for the benefit of the Josephine Lane memorial room at the hospital. Also plans were made to appoint a committee to carry out Christmas work at Oteen. Following the reports of committees at the conclusion of business, a delicious salad course was served.

SERVICES AT BARNWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be an all day service at Barnwell Baptist Church, Edneyville Route 1, Sunday, Dec. 10. There will be preaching, speaking and singing. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Morris, will preach at 10:30. Also C. S. Fullbright of Hendersonville will speak at 10:30 a. m. There will be a Thanksgiving program and singing in the afternoon at which a collection will be taken for the Thomasville orphanage.

TRUCK COLLIDES; INJURING HORSE

Truck is Badly Damaged and Fine Saddle Horse Valued at \$800 Is Injured.

A delivery truck of F. H. Kincaid & Son collided with a horse near Fassifern Wednesday night causing considerable damage to the truck and injuring the horse, which, it is stated, took fright and though somewhat hurt ran some mile or so before caught. The horse belonged to one of the road overseers and was said to be a saddle horse of considerable worth. It was stated that the owner put a value on him of \$800. Henderson County is evidently still producing high grade horse flesh, in spite of the competition of the automobile. Of course a good saddle horse is always more valuable than the ordinary field animal and commands a higher price on the market.

It was stated that Mr. Kincaid had insurance with E. L. Ewbank to protect him against damage in the operation of his truck. Whether the damage to the horse is sufficient for proceedings in a legal action for damage was not learned. The truck, however, sustained considerable damage. The driver of the truck is said to have reported that he was unable to state the cause of the accident, it all taking place so quickly.

MEETING OF PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITY COUNCIL

As provided in a notice carrying the assessments against the property owners for the work done in paving the various streets of the town the past year many property owners and city council met in the City Hall Wednesday night to discuss the problems incident to the said assessments. Various property owners were present and some goodly number were represented by attorneys. The property owners feeling that the city is charging too much to them for the work done. The city charter or portions of it as pertaining to the street improvements was read to the commissioners by McD. Ray and attention called to the fact that while all property owners are willing to bear what they think reasonable and just and all that in their view of the situation the city has a right to charge they are not willing to pay and will stand suits on the amounts as charged. The spirit in which the protests were filed was friendly in every respect but firm. The commissioners of course want to do what is right and fair, and suggested that a friendly suit be brought and carried to the Supreme Court in order to arrive at just what is proper and in line with their powers in the present circumstances, and it is likely that this course will be followed.

MRS. J. E. BISHOP WILL BE DEPUTY UNDER NEW REGISTER OF DEEDS

It has been announced that J. O. Williams the new Register of Deeds for the county, has named Mrs. J. E. Bishop as his deputy. Mrs. Bishop has had considerable experience in the work, having served both under A. O. Jones and the retiring Register, H. G. Edney. This selection on the part of Mr. Williams will enable the work in the office to go on without embarrassment during the time of the necessary changes under the new management. Mr. Edney and Mrs. Bishop are both helping in getting the new force established.

NEW LAW FIRM FORMED

It has just been announced that the law firm of Shipman and Arledge has been dissolved and the firm has been changed to Shipman and Penney. Mr. William Penney having formed a partnership with Mr. J. E. Shipman. Mr. Roone Arledge who was in with Mr. Shipman will hereafter be associated with his brother Yates Arledge, the new firm being Arledge and Arledge.

BELLE BENNETT MISSIONARY MET ON LAST FRIDAY

The Belle Bennett Missionary Society met with Miss Christine Steele last Friday afternoon, Miss Beulah Jordan presided. "The Gift of the Wise Men" was subject before the meeting. One special feature was a poem composed by Mrs. Frank Siler years ago, "The Gilded Christ" and read by Miss Eleanor Plank, at the close of the meeting a delicious chicken salad course was served.