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MAN AND WIFE BURNED IN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Lawson Lose Their Lives When Residence Burned Down On Them Sunday Night—Were Evidently Overcome By Smoke and Unable To Get Out Of Room.

One of the most horrible affairs that has occurred in Stokes county for a long while was that of Sunday night last when Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Lawson, aged 20 and 17 respectively, were burned to a crisp in their home in Quaker Gap township, 10 or 12 miles north-west of Danbury.

According to the statement of relatives residing near by the young couple left their home at 6:30 Sunday evening and stated that they expected to retire early. At about 8:00, hour and a half later, the relatives noticed that the roof of the Lawson home, a 1-story log house, was in flames, and that parts of it were falling in. Upon reaching the scene the door was broken open by Sam Rierison and the flames gushing out burned Mr. Rierison severely. After a few moments Mr. Lawson could be seen lying on the floor just inside one door of the room and Mrs. Lawson at the other. The doors were on opposite sides of the room. They had undoubtedly been overcome by the smoke and fire before being able to reach the doors and were dead already. On account of the intense heat it was impossible to get to their bodies.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson had dinner Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the meal being cooked in the kitchen which stood just behind and connected with the main residence, and it is the opinion that the kitchen was already on fire, probably from a defective stove flue, when the couple retired.

A report was circulated just after the fire to the effect that it was of incendiary origin, but there was never any foundation for this rumor, it is stated. Sheriff John Taylor and deputies, and Coroner Helsabeck, were at the scene on the night of the fire before the building was completely destroyed and made as thorough investigation as possible. The evidence all indicated that the fire originated from the kitchen flue after supper had been cooked on the stove a few hours before the conflagration, and that the couple, upon returning home after a short visit to a home near by, entered the front door of their residence and retired for the night without knowing fire had already started burning on the inside of the kitchen which was located just behind the main building.

INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Miss Gladys Morefield in Greensboro Hospital—Preparing Hall For Masons and Juniors—Social News Items.

Walnut Cove, Feb. 19.—The second floor of A. T. Rothrock's store is being remodeled and painted to be used for the meetings of the Masonic Order, Jr. O. U. A. M. and the Eastern Star.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Leake Lovin with Miss Julia Hairston, the newly elected president, presiding. Mrs. Lovin, secretary-treasurer read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the treasurer's report. Rev. D. W. Allen, led the discussion on the eleventh chapter of St. Luke.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet in Danbury next Thursday in the Baptist church. Mesdames J. J. Roddick, and J. S. Slate, of Winston-Salem will be present.

Miss Gladys Morefield was in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon in Greensboro. The car in which she was riding was struck by a street car. Miss Morefield is in a Greensboro hospital very painfully but not seriously hurt.

Mesdames William Jones, George Fulton, Paul Davis and Leake Lovin went to Charlotte on Friday shopping.

Miss Helen Fulton spent the week-end in Greensboro at N. C. C. W.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. White, of Elizabethton, Tenn., who have been visiting relatives here have gone to High Point to make their home.

Mrs. S. C. Rierison and Miss Claude Rierison spent the day Monday in Winston-Salem with relatives.

Mrs. A. T. Rothrock, Mrs. Annie Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones attended the Colonial party given by Miss Lana Taylor in Madison Friday evening.

Dr. Highsmith Will Visit Stokes Schools

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, director of the department of high school inspection, State Department of Education, is making his periodical visits to the schools of this portion of the State.

Dr. Highsmith will visit the high schools of Stokes the latter part of this week.

He declares that Governor Gardner's "Live-at-Home" program has thoroughly aroused the people of the State and that school children have been intensely interested. He predicts much good will come of the plan.

W. H. CLARK PASSES AWAY

Confederate Veteran and Pioneer Merchant At Winston-Salem—Father-in-Law Of Dr. W. V. McCanness, Of Danbury.

William H. Clark, father-in-law of Dr. W. V. McCanness of Danbury, passed away at a Winston-Salem hospital Monday at 3:50 p. m. following an illness of only 4 days, though he had been in declining health for several months.

The deceased often visited in Danbury and his many friends here were pained to hear of his passing.

Born in Goochland County, Virginia, November 6, 1842, Mr. Clarke served in Company H, 46th Virginia Regiment during the Civil War. His wife, who was Miss Susan Duval, passed away 30 years ago.

Mr. Clarke was one of Winston-Salem's pioneer business men. He was a member of the firm of Clarke and Ford which started in business in that city in 1873, doing a general merchandise business at the corner of Fourth and Liberty streets for many years. He had personal supervision of his property and business affairs until about one year ago when he retired from active work. He was a member of Winston Lodge 167, A. F. and A. M.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Ford, of Winston, with whom he has made his home for many years, and Mrs. Minnie Goodman, of Richmond, Va.; one son-in-law, Dr. W. V. McCanness, of Danbury; one granddaughter, Miss Mary Clarke McCanness; one grandson, William Clarke McCanness, all of Danbury, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Vogler's Funeral Chapel Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The services were in charge of the Masons. Interment was in Salem Cemetery with full Masonic honors.

Biggest Plant Bed Yet Heard Of

William Wolf, representing a guano company, was here yesterday and had just returned from a trip through some of the counties in the southern and eastern part of the State. He found farmers in the tobacco-growing counties preparing for another large crop tobacco and incidentally told of one tobacco plant bed he saw a farmer preparing in Graniteville which covered two and a half acres and was being plowed and prepared for sowing with a tractor. The owner had 300 acres in tobacco last year and will have even more this season.

Many a spirited young fellow declares he will never take orders from anybody. And then gets married.

BEAUTIFUL STOKES HOMES

The Attractive Place of Mrs. W. L. Hairston at Walnut Cove—Many Pretty New Homes Appearing on the Highways.

One of the most attractive homesteads in the county is Mrs. W. L. Hairston's place just out of Walnut Cove, on the Madison highway. Recently Mrs. Hairston is making some noticeable improvements to the house and grounds. This estate, which is set well back from the road, shows up very invitingly to the passersby, the home being surrounded with wide acres, and the background of mountains in the distance. There is a colonial or ante-bellum atmosphere here, which is very pleasing.

Indeed in many sections of the county lovely new homes are appearing, especially on the State highways. In many cases owners who find their old homesteads sidetracked or isolated from new road locations build modern residences up near the road, feeling that the site is prominent.

Nothing so much pleases the passing tourist or visitor as the beautiful homes seen along the route. And nothing adds more greatly to the solid worth of a community or county as substantial and attractive residences. It indicates a prosperous, satisfied and cultured population.

Carroll Schools To Close Soon

Hillsville, Feb. 11.—At the monthly meeting of the Carroll county school board here Saturday it was decided to cut the schools of the county one month short, which will close them about February 24.

The schools were contracted for seven months, but on account of lack of available funds the board thought it best to close them at a six months' term. This is the first time in several years that they have been closed on account of funds.

There are something like 150 teachers in the county, and most of them in one and two-room schools.

John Dalton Arrested On Whiskey Charge

John Dalton, colored, of the Dry Hollow section, who has been wanted here for some time on a charge of manufacturing liquors, was arrested by Sheriff Taylor in Beaver Island township Tuesday. Dalton gave \$500 bond for his appearance at court here, after being given a hearing before Justice Elkin Smith at Walnut Cove.

S. L. Holland, of Germantown, was in town today.

NO PRIMARY FOR STOKES

This County Is Exempted From Law and Candidates For County Offices of Both Parties Will Be Nominated In Convention.

There will be no primary for Stokes county this year so far as county candidates are concerned. This county has been exempted under an act of the general assembly, as will be seen from the section of the law in regard to primaries printed below. So that all county candidates of both parties will be nominated in conventions as was done some years since. However, there will be a primary held in the county in June for the selection of State, Congressional and Judicial candidates.

The section of law which exempts Stokes follows:

Sec. 141, Consolidated Statutes 6051. Certain counties excepted. This article shall not apply to nominations for candidates for county offices and members of the House of Representatives in the following counties providing for a primary with respect to said county officers and members of the House of Representatives to-wit:

Alexander, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Gaston, Graham, Macon, Mitchell, Randolph, Sampson, Stanly, Surry, Stokes, Union, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancy: Provided, that in any county whose county officers are hereby exempted, if voters in numbers as great as one-fourth of the total vote cast for Governor in such county at the preceding gubernatorial election shall petition the board of county commissioners of such county for an election thereon, it shall be the duty of the said board to order an election at the next succeeding general election upon the method of nominating county officers and member or members of the House of Representatives. At such election those favoring the nomination of county and legislative officers by primary shall cast ballots on which is written or printed, "For County Primary;" those opposed shall cast ballots bearing the words, "Against County Primary." If a majority of the votes cast in such election shall be "For Primary," then the provisions of this act shall thereafter apply to such county, and it shall be no longer exempted. Otherwise such exception shall remain in force.

John L. Christian, of Pinnacle, was here today. Mr. Christian represents a guano company and he finds farmers everywhere he has been over the State preparing for huge tobacco crops.

THE MASQUERADE TO BE BIG AFFAIR

Large Number of Contestants to Enter the Lists—Francisco and Other Schools Coming—Large Audience Anticipated—Tentative Program Arranged—A Fanfare of Frolic and Fun, Sense and Nonsense.

The indications point to a packed house Saturday night at the Masquerade and Washington's birthday celebration at the Danbury school house, which is being pulled off by the Parent-Teacher Association. As the admission prices of 15 and 10 cents is popular, the proceeds going to the library, piano and other funds of the school, it is expected a big crowd will attend to witness the program of fun and frolic, sense and nonsense, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

From Francisco, Reynolds Walnut Cove, Germantown and other schools contingents of young people are coming to take part in the masked pageant, in which a prize of \$5.00 is offered for the best make-up. The contest is not limited to school people, but the public in general is invited to take part. All contestants will of course pay admission the same as spectators.

Some of the best talent in the county is enlisted for the event and the sponsors feel sure they will be able to provide an evening of entertainment worth the price.

The tentative program follows:

- PROGRAM.**
1. Song—"America."
 2. The Minuet, led by the Father of his Country and Lady Washington.
 3. Address by Prof. J. C. Cason, Superintendent of Schools.
 4. Song—"Long, Long Ago."
 5. —James B. Joyce.
 6. Piano solo—"Butterfly Etude," by Chopin—Miss Mary Taylor.
 7. The Gospel as Preached in the Chestnut Ridges"—J. A. Nunn.
 8. Guitar solo—Matt Simmons.
 9. Clog Stuff—Lon Sisk and Jess Bennett.
 10. Sarsaparilla by Uncle Jasper—Taft Bowman.
 11. Song—"Yankee Doodle."
 12. —Sarger.
 13. "Star Spangled Banner."
 14. CONTEST OF THE MASQUERADERS.
 15. Award of the Prize.

POLITICAL PIFFLE.
Snappy Stunts by the Standpatter—(Not Over 20 Minutes Each.)

- "Why I Come Back From Elba"—Chilton.
- "I Fear Nunn Of My Many Opponents"—Taylor.
- "Why I Will Have to Have a New Car"—Humphreys.
- "7 7 7 7 7 7"—Browder.
- "A Study in Pork Barrels"—Jones.
- "Why I Think the Most Interesting Age Is Sweet Sixteen"—Fogg.
- "My Zephyrs From Zephy Island"—Paul Fulton.
- "Tammany Hasn't Got Anything on Walnut Cove"—Creakman.
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