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Wilkes Banker to Face the Charges

Clem Wrenn, Arrested in Sanatorium in Richmond, Va.—Laughs When Told It Was Feared He Might Commit Suicide.

Richmond, Va., July 18.—Clem Wrenn, president of the defunct Bank of Wilkes at Wilkesboro, wanted there on charges of embezzlement and forgery, will return there without fighting extradition. Accompanied by J. H. Folger, of Mount Airy, his attorney, he left for Wilkesboro this afternoon traveling in Folger's car. He was arrested here early this afternoon at Westbrook Sanatorium where he had been for seven weeks receiving treatment for a nervous ailment. He decided not to fight extradition after a talk with his wife over long distance telephone. She advised him to return at once.

His plan was to furnish bond after his arrival at his destination and then return to Richmond to receive further treatment here.

Detective Sergeant Russell Sterling who arrested him this afternoon left in the same car with him and Folger with the intention of going as far as Danville with them. Despite fears entertained by doctors at the sanatorium that he might commit suicide if officers undertook to arrest him, Wrenn submitted to arrest calmly and laughed when told of the fears of the doctors.

His hearing is so bad that Detective Captain Wright did not undertake to question him regarding the charges preferred against him, but his attorney ventured the opinion that he would be able to square himself without difficulty and prove that there is no foundation for the charges.

Wrenn was mugged and fingerprinted at headquarters before he left for North Carolina and was recorded as a native of Chatham county. He measured six feet and tipped the scales at 167 pounds. Captain Wright would not agree to let him return to North Carolina with his attorney until Sheriff Ellidge of Wilkes county had given his consent over the phone. Wrenn is alleged to have forged notes purported to have been issued by the county board and to have sold them to New York firms after hypothecating them through his bank, the total amount involved being \$125,000.

WRENN LEFT THE DAY BEFORE BANK WAS CLOSED

North Wilkesboro, July 18.—As the initial step in an effort to determine the guilty parties connected with the defunct Bank of Wilkes, and the cleansing of county politics, a warrant was sworn out Saturday, by J. C. Wallace, register of deeds of Wilkes county, at the request of the board of county commissioners and Solicitor John E. Jones, for the arrest of Clem Wrenn, former president of the defunct institution, on the charges of forgery and embezzlement.

The Bank of Wilkes was forced to close its doors on May 28, last, and on the day before Wrenn departed by automobile for the Virginia sanatorium. And upon arrival there, entered as a patient suffering with a nervous breakdown, it is said.

The arrest of Wrenn came as a result of the discovery of a fraudulent note on Wilkes county for the sum of \$25,000 said to have been handled by him through the Bank of Wilkes. School notes amounting to the sum of \$125,000 and apparently forgeries also, have bobbed up during the past few weeks, these being held by New York banking firms.

On the face of the evidence thus far obtained, it appears that the credit of Wilkes county has been used illegally to the tune of \$150,000 and while Wrenn is getting at present the credit for scattering these "mystery" notes, of which there is no record at the courthouse, people here are of the opinion that he has had colleagues, and especially outside help.

The serving of the warrant on Wrenn this morning is looked upon as only one of the developments that are soon to take place in Wilkes. An audit is now being made of the books of the Bank of Wilkes to determine just where the money derived from the six alleged forged notes has been expended, and it is expected that the nature of this report will be quite startling.

Miss McCraw Is A Fine Shot; Crane Is the Target

Miss Cella McCraw, who resides about eight miles from this city on the Pipers Gap road, proved her marksmanship recently when she took a shot at a wild crane killing it on the wing. The crane or its mate had been seen about the place early in the day and Miss McCraw, who frequently tries her hand aiming at hawks, took a shot at the big crane without success. Later in the day the big bird was seen to light some distance from the house and Miss McCraw seized her gun and ran in the direction indicated. The wise bird sensed its danger and immediately took wing and the huntress aimed at the huge body outlined in the face of the sky and brought it to earth. The bird which was a pretty blue grey with breast almost white measured six feet from tip to tip of wing and when standing with head up must have measured about the same in height.

City Has New and Modern Pharmacy

Hollingsworth Drug Co., of this city, last Friday opened a branch pharmacy on South Street which will be known as South Street Pharmacy. They have spared no funds in making the place one of the nicest and most modern that can be purchased. One of the features of the store is a soda fountain with electric refrigeration throughout, with all exposed parts made of vitrolite. Show cases of plate glass and the woodwork mahogany finish.

R. N. Ackerman, a registered druggist is in charge of the new store. The store has an efficient cold drink service, with 450 feet of cash service and boys employed to give service to customers without having to leave their cars. Deliveries of goods is also featured and a phone call to No. 530 will get quick service from the manager.

Granite Lodge Officers Installed

At the regular communication of Granite Lodge of Masons held Tuesday night the newly elected officers were installed. Reports of the officers showed the lodge to be in prosperous condition with a total membership of 217, together with more than 150 affiliated Masons who have their membership at other points.

Plans were perfected to see that the Orphanage Concert troupe, coming here in August, would get a record attendance.

The following is a complete list of the officers that were installed: William S. Wolfe, Master; J. Carroll Hill, Senior Warden; Winston Fulton, Junior Warden; John Leitch, Treasurer; C. Binder, Secretary; M. A. Pendleton, Senior Deacon; D. H. Cooke, Junior Deacon; E. W. Paddison, Senior Steward; W. B. Partridge, Junior Steward; Rev. C. D. Crouch, Chaplain; Rev. E. Gibson Davis, Educational Secretary; A. G. Scism, Tyler.

Cupid-Up-To-Date

The three act musical comedy, "Cupid-Up-To-Date" under the direction of Miss Thena Hathorn, was presented at the National Theatre, Tuesday night, under the auspices of Boy Scout Troop No. 1, of the First Baptist Church.

The play was very amusing and was voted a success by all who saw it. The main feature of the play was little Miss Doris Cockerham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cockerham, who played the part of Dan Cupid so well. The furnished costumes of the play were very attractive. Other features of the play were:

Father Time	Fred Blevins
Common Sense	Mary Blander
Dolly	Lorita Woodruff
Steady	Eddie Webb
Bully	Ralph Boyles
Domestica	Sue Mae Hendren
Senator Bing	Alma Webb
Scientist	Luther Byrd
Cora	Lillian Johnson
Dora	Carrie Taylor
Eddy	Paul Stewart
Freddy	Harmon Ayers
Pianist	Leslie Rothrock

The different choruses were made up of girls between the ages of two and eighteen years.

The money from this play will be used to finance their summer camp. The scouts and Dr. P. W. Green, their director, wish to thank those who assisted in any way the getting up of their play.

GABRIEL DENNY DIES IN SURRY

Was Father of Elder O. J. Denny; Civil War Veteran.

Elder Gabriel Denny, of this county, died last Thursday morning at his home near where he was born in 1842. Elder Denny was 84 years of age and had led an active life as a farmer and minister, of the Primitive Baptist faith, having preached for local churches for more than fifty years.

He served his country in the War between the States and came out a cripple. His general health was good and his last illness, of about four weeks necessitated the calling of a physician to treat him for the first time since the Civil War.

When he was taken sick recently, he asked that his neighbors and friends be permitted to visit him in his room, and hundreds of men, women and children from the surrounding country have visited his home.

He was buried in the family plot in Cedar Hill Church grounds at 8:00 o'clock Friday. After a short funeral service his body was placed beside his companion, who preceded him to the grave twenty years ago. Surviving him are, children as follows: O. J. Denny, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. R. L. Edwards, Galax, Va.; John G. Denny, Hartsville, S. C.; David F. Denny, Jackson, Miss.; Miss Mary Denny, Hartsville, S. C.; Elder S. R. Denny, Wilson; D. T. Denny, Bishopville, S. C.; Emery B. Denny, Gastonia, and Mrs. J. H. Inman, of Pilot Mountain. The children are named in the order of their ages, and all of them were blessed to meet around the bedside of their father during his illness for the first time in about twenty years.

Sam Patterson Stricken Ill

Sam C. Patterson, of this city, was suddenly stricken ill Wednesday morning while standing in the fire house on Moore Street. He had just returned from accompanying the fire truck in answer to a fire alarm and soon after stepping down from it he fell over unconscious and for an hour it required the aid of friends to keep him under control. He was carried to Martin Memorial Hospital for first aid, and will remain there until his condition changes. Some weeks ago he suffered an acute attack of appendicitis but recovered without an operation, however his health has not been very good since then.

Last week he purchased the Mid-City Cafe and had plans started to make it a first class cafe.

Baseball Schedule

Mount Airy vs. Galax, at Galax, Thursday, July 21st.
Mount Airy vs. Galax, at Mount Airy, Saturday, July 23rd.
Mount Airy vs. Pinnacle, at Mount Airy, Wednesday, July 27th.
Mount Airy vs. Statesville, at Elkin, Thursday, August 4th.
Mount Airy vs. Kernersville, at Mount Airy, July 30th.

First Baptist Church

Rev. E. Gibson Davis, Pastor.
Bible School (classes for all ages) 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
B. Y. P. U. 7:00 P. M.
Evening Service, 8:00 P. M.
Prayer and Praise Service, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.

The pastor preaches next Sunday morning and evening on the following themes, "The Lamentable Cry From The Cross," and "Lessons From The Life of Lindbergh." Was Christ utterly forsaken on the cross? If He was forsaken, why? What are the lessons from Lindbergh's recent feat? Could any young man of today with the same daring spirit have done the same? Was Lindbergh's success due only to the appellation given him—"The Flying Fool?" Those questions will be answered in Sunday's messages. Come and bring your friends.

Haymore Memorial Baptist Church

Rev. W. P. McCarter, Pastor.
Prayer and Praise Service, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.
Sr. Epworth League, 8:30 P. M.
Sr. Epworth League, 8:15 P. M.
Wed. Prayer Service, 7:30 P. M.

Some men are constantly trying to lower the record for meanness.

Court Accepts Story of Boys and Releases Them

The two young boys from Martinsville, Va., who had been in the city jail for several days on the charge of the larceny of an automobile were released Monday morning by Judge Levellyn. The mothers of the boys were in court to plead for them and it appeared to the court that they were the victims of unfortunate circumstances, at least the court believed their story and let them go back to their mothers.

The boys were out one night on the highway and a car came along and offered to give them a ride, so they told. While riding with their new found friend the officers held up the car and the driver skipped, leaving the two boys in the car to explain things. Of course the officers did not accept their story and they were arrested on suspicion. Later it was found that the car belonged to a citizen of Mount Airy and had been stolen and consequently the crime was fastened on the two boys. After investigating the facts the court and the officers decided to accept the boys' version of the affair and let them go back to their homes. They had previously served three months on the roads in Virginia for transporting liquor for when their friend left them he left a quantity of liquor in the car and the Virginia authorities fastened the crime upon the two boys.

Start Work on Golf Course

Work on the new golf links will begin Monday morning so stated J. Graham Harrison, Wednesday. Surveyors are now engaged in running out the land purchased from J. A. Bondurant for the course and the transfer of the title will be consummated in the next day or two. Mr. Bondurant gets \$15,000 for the land containing about 126 acres located on Lovell's creek.

An expert has been employed to have supervision of laying out the course. The first work to be started will be grading the greens and tees and getting them in shape for grassing.

Deputy Monday Finds His Car

Deputy Sheriff Jess Monday is again in possession of his touring car, after being without it for a month. Officers in Winston-Salem found it twisted around a telephone pole in that city following a wreck when it was being driven by a negro who lived there. The officers later learned the driver of the car and on searching the home of him found kodak pictures of the negro made while standing by the side of Jess' car. Mr. Monday has one of the pictures in his possession and from the expression on the negro's face the fellow was as proud of his new possession as any man would be of a Lincoln. And with the picture in their hands the officers have a good chance of landing the culprit in time to come.

Death Claims Fine Young Woman

Dobson, July 20.—Mrs. Thomas L. Cox, 24, passed away Tuesday night at the Martin Memorial Hospital, Mount Airy, following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held from the Zephyr Baptist Church Thursday afternoon. Rev. C. F. Fields, the pastor officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Edmonds, of Dobson, and has been a resident here for several years. She was a consistent member of the Zephyr Baptist Church, and took a great interest in church work. She was also an active member of the B. Y. P. U. She has many friends throughout this community who mourn her passing. Surviving are her husband, T. L. Cox, father and mother, and several brothers and sisters.

Colored Church Sixty Years Old

The congregation of Malleen Temple M. E. Church, South, is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary this year, this is the oldest church for colored people in Mount Airy. Members of the church are asking their white friends for a little aid in paying off some indebtedness of the church looking to having a good record when conference convenes in the fall.

J. B. Jeffries left Saturday for Philadelphia where he will work this winter.

Moravians Organize Young People in This City

The workers from the Moravian Mission at Crooked Oak, Va., met with the young people of Grace Moravian Church on Wednesday night of last week for the purpose of organizing a Christian Endeavor Society. Mr. Allen Hedgecock from the mission took charge and acted as chairman until the society was organized. The officers elected were as follows:

Thelma Jones, president; Clarence Boyd, vice president; Blannie Hiett, secretary and treasurer; Lula Boyd, pianist.

Prayer meeting committee: Annie Hiett, Kate Boyd, Frazer Westmoreland.

The charter members are: Kate Boyd, Elsie Boyd, Pearl Boyd, Annie Hiett, Clarence Boyd, Thelma Jones, Frazer Westmoreland, Annie Westmoreland, Virginia Jones.

Mr. J. G. Bruner from Advent and Mrs. Wureschke from the mission made short talks on Christian Endeavor work.

Moravians Doing Mission Work in Mountains

The work at the Moravian Mission, a few miles north of Mount Airy, is progressing nicely. At present four workers are there. They are conducting a school at Crooked Oak three days each week from 9:30 until 12:30. They have enrolled fifty pupils in the seven grades. The children are doing good work under the direction of Miss Grace Boose and much interest is shown by the pupils and parents. Mr. Hedgecock is doing fine work with his Bible Study Classes. The afternoons of school are usually spent visiting in the homes of the community.

On Thursday the workers meet the people of Mount Bethel for Bible study and music.

On Friday they meet with Mrs. Levering and the boys and girls of Willow Hill. Fourteen pupils are enrolled in the Bible story class, seven in the catechism class, and seven in the music class. At night they have a teacher training class for all who are interested in teaching. Twenty-four persons have enrolled in this class.

Much interest is being shown and great good is expected from this work.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Newell Entertain Ministers

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Newell entertained the Methodist ministers at dinner Tuesday evening at the parsonage of Central Methodist Church. Those invited were Rev. and Mrs. D. Vance Price, Miss Katherine Price, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Fox, Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Erwin, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Eads, Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Morrison, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Cook and Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Snow. Revs. J. O. Erwin and J. A. Snow were out of town.

Mrs. Fain Passes

Mrs. Mary Fain, a resident of the Laurel Bluff section died at Martin Memorial hospital, July 17, aged 35 years. Her remains were laid to rest the 18th following funeral services conducted by Rev. Ida D. Ferguson, of Pilot Mountain.

Aged Man Passes To His Reward

Mr. Frank Branscomb died at his home near Hillsville, Va., Tuesday of last week having reached the ripe old age of 90 years. He was twice married and is survived by the second wife and six children, one of whom is Mrs. O. B. Webb, of this city. He faced the future with confidence. His remains were laid to rest near his home.

Wife-Beater Shot By Aunt of The Woman

Asheville, July 12.—While L. F. Grant, of West Asheville, is alleged by police to have been beating his wife in the home of Mrs. Grant's aunt, Mrs. N. C. Holcombe, here this morning, Mrs. Holcombe grabbed a pistol and shot Grant through the back. Grant is near death in a local hospital, and Mrs. Holcombe is being held by the police without bail.

Mrs. Holcombe told police she knew that Grant would kill his wife. She made a frantic attempt to get the police over the telephone, and failing, shot Grant through the back. At the hospital the exact condition of Grant could not be determined. It was thought that the bullet from Mrs. Holcombe's revolver had pierced a lung. His recovery was declared doubtful.

Girl Pinned Under Car and Drowned

Elkin Nurse Meets Tragic Death—Suitor is Forced To Watch Swollen Waters Slowly Rise Over His Sweetheart.

Statesville, July 17.—Miss Marie Behre, 22, head nurse at Elkin hospital, is dead, and Walter Holland, young man of this city, is recovering from the effects of a most unusual automobile accident in north Irredell last night.

Going out for a ride, Miss Behre, recent graduate from the nurses' school of Long's sanitarium here, and young Holland reached an abrupt curve in the road and their roadster suddenly turned over down an embankment and into a shallow stream, pinning them both underneath the car.

Miss Behre drowned. After remaining pinned underneath the car for more than two hours and after the young people had talked freely over the serious condition in which they found themselves, hoping in vain for some one to come along the road and extricate them, a heavy shower came, swelling the little stream and resulting in the young woman's death from drowning. It was about 11 o'clock that four men, passing along the road, heard the cries of young Holland and quickly released both, but the young woman's body was lifeless.

Dr. Privette, who lives in the community, was summoned and made a fruitless effort to revive her. Holland's body was considerably bruised and cut in the wreck. At an early hour this morning Miss Behre's remains were brought to a local undertaking establishment and were taken later in the day to her mother's home in Spencer. The burial will take place in Salisbury Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The young man, an employee of Statesville Chair company, was brought to his father's home on North Church street.

Occurred Near Houstonville

The tragedy occurred in north Irredell, near Houstonville, on a branch road leading off from No. 26 highway. Mr. Holland left Statesville Saturday afternoon late, drove over to Elkin, and arranged with his sweetheart to take a ride out to the home of his grandmother in north Irredell, expecting to return to Elkin so that Miss Behre could be on duty at the hospital today.

Miss Behre was at the steering wheel of the young man's car about 9 o'clock last night when they reached an abrupt curve at a bridge over a branch. The roadster ran off the six-foot embankment above the bridge, turned upside down, crushing the car top like an egg shell and securely fastening both occupants underneath.

Miss Behre fell in the middle of the stream, with her face downward. Holland was thrown a little to one side, with his face upward. Following the shower of rain an hour or two afterward, the water rose over the young woman's face and resulted in her death. The young man was utterly helpless in the presence of death which he realized was coming to his companion and thought certain for himself.

Life at Camp Cemechu Both Work and Play

The Junior Girl Scouts of Central Methodist Church went camping July 11th-17th at Camp Cemechu, located at Kapp's Mills. The camp counselors, Misses Lorena Kelly and Madeline Owens, directed the camp program of activities, including physical exercises, nature study and sewing. The routine of camp life was varied by wicker roasts in the "toasting" marshmallows on the high hill behind the camp. The Scouts were invited to attend a Masonic picnic at Rocky Ford Church, and this proved to be a delightful occasion. The Scouts made frequent visits, carrying supplies of fruit, cakes and other good things. The mothers sent out ice cream and cake on Sunday. The campers greatly appreciate the copies of The News which are mailed to the camp each week.

Florida Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sutherland and son Leslie Jackson, and Kenneth Cooke, returned last week from a trip north. They visited Potomac, N. C. and Niagara Falls on their trip.